



The Beatitudes

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK,
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE LAND.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND
THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEY WILL BE SATISFIED.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.

BLESSED ARE THE CLEAN OF HEART,
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE
PERSECUTED FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Matthew 5:3-10



WILLIAM M. TURNER

1951 - 2026



William M. "Bill" Turner, age 75, passed away July 31, 2026, in Sedalia, Missouri in the presence of his loving and proud family. His passing came after a fight with cancer which he approached like everything else in his life, with selflessness and courage. Given time for reflection he wished to pass on the following message to his many family, friends, and colleagues.

Bill's self-authored obituary:

Trust in our Lord, Jesus Christ, and walk with him!

I was born June 3, 1951, in Faribault, Minnesota to my wonderful parents, Myron and MaryAnn Turner. My devout Catholic family of eight children lived on a farm in southern Minnesota with loving grandparents as neighbors. The greatest gift my parents gave me was their teaching and living by example the ways of our Lord. Provided with strong Christian values and a good "farm boy" work ethic I served in the U.S Army and obtained a master's degree in aquatic ecology from St. Cloud State University.

By far my greatest accomplishment as a young adult was finding the love, and "rock", of my life Carol. We were wed on June 29, 1973, and spent 53 wonderful years together.

Everything we accomplished we did together and I want to convey a deep gratitude and thankfulness to her for a lifetime of great experiences and memories. Our greatest joy was brought to us by our sons Nick and Andy and his wife Bethany, along with their great kids, Charlie, Graham and Lois. Our greatest sadness came at the passing of our baby girl, Ann.

I was created with a drive to serve others and a determination to protect the natural resources that are so vital to our livelihoods, culture and the generations that will proceed us. Thus, during my 32 years career with the Missouri Department of Conservation I focused on innovative ways to conserve our river resources by serving in significant leadership roles focused on creating programs and laws that promoted river conservation. Late in my career I served as Fisheries Division Chief and I also authored a book, *Voices of Missouri's Rivers*.

Upon retirement I turned my attention to serving members of our community, leading the Board of Directors of Open Door Services, Inc., the construction and management of the Open Door Kitchen service and helping to create the Winter Warming Shelter. I also took great pride in Leading the Mercy Rest Stop Coalition to the founding of Mercy Services United. Throughout the last 40 years I served St. Vincent de Paul parish, Sacred Heart School and the Sacred Heart School Foundation in an effort to continue these Catholic entities which are so vital to our entire community.

Please go back and read the first sentence again. God bless! Bill

Mass of Christian Burial WILLIAM M. "BILL" TURNER

11:00 am Saturday, August 15, 2026
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church,
Sacred Heart Chapel

Presider: Rev. Christopher L. Cordes

Deacon: Deacon Jim Rangitsch

Music: Jeannine Dove

Communion Ministers: Bev Rollings and Carrie Smith

Altar Servers: Jace and Johnhenry Cordia

Opening Hymn.....*"Amazing Grace"*

First Reading.....Micah 7:7-9
proclaimed by Jim Buckley

Responsorial Psalm.....Psalm 103
"The Lord is Kind & Merciful"

Second Reading.....1 Corinthians 15:12-20
proclaimed by Mike Smith

Gospel.....Matthew 5:1-12
proclaimed by Deacon Jim Rangitsch

Homily.....Rev. Christopher L. Cordes

Petitions.....Deacon Jim Rangitsch

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn.....*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

Communion Hymn.....*"One Bread, One Body"*

Song of Farewell

Recessional Hymn.....*"Silent Night"*

Interment
Spring Fork Cemetery