



Dr. Martiele Turner Chastain

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Martiele Turner Chastain, M.D. (1913-2016)

Martiele Turner Chastain, M.D., passed peacefully away at home on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 102 years old. Pediatrician, leader in church preschool ministry and avid fisherman, she is survived by Gary Hollingsworth, her foster son with whom she lived until her death, and numerous Georgia relatives. Gary lovingly cared for her in her later years. Born Clara Martiele Turner on August 11, 1913 in Valdosta, GA, to Egbert Mann Turner and Sannie Elizabeth Blackburn Turner, she graduated with honors from the Georgia State Womans College at Valdosta in 1934. She obtained her medical degree from Georgia Medical College in 1942, where she graduated with her future husband, Philip Chastain, M.D. After completing their residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, she and her husband practiced pediatric medicine together for many years in Coral Gables and the Baptist Hospital of Miami. She became a force of energy leading the 3 & 4 year old Sunday School class and the Vacation Bible School at Christ Journey Church. Dr. Turner was famous for her elaborate execution of amazing themes every summer at Vacation Bible School. With her formidable talent for persuasion, she enlisted the help of the church members and the cooperation of local businesses to donate building materials and props. Her favorite hobby was deep sea fishing on her beloved boats. From the 1950's through the 1990's, she shared her love for fishing with her family and guests. Each summer for decades, her nephews, Jack and Bill Sineath and the late Jim Sineath, and her niece, Martiele Sineath Schroder, spent their childhood summers experiencing many wonderful fishing adventures. She enjoyed many trips to Disney World with Gary, beginning the first year it opened and continuing through her 101st birthday. Full of vim, vigor and vitality that never ran down, blessed with a determination to get whatever she went after, she played and worked fully and untiringly. A memorial service will be held at Christ Journey Church on Thursday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ Journey Church, Department Preschool Ministry, 624 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables, FL 33134; or to First United Methodist Youth Fund, PO Box 1306, Valdosta, GA 31603.




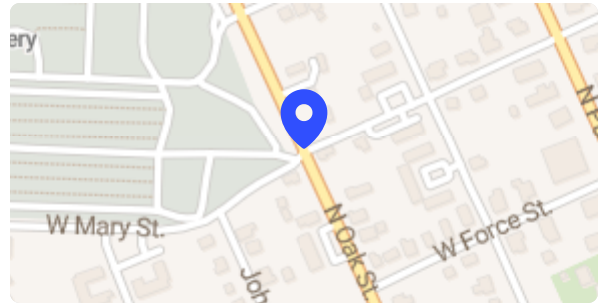
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Cemetery Details

 **Sunset Hill Cemetery**
1100 N. Oak Street, Valdosta GA





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EW

Ed Waldorf posted:

Ann and I met Dr Turner and Phil in 1961 at University Baptist Church and became friends Martiele was a driving force in the childrens ministry. Most of us could not keep up with her. I was fortunate enough to fish with her on her 39 foot prowler that she had built on the Miami river, We fished every Saturday and returning with fish we would stop in Coconut Grove and give away the fish that we would not eat for supper. She was one that always gave. Some of us will remember when she was responsible for doing over the Baptist Student Union at the UM. One day I arrived and here she was on a backhoe she had rented to do some work on the building. There was nothing she could not do. It was a blessing that we could say we were friends with her. ED and Ann Waldorf

April 14 at 5:54 AM

RC

Roxy Alonso Castillo lit a candle in honor of Martiele.

I will miss you Dr.T, may you RIP and I will always you!

April 13 at 9:30 PM



PT

Pam Thomasson sent a virtual gift in honor of Martiele.

Dr Turner was a true inspiration to all her knew her at UBC. I remember meeting her during my first Christmas pageant when the children were fenced in. God truly sent an angel to care for people I know he welcomed her back with loving arms.

April 13 at 8:23 AM



NH

Nicholas A. Hefty posted:

One of the staples at University Baptist Church during the sixties, that I clearly remember, was Dr. Turner and her complete involvement with the Sunday School children. I have many fond memories of both her and her husband, Dr. Chastain, while a member there. It is incredible the influence she had on so many lives and the joy she provided to the community. She was loved by so many and she will be missed. She gave everything of herself to the church and as well as to several individuals. Her marvelous Georgia accent will ring in the ears of many for years to come when remembering her gracious style and manner. To all those family members as well as her lifelong friends condolences are offered for her passing. Nicholas A. Hefty

April 13 at 3:40 AM



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SC

Susan Corrigan sent a virtual gift in honor of Martiele.



April 12 at 2:58 AM

SC

Susan Corrigan posted:

I remember Martiele in my younger days working with my neighbors on the Christmas pageant at University Baptist Church(Christ Journey) and how she would have them make costumes for the different scenes in the pageant. She was a vivacious energetic lady. Dr Chastain would get a table every year for the Orange Bowl Prayer Breakfast which was a treat to sit at his table. She will be missed. Thoughts and Prayers to all who knew her.

April 12 at 2:57 AM

GN

Glenda Nobles posted:

How many of us as children would tearfully walk with our parent on that hewed limestone sidewalk at the Douglas Entrance Pediatrician's office of Dr. Turner and Dr. Chastain? We knew that once we entered their office with windows open, (It was before air conditioning) there was most certainly a shot to be received accompanied by an "irrigated nose treatment!" Yes she was a doctor. A really good doctor but she was so much more. Dr. Turner was a cook, teacher, an event planner, an artist, an organizer, a disciplinarian, a school master, a fast driver, a counselor, a visionary, a connector of races and faces, an example of a well lived life, a Bible teacher, a prayer warrior, a perfecter of imperfections, an inspiration, a "Georgia Girl", a painter of Sunday School classrooms, an image of her Creator.....With her home-going, a part of my childhood and adulthood has been ripped from my heart, BUT we will all get billions of years to fellowship with her. Right now she is executing some project and making sure that it is done according to "Standard." She is the greatest person I have ever known, ever. She accomplished more in her life time than 5 people. She did not waste one minute of the life the Lord had given her. She was tough. She was persistent. She was determined. She was skilled. She was stern minded. If you were to ask her what her favorite word was, she would have said, "Strong!" She would use strong love on all her met her. She was like no one else, ever. How privileged we all have been to have known Dr. Martiele Turner. She loved us all and she loved University Baptist Church/Christ Journey Church. She truly was on loan from God! And now she is with the Savior that demonstrated through out Dr. Turner's life, His strength and strong love. Glenda Nobles

April 8 at 4:08 PM



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Pam Vaughn posted:

We were so sorry to hear of Dr. Turners passing. She was an amazing lady and only wanted the BEST for the children that she taught Bible stories too at UBC. She wanted her church children to use their imaginations and love the world that God created for them. She will be greatly missed !!! Our Sympathy is with you and the rest of the Chastain family Gary. Love, Pam and Doug Vaughn

April 8 at 3:13 PM



Dorothy Wawryck April 13 at 6:20 AM

This was the Pediatrician who cared for my sisters and I when we were young. She and her husband practiced at the Douglas Road Entrance Towers. As children it seemed like a fairy tale environment. Despite our fear of needles and all the shots given...you could always sense that they took no pleasure from giving them to us. My sister Peggy had been deathly ill when she was in third grade so she was more intensely afraid of shots. When Dr. Turner needed to give a shot to Peg once, it took all the nurses with Dr. Turner and Dr. Chastain to hold her down. Pegs muscles were so taunt that she broke the needle! It was a story that helped keep the memory of our experiences under their care - alive. Thank you Dr. Turner for your compassion to our family and others...!



Memories only last if you share them

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



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