



Rev. William "Junior" Turner

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Rev. William "Junior" Turner, 87, died at 7:53 a.m., Friday, May 6, 2016 at his residence, with his family at his side, after a period of declining health.

He was born in Kane on July 19, 1928, one of four children born to William and Viola Pauline (Abbott) Turner.

Junior, as he was often called, was a U.S. Army World War II veteran, and had been employed at Olin Brass Mill in East Alton for over 43 years, retiring in 1993. His true passion however, was that of a dedicated and loyal servant to his Lord and to his family. He was a pastor for over 36 years, and for thirty four of those years, served as pastor on the Newbern Assembly of God. He was officially ordained as an Assembly of God minister in 1972 in a ceremony in Springfield.



He currently was a member of the First Assembly of God in Jerseyville, and he had faithfully served as a Deacon.

He married the former Kathleen Alexander on Feb. 4, 1949 at the United Methodist Parsonage in Jerseyville, and together they have been loyal and loving companions for the last 67 years.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen Turner of Jerseyville; two daughters & sons in law, Vicky & Dudley Roth of Bethalto, Brenda & James Montgomery of Alton, and Michael & Debra Turner of Elsah; Five Grandchildren; Four Step grandchildren; 13 Great Grandchildren; 7 Step Great Grandchildren; one great great grandson; and two sisters & a brother in law, Bonnie & Paul Hetzel of Kane and Cheryl Koupal of Carlton, Ca.; along with many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Clessie Thurston.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Wednesday at the First Assembly of God in Jerseyville, with Rev. Carl Hayes officiating.

Burial will be in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Jerseyville, with the Jerseyville American Legion Post 492 conducting military graveside rites.

Memorials may be given to the First Assembly of God in Jerseyville.