



Department Report

Report Title: Cemetery Committee—February 2025

Report Highlight: No activity this month.

Name and Title: Quataunda Armstrong, Dahlonega Cemetery Committee

- The committee mourns the loss of our dear friend and Cemetery Committee member, Patricia Turner.





Patricia Ann Turner, 73, of Dahlonega, GA, passed suddenly less than a month away from her 74th birthday on St. Patrick's Day, 2025. Born March 17, 1951, St. Patrick's Day, at Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta, GA to Clinton, Sr. and Dorothy Hamilton Turner, it was only fitting that her name was Patricia and her initials were P. A. T. She was the eldest of three children and a "miracle baby" as Mrs. Turner was told she could not have children. Ms. Turner graduated from Osborne High School in Marietta, GA, in 1969, where she excelled academically. It was during this time that Ms. Turner competed in beauty pageants and was crowned the Smyrna Jonquil Queen. Earning academic scholarships, she attended Stetson University in Deland, Florida, where she earned a bachelor's degree in French. During college, Ms. Turner studied abroad in Switzerland, where she learned to ski, one of her favorite pastimes. She also served as a bat girl for the Stetson University Hatters Baseball Team.

After graduating, Ms. Turner returned to Georgia and began working office jobs in Atlanta. Her spirit of adventure led her to become a flight attendant, a career she pursued for several years before transitioning to a position as a travel agent with American Express. In the early 90s, Ms. Turner moved "out west" to Arizona, where she began working for Barnes & Noble Booksellers and could indulge her love of reading.

In 2012, she returned to Georgia to help care for her family. She continued working part-time at Barnes & Noble and full-time as a daughter and sister. She gave loving care to her parents and little sister, losing them all in 2014, and her brother in 2016.

After retiring in the early 2020s, she devoted her time to reading, researching her family's genealogy, and attending the Lumpkin County Historical Society. She also enjoyed keeping in touch with family and friends over the phone.

Ms. Turner was of the Baptist Faith and was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Clinton Walter Turner, Sr. and Dorothy May Hamilton Turner; her siblings, Rosemary Turner Inlow and Clinton Walter Turner, Jr.; and her brother-in-law, Emmett Stephen Inlow.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Cynthia Pearl Bell Turner of Kennesaw, GA; nieces Beth Inlow Harper (Bill) of Watkinsville, Amy Inlow Dunn of Watkinsville, Suzy Turner Madonna (Frank) of Kennesaw, and Sofi Turner Taylor (Allen) of Kennesaw; nephew Tucker Turner (Kensley) of Kennesaw; Uncle, Paul Hamilton (Opal), Winder, and eight great-nieces and great-nephews. She is also survived by dearest of friends Denise and Bob Lester of Marietta, GA.