



## Vernon Turk,

January 11, 1921 - August 20, 2011

Vernon David Turk Sr., 90, passed away August 20, 2011 at his apartment at the Glenmary at Evergreen, Memphis, TN.

Mr. Turk was born on January 11, 1921 to Katie Louise May and George Lester Turk of Forrest City. Preceding Mr. Turk in death was his wife of fifty-nine years, Bette Jeane Fisher. He has three surviving children; Mrs. Felix (Verna Jean) Powell of Hillsboro Il., Mr. Vernon David Turk Jr. of West Memphis, AR and Ms. Rebecca Deane Turk of Bryant, AR. Also preceding Mr. Turk in death were a brother, G.L. Turk, and three sisters; Mrs. Mary Roberts, Mrs. Louise Hutchinson and Mrs. Gertrude Jones. Surviving Mr. Turk in addition to his children are ten grandchildren; twenty-one great grandchildren and four great, great grandchildren.

He was a member of The First Baptist Church of Forrest City, and until his later years, taught Sunday school to young children as his way of serving the Lord. Mr. Turk worked for thirty years with the Federal Compress and Warehouse Co., and later as a basic carpentry instructor at Crowleys Ridge Vocational Institute for ten years until his retirement. Mr. Turk lived in Forrest City all his life, graduating from FCHS in 1941. He was a three-sport athlete, playing football, basketball and baseball; earning all-state honors in football. He played semi-professional baseball for the Forrest City Giants and was inducted into the Forrest City Athletic Hall of Fame in September of 2010. He

attended Henderson State University. Mr. Turk served in the Army during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946; he saw action in the Pacific Theater.

A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church of Forrest City, on Tuesday, August 23 at 11:00 AM. Visit online registry at [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net). Under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Sorry I couldn't be there today. I wish I could have. I thought alot of Mr. Vernon.*

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**Phillip May** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

MP

“ *To the children of "Mr Vernon"..I knew your dad well and your mother. For avery short time, I worked with them for one Summer. A doctor's appointment kept my husband and I from attending the service. I will truly miss seeing him at Catfish Island and getting my special hug he always had for me. I think I can be honest and say that he was one of the kindest persons I have known and I've been around a while! God bless each of you. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Mary Pritchard** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

IW

“ *We were so sorry to hear about Vernon. He has been a friend of ours since we met him. We saw him last when we visited him at the Baptist Hospital either in April or May of this year. He was his old self, full of laughter, jokes and wanting to get out of there. We will miss him and have you, the family, in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Ivan and Glendle Winslow** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM