

PALLBEARERS
Gadsden Alumni Chapter
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Former Mayor Sherman Guyton
Belvie Brice
Mayor Craig Ford
Former Probate Judge Bobby Junkins
Bryan Bostick
Mayor Larry Means
Wayne Rowe

FLOWER BEARERS
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Lambda Eta Omega Chapter

INTERMENT
Crestwood Memorial Cemetery
2209 East Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama 35903

REPAST
Antioch Family Life Center
2103 East Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama 35903

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
The family of Mr. Robert Frank Turk, Sr., wishes to thank all of our many friends for every act of kindness shown during the illness and the passing of our loved one. Each expression has truly been a blessing and gave us strength to go on. May the Lord our God continue to bless you in the days to come.

The Family

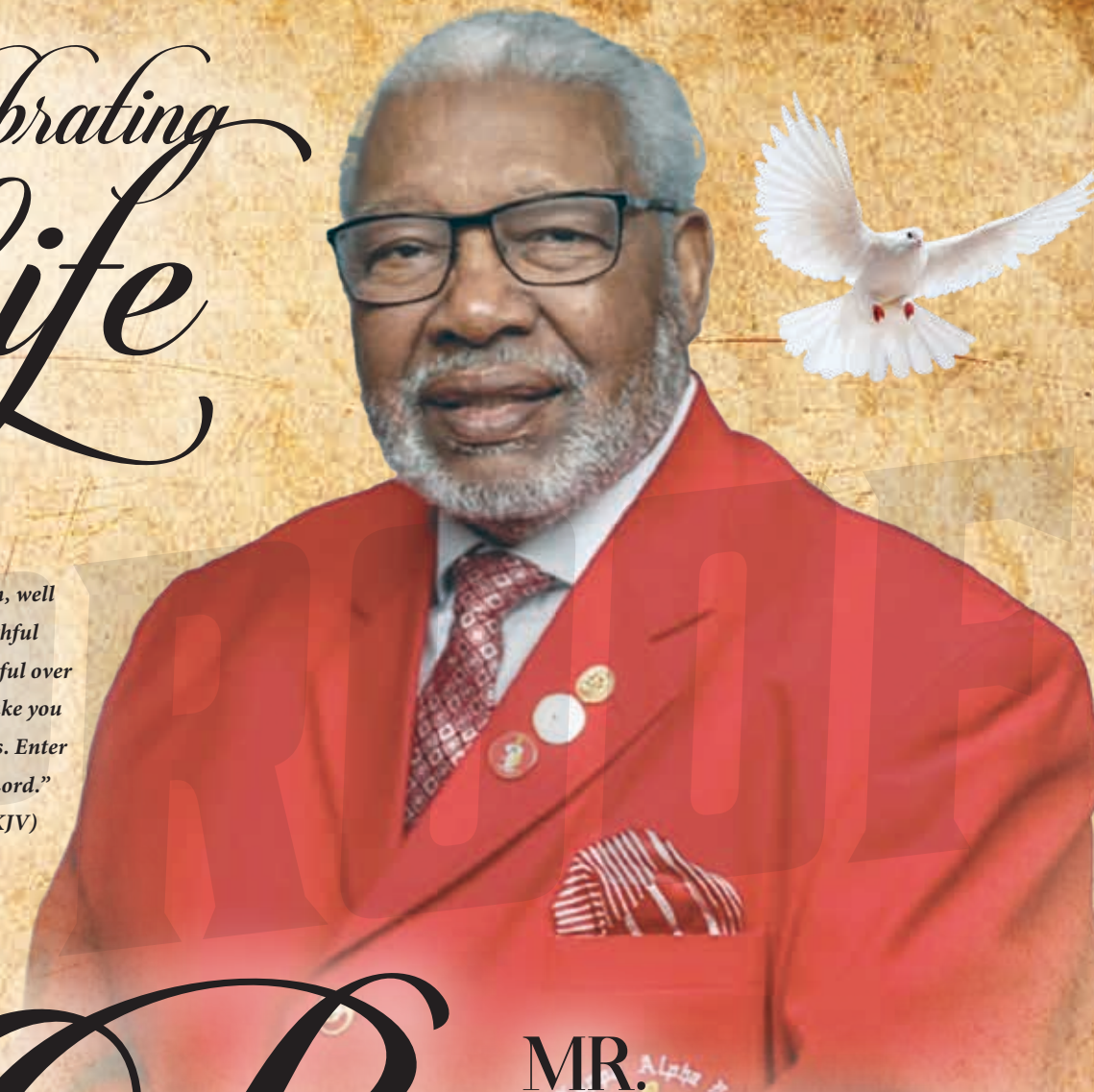
*Special Thanks for The Personal Care
Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital
Riverview Regional Hospital Critical Care Unit*

SERVICE BY PROFESSIONALS

Gadsden
MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME
1318 EAST BROAD ST.
GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903
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Celebrating
THE
Life
OF

*"His Lord said to him, well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord."
Matthew 25:21 (NKJV)*



MR. ROBERT FRANK TURK, SR.

Wednesday, September 18, 2024
12:00 PM

MT. PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH
408 North 9th Street
Gadsden, Alabama 35901

Reverend Mario McDaniels, Eulogist

SUNRISE
August 15, 1939

SUNSET
September 12, 2024

REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE

Robert Frank Turk, Sr., accepted Christ as his personal savior at an early age. He was a lifetime member of Sweet Home United Methodist Church. He faithfully attended and worshipped at Macedonia Baptist Church and First Missionary Baptist Church, Pratt City.

He was the first child of three children, and was born on August 15, 1939, in Gadsden, Alabama, to the parentage of John and Zettie Turk. Frank, as he was affectionately known, received his formal education in the Gadsden City Public school system. He lettered in football at Carver High School and matriculated to Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama. He was awarded the Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education and History in 1961 and a Master of Science Degree in School Administration and Supervision from Alabama A&M University in 1972.

He taught school at Hale County Training School for two years before going to Norris High School, Attalla, Alabama, in 1963. While at Norris High, he was an assistant football coach, head basketball coach, social studies teacher, and guidance counselor. When Norris High School closed in 1969, Robert Turk was re-assigned to teach at the then Alma Hinson Junior High School, which later became known as Etowah Middle School.

Robert Turk's educational experience includes teacher, coach, counselor, auxiliary supervisor, assistant principal, principal, and project director for the multi-system evaluation center for fourteen school systems. He was employed by the Alabama Highway Department as supervisor of the Summer Youth Program from 1974 - 1977. He was a licensed funeral director and mortician for Gadsden Memorial Funeral Home and Prestige Memorial Funeral Home. He retired from the Attalla City Board of Education in August 1997, spanning a career of thirty-six years in education.

Robert Turk has served on numerous boards, past and present, in the Gadsden community. Namely: Chairman, Quality of Life Health Services Board; Chairman, Etowah County Personnel Board; Chairman, Etowah County Solid Waste Authority Board; Chairman, Etowah County Community Development Committee; Chairman, J.W. Stewart Headstart Policy Council and Headstart Board of Directors; V. Chairman, Gadsden/Etowah County Health Care Authority; V. President, Alabama Consumer Board for Primary Health; V. President Alabama State Alumni Association; East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Board; Gadsden City Industrial Planning Board; Gadsden/Etowah Industrial Development Authority; Gadsden Football Officials Association Board of Directors; Gadsden Basketball Officials Association Board of Directors; Center for Cultural Arts Imagination Place Board; Gadsden Alumni Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Executive Board; and a member of the 2001 Presidential Search Committee for Gadsden State Community College.

Robert Turk holds membership in the National Education Association, Alabama Education Association, Alabama Education Retirees Association, Etowah Education Retirees Association, Alabama Retired State Employee Association, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, American Association

COME WITH *Me*

*The Lord saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around you
And whispered "Come with me."
With tearful eyes I watched you suffer
And saw you fade away,
Although I loved you dearly
I could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Your beautiful smile at rest,
God broke my heart to prove
He always takes the best.
It's lonesome here without you
I miss you so each day,
My life just isn't the same
Ever since you went away.
When days are sad and lonely
And everything goes wrong,
I hear you gently whisper
"Cheer up and carry on."
Each time I see your picture
You seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping
We'll meet again someday."*

*Lovingly,
Peggy*



Awards and Proclamations



REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE

of Retired Persons, Alabama State University National Alumni Association, Gadsden Alabama State University Alumni Chapter, Alabama A&M National Alumni Association, Gadsden Alabama A&M Alumni Chapter, Etowah County Voters League, and Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Robert Turk has received numerous awards and honors for his dedicated service to the Gadsden community. Namely: Gadsden Football Officials Dedicated Service Award, Alabama A&M University Century Club Award, Assistant Principal Dedicated Service Award, Alabama New South Coalition Outstanding Service Award, Gadsden Alumni Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi Achievement Award, Etowah County Friends of 4-H Clubs Award, Alabama Council for School Administration and Supervision Service Award, Governor Fob James Proclamation "Robert Turk Day", Alabama Primary Health Care Association Board Member Award, Norris High School Community Development Meritorious Award, Alabama Consumer/APHEA Board Advisory Committee Extra Mile Award, Quality of Life Health Services Community Service Award, Gadsden/Etowah County SCLC Community Service Award, and Gadsden/Etowah County Industrial Development Authority Outstanding Director Award.

Robert Turk prided himself as being one of the best embalmers in Gadsden and was often sought after to embalm in Birmingham. He was an avid golfer, and he constantly talked about getting back on the golf course. He enjoyed traveling and was always ready for the next trip. He loved his sons and never missed the opportunity to share the accomplishments of his grandchildren. Above all, he loved being a "Kappa" man. This was best exemplified in his dress. Kappa Alpha Psi was always included in his attire.

Robert Turk leaves to cherish his memories: his devoted and loving wife of fifty-two years, Eloise Ogletree Turk; sons, Michael Warren (Jennifer) Turk and Robert Wayne (Veronica) Turk; chosen son, Bryan (Constance) Bostick; sister, Johnnie (Billy) Harris; brother, Felix (Ellen) Turk; brother-in-law, Lawrence (Audrey) Ogletree; four grandchildren, Andrea, Christopher, Jasmine, and Jayla Turk; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.



Precious Memories



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional

Song *The Battle is Not Yours*
 Mrs. Renita Davis,
 Mrs. Benita Jemison

Prayer Reverend Michael Robertson
 Sweet Home United Methodist Church

Scripture Readings:
 Old Testament Reading Reverend Joseph Stafford Rowser
 Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church
 Lincoln, Alabama
 New Testament Reading Dr. Belvie Brice

Solo *It Is Well*
 Mrs. Epiphany Cherry

Acknowledgements/Resolution Mrs. Doretha White

Eulogy Dr. Mario McDaniels
 Macedonia Baptist Church

Song *Safe in His Arms*
 Mrs. Renita Davis
 Mrs. Benita Jemison

Recessional

Postlude