



Troy Dean Turpen

April 28, 1949 - December 22, 2021

Troy Dean Turpen Obituary

"When you have more than you need, you build a longer table, not a higher fence" Troy Dean Turpen lived his life as such. He was born April 28th, 1949 in Shamrock, Tx. to Elmer Richard Turpen & Mildred Vienne Boen Turpen. Throughout his life he had many accomplishments. He graduated from Hagerman High in 1967 and went on to serve as a Coreman in the US Navy. Next he graduated from ENMU as a Registered Nurse. He devoted the following 45 years of his life caretaking for the folks of the Pecos Valley. He was thorough at his task and brought a comforting smile to their worries. They knew they were in good hands if he was their RN. Troy was also an Ordained Minister and held a church service in his home 3 times a week for the small community of Hope, NM where he also later became the Mayor.

Out of all of his accomplishments, his greatest was the family he built. He married Darlene Kay Dees the year following high school, on April 6th, 1968. Together they created their life around love. They worked hard to ensure their family was taken care of. Once you sat at their table, you did not lose your seat. Come hell or high water, you were always family & treated as such. No amount of time, distance or heartache breached that bond.

Troy was preceded in death by both parents, brothers Voy & Larry, sister Linda, his wife Darlene, son Nathanael and grandsons Richard & Little Troy.

Those left to cherish memories are his children, Jeff & Stacie Turpen, Jolynn Turpen and Courtney & Clifton Link. His grandchildren, Kevin, Cody, Krystan & Rebecca Turpen, Jayden & Xavyer Reed, Aleya Turpen and Bryce & Jakob Link. Great-grandchildren are Laurel & Jaeda Rose, Hunter Turpen, Zuri Kasuboski, Wyatt, Paige, Jeffrey William, Anna, Aurora & Grace Turpen and Alizea & Mia Pemberton. As well as many other family & friends. Troy's Honorary Pallbearers are Marvin Roberts, Jerry Berg, Kevin & Cody Turpen, Daniel Pemberton and Jayden & Xavyer Reed.

His family was by far what filled his heart and put that memorable smile upon his face. All the littles in his life would eagerly ask to go to Papas. They enjoyed his nurturing ways.

Anytime the kiddos would see him, he always had candy in his pockets for them. Troy made delicious donuts & tortillas. Always making sure everyone's belly had something yummy in it. It was the simple things he taught. Troy was an amazing piano player and the family listened to him play often. As his music filled the house, love filled all their hearts.

Troy also had a thirst for gambling. He kept it on a budget, but boy did he get a kick out of playing. He was like a kid in a candy store when he'd get a free spin. For a moment all of his worries lifted and he'd light up, sometimes doing a lil' jig.

Troy will be remembered greatly by his long conversations. Whether it was with a young child or a grown adult, he could carry on with the best of them. From his own stories, to novel advice, to giving some of his quirky humor, there was always an abundance of talking to be had. He had a way of making you want to listen and making you want to speak. A welcoming, matter of fact view on life. His conversations were priceless.

On Wednesday morning, December 22nd, at his home, his journey beyond this earth started. Heaven had one amazing reunion! His body had given its all and it was time for his peace. The relief from his vessel must have been beautiful. He lived a long and full life. His loved ones are blessed. He was such a caring soul and made sure everyone around him was taken care of. He opened his home, his heart & his life. What a wonderful Papa!

We will honor Troy's journey here with us on Saturday, January 8th, 2022 at the Hagerman Community Center. Services will begin at 12:30 with graveside to follow immediately at the Hagerman Cemetery. Please join us to celebrate Troy Dean Turpen, our Papa and the life he so well lived. Flowers can be sent to Anderson-Bethany and in lieu of flowers, any donations to Hagerman Community Center c/o Rebecca Turpen.

Troy's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

Cemetery Details

Hagerman Cemetery

Hagerman, NM

Previous Events

Service

JAN 8. 12:30 PM (MT)

Hagerman Community Center
Hagerman Community Center
Hagerman , NM 88232

Tribute Wall



“ Troy Dean Turpen

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Troy Dean Turpen.



January 06, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ Troy my friend you will be truly missed. Over the years we have gone through many good times but also many trials and you always amazed me how you never questioned the reasons, and you never lost your faith. You were always there to offer a helping hand and open your home to those in need. I'll never forget the many times you told me "It'll be alright" and it always was. Thank you for the many years of your friendship. I hope that when you walked through those pearly gates there was a beautify piano waiting for you. Keep playing and singing praises to the Lord. May you rest in peace.

You will always be remembered,

Donna Bowlen - January 06, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Troy Dean Turpen.*



January 05, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ *I knew Troy for many years working in the medical field. It was my honor and pleasure to work with him. He will be greatly missed.*

Patsy Cates - January 05, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ *Our Sympathy to the family. Prayers for your comfort and peace.*
Maxine Dennis

Maxine Dennis - January 04, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ *It was my honor to work with Troy. He had a great sense of humor and he was quick to lend a hand whenever we needed his experience. Rest easy Troy, you will be remembered for a lifetime.*

Mary - January 01, 2022 at 05:42 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Troy. He was an amazing person who always had a smile and kind words for you. RIP Troy and rejoice with the Angels.*

Kathy Sudduth - January 01, 2022 at 11:35 AM

VE

“ I feel so blessed to have known Troy. He had a way of making your day brighter and funnier. He will be missed by all that knew him. Heaven is even brighter now that he is there.

Vicky Eaton - December 31, 2021 at 05:37 PM

CD

“ Going to miss you uncle Troy I guess I won't be herding where's Clunt at , I still here him saying it he always makes you laugh one way or another

Clint Dees - December 31, 2021 at 04:30 PM

SN

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. I have so many fond memories working with Troy at ENMMC. He was always up for a good prank and would constantly make us laugh. He loved his family and friends deeply and would do anything for them. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace as he is reunited with his loved ones that have gone before him.



Sheila Nunez - December 31, 2021 at 04:06 PM

MW

“ My heartfelt deepest condolences goes out to entire family & friends. He will be greatly missed by so many!

Michael Waide - December 31, 2021 at 12:18 PM

TD

“ *Troy & Shauna Daffern lit a candle in memory of Troy Dean Turpen*



Troy & Shauna Daffern - December 28, 2021 at 05:44 PM

SS

Worked with Troy several years. A great guy - may he rest in peace.

Shirley Sanchez - December 29, 2021 at 08:13 PM