



## Edgar Ray Turner II

May 28, 1943 - February 20, 2026

Edgar Ray Turner, II (Ed) passed away peacefully on February 20, 2026, surrounded by his wife and children. He was born on May 28, 1943, in Athens, Ohio, where he lived with his parents (Edgar Ray Turner, Sr., and Velma Locke Turner) until moving to their cattle farm in Pike County Ohio in the early 1950s.

Ed graduated from Piketon High School in 1961, attended Ohio University and Florida Southern College before marrying his wife (Diane Patricia Strickland of Tallahassee, Florida) in June of 1965. After deciding to change his career path, Ed entered The Pennsylvania State University School of Architectural Engineering in State College, PA, graduated in 1970, and began a seventeen-year career with the Gulf Oil Corporation at their corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh. Later he served as Vice President of the University of Pittsburgh's Applied Research Center (U-PARC) in Harmarville, followed by twenty years as the Director of Engineering and Facilities Management with the Diocese of Greensburg.

More than anything else in the world, Ed loved his family and friends, the home he designed and built on Buffalo Creek at Old Mill Falls in Sarver, and designing and building most anything-from toys to furniture and buildings. He also enjoyed making people laugh, playing golf, driving sports cars, SCUBA-diving, water skiing, boating, fishing, collecting old tools and items with a

history, cooking, traveling, unique architecture, spending time on gorgeous beaches and enjoying the beauty and serenity of nature in general-not to mention watching Penn State and Steelers football.

Surviving Ed is his wife, Diane Turner of Sarver; son, Trey (Edgar Ray Turner, III) and daughter-in-law, Jennifer Deily Turner of Ross Township; daughter, Ashley Strickland Turner and son-in-law, Ryan Kratt Turner of Worthington; brother-in-law, Dallas Strickland and sister-in-law, Joelene Strickland of Tallahassee, FL; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and close friends who were like relatives in his heart.

Ed's warm and loving spirit, sense of humor and charismatic presence will be profoundly missed by all who loved him. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Company, 565 Sarver Rd, Sarver, PA 16055.

Professional services entrusted to Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 930 Center Avenue Blawnox, PA, 15238; [www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com](http://www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

NG

“ Nancy G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edgar Ray Turner II.

Nancy G. - March 01 at 07:25 AM

BD

“ Dear Trey and family,  
We were so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help make your load lighter at this difficult time ❤️  
Jeff and Beth Donahue

Beth Donahue - February 24 at 09:46 PM

CC

“ ChemADVISOR colleagues purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Edgar Ray Turner II.



ChemADVISOR colleagues - February 23 at 08:14 AM

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JF

“ Jeannette Polanco & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edgar Ray Turner II.



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**Jeannette Polanco & family** - February 21 at 10:54 PM

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**Jeannette Polanco & family** - February 21 at 10:54 PM

RB

“ So very sorry to hear that Ed's journey on Earth has ended.

*Condolences to all but especially to Diane. Wonderful memories of meetings and parties at that amazing home on the creek.*  
*Becca Fishel Bright*

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**Rebecca Fishel Bright** - February 21 at 05:23 PM

DH

*I'm saddened to hear about the loss of this special man. My sympathies and condolences to Diane, Trey, his wife, Jennifer. To Ashley and Ryan. Into all those in the family who loved him dearly. I was looking of the be part of the Turner family for many years back in the day and it never cease to keep us entertained with his stories and his jokes. What a fun, loving and charismatic human being he was. He will surely be missed by many. May his soul rest in peace. My love to all of you in the family. XO comfor*

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**Dorothea Hedly** - February 21 at 06:55 PM

JP

*My condolence to all of you.  
May his soul rest in peace in the Glory of God.*

*I will miss him a lot. Even though, I am so far away.*

*So many good memories, joking and laughing. Such a lovely human being.*

*A big hug to you...*

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**Jeannette Polanco** - February 21 at 10:21 PM

NW

*Diane and family, I remember the joy of life you shared with Ed and your family. He was so kind and loving to you and so welcoming to "The Golden Girls" when we joined you both for a visit years ago. I know the grief will last but your memories will temper the pain of loss. Sending love and prayers for your family.*

*Nancy Gard Wingenbach*

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**Nancy Gard Wingenbach** - March 01 at 07:31 AM