



Nelson Zack Turner

September 26, 1954 - February 21, 2026

Hailing from Washington, DC Nelson was born to Mildred Turner on September 26, 1954. Nelson graduated from Spingarn High School in Washington, DC, and began his career serving our nation as an Airman in the United States Air Force National Guard, serving as an Electric Power Product Specialist.

Later in life, he became a Federal government employee with the Smithsonian Institution: National Museum of the American Indian. He served for 22 years as a public servant in the Facilities Service Supervisor role. He retired in August 2025.

Nelson was full of life; he loved traveling and entertainment. Nelson had you covered if you needed a recommendation on the best restaurant or a good TV series.

He was an enthusiastic Washington Commanders fan. He watched Thursday and Sunday night football routinely. Nelson's interest in football was sparked during his high school years, when he played on the varsity team. Nelson loved the art of the game.

Nelson was known to his family and friends as "The Planner." He always wanted to share his joy and travel experiences with others. Throughout the

years, he organized several family trips with the goal of fostering unity and enjoyment.

“ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. [14] For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.”- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 ESV

Nelson accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He began the journey of living a transformed life according to Romans 12:1-2, serving the local church through outreach and men's ministry. He was appointed as a Deacon of Victory in Christ ministry under the leadership of Ivory Teague. He participated in outreach with Jesus Is Our Help Ministry (Pastor Lillie M. Turner), which included “Healing for the City,” Gift for Christ, and a host of other outreach events.

Nelson was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred Turner, and his brother. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Lillie M. Turner; his daughter, Jessika Turner; and stepchildren: Russell Jacobs, Raymond Jacobs, Reginald Jacobs, Lakeisha S. Jacobs & Omar Ballanger—his grandchildren Genesis & Micah Jacobs and a host of other family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery-Cheltenham

11301 Crain Highway
Chletenham , MD 20623

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Power of Redemption Ministries
7361 Old Alexandria Ferry Road
Clinton , MD 20735

Funeral Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Our thoughts and prayers extend to all of you who are faced with the displeasure of losing a loved one to our worst enemy called Death, in these critical situations it's normal to feel helpless not knowing where to turn. However, our heavenly creator has assured us in HEB: 6/11 that it is impossible for him to ever forget us, He also stated in John:5/28/29 that all those in the memorial tombs will here is voice and come out, So GOD is given us all his promise of hope of us being together once again. Meanwhile we can give our thanks to the funeral directors: for their perfectional assistance and their heartfelt concern toward the unfortunate friends and families; THANKS.

Joseph Jones - February 28 at 11:44 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - February 26 at 12:48 PM