



Avis Joyce Turner

February 17, 1931 - January 29, 2026

Visitation will be held Saturday ,February 7, 2026 from 10am-4pm at our South Dekalb Chapel 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur GA 30034. Soro time will be taking place at 4pm .Services will be held Tuesday, February 10, 2026 11:00AM at Bethel Family Christian Church.

2217 Wesley Chapel Road, Decatur, GA. 30035

Avis Carver Turner was born February 17, 1931, in New York City to Wayman and Joyce Carver, and entered eternal rest on January 29, 2026.

Avis completed her early education in New York City. In 1941, her family relocated to Atlanta, where she attended Booker T. Washington High School and later graduated from David T. Howard High School. She went on to earn a B.A. in Social Science from Clark College in 1952 and an M.A. in Political Science from Boston University in 1953.

A devoted educator, Avis began teaching in the 1950s in the Atlanta Public Schools and later served as a professor at Texas College. Avis later married Weyman Shepherd Turner, and together they welcomed one son, Weyman Solomon Turner. She continued her career in the Fulton County School System, where her social studies students earned top honors in local and statewide competitions. As a lifelong learner, Avis continued to pursue academic excellence, earning her Education Specialist degree in Political Science from Georgia State University in 1978. She retired in 1986 and later served as a substitute teacher in DeKalb County for ten years.

Avis also worked in real estate for 13 years and served six- years on the DeKalb County Board of Equalization. A woman of deep Christian faith, she served faithfully in every church she joined, as a Sunday School teacher, VBS teacher, musician, and volunteer. In 2019, she became a member of Kelley Chapel United Methodist Church, where she worked diligently in the Clothes Closet, Food Distribution Ministry, and other church

efforts.

Recreation and hobbies were a joyful part of her life. Avis was an avid Scrabble player, a lover of classic love songs, and a devoted duplicate bridge player. A member of the American Bridge Association since 1954, she became a certified teacher, co-founded the East Metro Duplicate Bridge Club, and served as the ABA's first History and Archives Chairperson. Her service earned her the ABA's highest honors, including Life Membership. She was also active in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the G.T.G.'s Civic and Social Club, the Birthday Party Club, and the East Metro Duplicate Bridge Club.

Avis was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Weyman Shepherd Turner. She leaves to cherish her memory her son, Weyman Solomon Turner (Patrice); five grandsons, Weyman Solomon Turner, Jr. (Tracy), Shepherd Darnell Turner (Aisha), Jarrod Lamar Turner (Cheryl), Jeremy Tremayne Turner (Michelle), and Jason Trammell Turner (Christyn); nineteen great grandchildren, one great- great grandchild, and a host of relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656

Celebration of Life

FEB 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Family Church
2217 Wesley Chapel Rd
Decatur , GA 30034

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Wayne and Angela Broughton Roberts send our sincere condolences to the Turner family. May God comfort you and give you peace during this difficult time. We will forever hold you in our hearts. Ms. Avis was truly a light in my (Angela). I will always remember the fun times we shared and the welcoming laughter. She will be forever missed!!💔



Angela Broughton - February 10 at 10:17 AM

GM

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the family. May God bless each of you strength to bear the pain of losing your loved one.

Gaynell McMillan - February 08 at 09:25 PM

WD

“ We send our condolences to the family! May God continue to give you peace and comfort during this time.
Pastor Walter Dukes and Family

walter Dukes - February 08 at 02:01 AM

RP

“ Sincerest condolences to the family of Mrs. Avis Turner.

Avis was my first bridge teacher. I will never forget the patience she displayed while teaching us the fundamentals of bridge.

May she rest in peace in her heavenly home.

Rosia Presley

Rosia Presley - February 07 at 10:07 PM

WP

“ *Avis was truly a great lady! We competed often in weekly club games, but more memorable was the private birthday club that we belonged to. There were 8 members and we went from home to home celebrating birthdays and playing party bridge! Avis was a great hostess and we always enjoyed parties at her house.*

She will really be missed, but she is now with the Lord, resting in peace.

Willetta

Willetta F Phipps - February 07 at 02:55 PM

JW

“ *Avis you know how I much I loved you and I would tell you and show you. I appreciate you so much for all my lessons in bridge you were my first and best teacher my biggest cheerleader. Thank God for the times we spent together. See you later.*

Johnnie Walker - February 07 at 02:12 PM

LS

“ *Mrs. Turner, we will all miss you. We all love you. Rest In Peace.*
Lenda Smith

Lenda Smith - February 07 at 08:45 AM

DT

“ *Sincere condolences to the family of Avis Turner. Avis was always a " lady". I played opposite her at the bridge table numerous times. She was an awesome player and an outstanding individual. She will be missed.*

Delores Turner - February 06 at 09:06 PM

PB

“ *To the entire Turner family, we send our thoughts and condolences*

*Much Love
Much Respect*

Perry Benard family

perry benard - February 05 at 04:55 PM

MG

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to the family of Ms. Turner. May God surround you all with comfort and peace.* ”



Mia Green - February 05 at 01:31 PM

EB

Sending my condolences to the family of Arvis Turner. Arvis was one of my first bridge teachers and dear Soror. Shall never forget her famous bridge advice "he who knows goes". She was indeed a knowledgeable bridge teacher and great player. She will certainly be missed.

Elizabeth Bland - February 10 at 09:56 AM