



**Walter Herbert Turner**

**May 31, 1920 - December 4, 2018**



Celebrating the Life of  
**Walter Herbert Turner**

Friday, December 7, 2018 2:00 p.m.

Broussard's Chapel

Nederland, Texas

Dr. Jason Burden



Welcome

*“The Anchor Holds”*

Roy Parker, Vocalist

Obituary

*“It Is Well With My Soul”*

Roy Parker, Vocalist

Message

Prayer

*“When We All Get To Heaven”*

Congregational



**Walter Herbert Turner,** 98, of Nederland, died Tuesday, December 4, 2018. He was born May 31, 1920, in Kirbyville, to Essie Sims Turner and Walter Turner.

Walter was a United States Navy veteran. He served twenty-one years in submarine service retiring as a Senior Chief Electrician's Mate. The Chief later worked at Levinston Shipbuilding Co. and in the maintenance department of Nederland

Independent School District. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church, Nederland and past president of the Silvertone Choir.

Survivors include his wife of seventy-three years, Verba Lee Turner; son, Barney Turner and his wife, Dawn, of St. George, Utah; daughters, Becky Bray and her husband, Bob, of Keller, Texas; and Ginger Cooper, of Nederland; grandchildren, Stacey Belnap, Herb Turner, Gary Turner, Amy Collett, Rachel Johnson, Maggie Junior, and Leah Vara; twenty-one great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews who will remember him fondly as "Uncle Herbert".

He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Beatrice Turner and Kathryn Woosley; and brothers, J.C. Turner and Bobby Turner.

## His Story

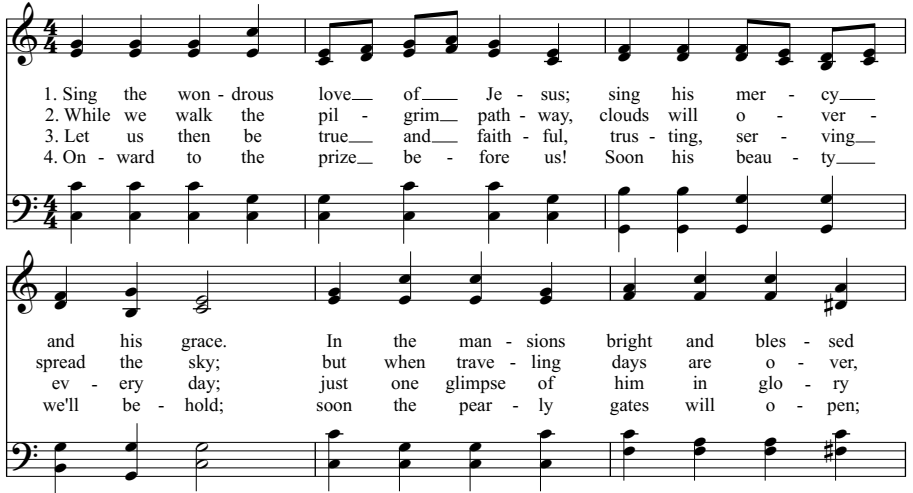
Walter Herbert, known as Herbert to his family and as Walter to most others, was born in Kirbyville, but moved to Beaumont at a young age. His father died when he was 14 and his family moved back to Kirbyville where Herbert finished his schooling. As the oldest son he worked such jobs as delivering newspapers to help support his family and, upon leaving high school, Herbert joined the Civilian Conservation Corp.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1941, three days after Pearl Harbor was attacked. Information found in his memoirs, written in his own hand, tells us that during WW II, aboard the USS Tuna (SS 203), he spent 197 days 20 hours submerged, made 966 dives, and spent 514 days at sea on patrol. He was in submarine service for most of his 21 years of active duty, finishing his time in service with two years of recruiting duty in Dallas. He retired in 1962 as an E-8, Senior Chief Electrician's Mate, at the age of 42, and moved to Nederland. He then commenced two more careers. He worked as Quality Control Supervisor for Livingston Shipbuilders in Orange until 1976 and then as Maintenance Supervisor for Nederland ISD, retiring in 1984.

Three careers and three retirement parties later, Herbert enjoyed participating in the Senior Adult Choir, the Silvertones, of First Baptist Church Nederland as long as he was able. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church Nederland for over 55 years and of a Mens' Sunday School Class, where he served as secretary/treasurer for many years.

Walter, Uncle Herbert, Chief, Daddy, Grandpa — whatever name you knew him by, he leaves behind an admirable example of strong work ethic; generosity; gratitude; kindness; love of God, family, and his country.

# When We All Get to Heaven



1. Sing the won - drous love of Je - sus; sing his mer - cy  
 2. While we walk the pil - grim path - way, clouds will o - ver -  
 3. Let us then be true and faith - ful, trus - ting, ser - ving  
 4. On - ward to the prize be - fore us! Soon his beau - ty

and his grace. In the man - sions bright and bles - sed  
 spread the sky; but when trave - ling days are o - ver,  
 ev - ery day; just one glimpse of him in glo - ry  
 we'll be - hold; soon the pear - ly gates will o - pen;

*Refrain*



he'll pre - pare for us a place.  
 not a sha - dow, not a sigh.  
 will the toils of life re - pay.  
 we shall tread the streets of gold.

When we all get to  
 hea - ven, what a day of re joic ing that will be!  
 When we all see Je - sus, we'll sing and shout the vic - to - ry!

Text: Eliza E. Hewitt, 1898  
 Tune: Emily D. Wilson, 1898



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Oak Bluff Memorial Park  
Port Neches, Texas

**Military Honors**

United States Navy  
Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group

**Memorial Contributions**

First Baptist Church  
Church Building Fund  
1911 Nederland Avenue, Nederland, Texas 77627



Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;  
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Thanks and praise, for our days,  
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky;  
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.

While the light fades from sight,  
And the stars gleaming rays softly send,  
To thy hands we our souls, Lord, commend.



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