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Paul Thomas Turner For 80 years, God loaned the world a true gentleman in Paul Thomas Turner. He was a loving husband, devoted son, wise father and proud grandfather. Even though Paul was always holding the door open for others and letting everyone go ahead of him in lines of all kinds, God suddenly opened the door to Heaven and called Paul to the front of the line on April 26, 2018. Paul was born to Ralph & Jessie (Potts) Turner in Buckeye, Arizona on March 22, 1938. He received his education from Moravia High School graduating in 1956. Paul would continue his education at Northwest Missouri State University. From 1959-1965, he served in the United States Army Reserve. Paul and Suzanne (Stuber) Turner were united in marriage at the First Methodist Church in Centerville, Iowa, on March 4, 1962, after an engagement (without an engagement ring), as Paul offered either an engagement ring or a washer and dryer and, after all...a farmer's wife has to do A LOT of laundry! Paul was a life-long resident of Moravia, where he farmed for 55 years. He was also a member of the local Methodist Church. His deep faith was evident in the way he humbly carried himself and led by example. He was generous in his community with his time and talents and enjoyed being a member of Moravia's Masonic Lodge and the ZaGa Zig Shrine Temple. Paul's parents and his father and mother-in-law, Glenn and Lavinnia (Scott) Stuber, were certain to be among the first to welcome him into Heaven. His wife, Suzanne, two children: Brent Thomas Turner, Denise Michele Turner Schmitz and grandson, Blake Nicholas Schmitz, will all miss him deeply each day as they continue on their journey through life on earth without their treasured Patriarch. Paul's sister, Aileen McKee (Wayne), sister-in-law, Diane Zaputil (the one who cried throughout Paul and Suzanne's ENTIRE wedding)...(Joe), brothers-in-law, Jim Stuber, Chuck Stuber (Cindy), along with many extended family members and friends will also greatly miss Paul's polite demeanor, companionship and conversations. (Some very special "grand-pets" will



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also miss grandpa's lap and lovin')! Paul was a hard-working man with a quiet strength about him. He was humble, generous, patient and kind. He enjoyed fixing things, and could impress and amaze like MacGyver -- with the things he managed to repair using just a pocket knife or something from his extensive collection of random parts, tools or treasures that he kept on hand, "just in case." Paul's favorite activities included traveling, rebuilding vehicles, collecting cars, visiting with friends and spending time with his family--especially his grandson. His warm presence, occasional slightly ornery comments, and his smiling kind blue eyes will be remembered by all who knew and loved him. His funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville, Iowa. Interment will immediately follow at Haines Cemetery. There will be no visitation at the funeral home, but instead, a celebration gathering will take place following the funeral at 4:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club in Centerville. Memorials may be given to the Moravia First Responders or Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com. In tribute, from his children: "He was there...a firm foundation, through all our storms of life. A sturdy hand to hold on to, in times of stress and strife. A true friend we could turn to, when times were good or bad. One of life's greatest blessings, was the man that we called Dad." To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Paul Turner please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details Haines Cemetery Hwy 5 & 470th Street
Centerville, IA 52544 Funeral Service APR 26. 2:00 PM (CDT) Thomas Funeral Home - Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544[(#)]



Tribute Wall

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 3:28 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 3:44 PM



Michael French posted:

Paul was a true friend, one who would lend a helping hand without being asked. He was a inspiration to all and will be missed. The French Family

May 6 at 7:00 PM



Cyndi & Jim Houser posted:

Dear Suzanne, Brant, Denise & families, We were so sorry to hear about Paul. It's been a long time since we've lived in Moravia, but always remember Paul's gentlemanly personality and quick smile.
Cyndi & Jim Houser

April 27 at 7:00 PM



Dale And Peggy Free posted:

The obituary said it all. Paul was a great man who brought a little sunshine into the lives of everyone he met. A true gentleman in every sense of the word. Dale and Peggy Free

April 25 at 7:00 PM



Lisa Wulff posted:

Suzanne and family I was so sorry to read of Paul's passing. He was the epitome of being a true gentleman. I always enjoyed our chats while I was doing the brass. May God comfort you during this time. Lisa Corbett Wulff

April 25 at 7:00 PM



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DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson posted:

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson lit a candle in memory of Paul Turner

April 24 at 7:00 PM

JF

Jan Fasse posted:

Dear Suzanne, Brent and Denise, Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I would love to hear some stories about your dad some time. I have no doubt, having had a hand in raising two talented, creative and thoughtful individuals, that your dad is one of those incredible human beings that made a difference in many lives. When I think of your dad, the first thing I always think of is those cars he rebuilt for both of you -- I can still picture the Mazda and the Daytona with the louvers on the back. I admired that he had the talent to do that and was also a bit jealous! Wishing you strength and courage during this tough healing process. You are in my thoughts and prayers, Jan Phillips Fasse

April 24 at 7:00 PM

JF

Jan Phillips Fasse posted:

Jan Phillips Fasse purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Paul Turner.

April 24 at 7:00 PM

JP

Jerry Power posted:

What a GREAT Obituary!!! Truer words were never spoken! A Real Prince of a Man!!! RIP Paul, you made the Moravia world better! Jerry and Judy Power and Family!!

April 24 at 7:00 PM

SS

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Turner.

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LB

Loving Lilies And Roses Bouquet posted:

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April 23 at 7:00 PM



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EB

Emerald Garden Basket posted:

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DD

Debbie Davis posted:

I feel so fortunate to have known Paul. He was such a kind man. He was always ready to help when called upon. He was a strong silent presence for his family and community. It will not be the same without Paul at Suzanne's side. God has called one of the greatest home. Debbie and Davis Davis

April 23 at 7:00 PM

BB

Beautiful In Blue posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Turner.

April 23 at 7:00 PM

SR

Shari Read posted:

Paul was one of the good guys! Have such good memories of times shared with the Florida fun, fun group. He will certainly be missed. My heart goes out to Suzanne & the family.

April 22 at 7:00 PM

TN

Tracy Hunt And Eric Nims posted:

Paul was definately one of the good ones.. Never saw him without a smile on his face and enjoying his time with family and friends here in Arizona.. Eric and I will miss you Paul.. Suzanne and Brent our hearts and prayers go out to you... heartprayheartpray

April 22 at 7:00 PM



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Florist Choice Bouquet posted:

Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Turner.

April 22 at 7:00 PM



Jennifer Hannafin Favela posted:

I'm so sad for your loss, but, blessed at the same time. I met Mr, Turner - Paul years ago. His smile captured my Heart purple_heart. His soul was so Beautiful. I will never forget when he taught me how to feed his baby Calf. It was definitely funny because I had no idea how to feed one and he laughed as we were doing this Together! I will miss you my sweet friend! Much Love heartpulse to you as Heaven has a Beautiful New Friend!!

April 22 at 7:00 PM



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Thomas Funeral Home shared 2 photos to the **Obituary Wall** album.

October 13 at 3:44 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Paul by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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