



## Minister Sandra Elizabeth Turner

October 20, 1945 - December 19, 2025

Sandra Elizabeth Cole Turner was born on October 20, 1945 in Johnson City, Tennessee to George William Cole and Ella Louise Odell. Affectionately known as “Sissy,” she was the youngest sister of George William Cole III.

From an early age, Sandra’s gentle spirit, generosity, and joyful sense of humor were evident. Family, friends, and classmates recall her as a lighthearted prankster who would always find ways to bring laughter and comfort into any room.

Sandra was educated at Langston Hughes High School in Johnson City, Tennessee. She had a passion for singing and connected with the gospel music she heard playing in her home. She proudly sang with her mother’s choir, The Odell Inspirational Choir and later formed her own gospel group, The Gospelettes. Music and worship were deeply rooted in her and became a lifelong legacy that would continue through her children.

Sandra married George Turner and became a devoted mother. In 1972, she relocated to Passaic, New Jersey determined to build a stable and loving life for her four children: David, Etta, Mechelle, and Angie. A caregiver at heart, she worked in healthcare at Preakness Nursing Home and Beth Israel Hospital, while also volunteering faithfully in daycares and churches.

Her spiritual journey led her to Mt. Zion Baptist Church in New Jersey under the leadership of Pastor Fred Kilpatrick and later to Roger Williams Baptist Church, under Rev. William B Davidson. In 2001, Sandra moved to Georgia, continuing her unwavering commitment to God and the church, she joined Tabernacle Baptist Church under Pastor Dennis Meredith, and later Love Life Christian Fellowship Church where she served under Pastor Grace C. Washington.

At Love Life, Sandra served faithfully in numerous ministries, including Hospitality, Combined Choir, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and her beloved Titus Women. In 2005, she was licensed to be a minister through the Grace C. Washington Institute, an affirmation of the calling she had walked in for years. With a special heart for children, she also served as Camp Monitor for Camp Love Summer Enrichment Program, where her warm smile was often the first welcome parents and campers encountered. Her tenderness towards children and commitment to personal development motivated her to earn an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Post University.

When her son, Pastor Dwight Kitchings Sr. and daughter Elder Mechelle established Kedesh Family Life Center, Sandra joyfully joined them serving as a Church Mother, offering wisdom, prayer, and unconditional love to all.

Sandra cherished her calling as mother to many and "Nana" to countless others. She would greet church visitors, pray for strangers, and welcome people into her home – turning guests into family. She never let physical health or limitations restrict her ministry. She carried a spirit of "Total Praise" encouraging others through daily inspirational text messages, early morning prayer calls, online worship, and heartfelt personalized birthday songs. Her commitment to multiple prayer calls such as the Obadiah Prayer Ministry and The Fourth Watch Prayer Group was so consistent that she would wake up at

4:00 a.m. to ensure that she was on all of them.

Sandra was known for her generosity, encouragement, and remarkable ability to see the God-given potential in everyone she met. She always wanted to make sure that they were well and would echo a Philippians 4:13 reminder that they “can do all things through Christ who strengthens...”. She loved cooking, traveling, musical events, and entertaining her family – biological and adopted. Nothing filled her heart with joy as much as spending time with her loved ones.

On Friday, December 19, 2025, God gently called Sandra Elizabeth Turner’s name, and she peacefully departed from earthly labor to eternal rest, joining the heavenly choir she had long prepared for with her son, David Cole on keys and her mother Ella on organ. Truly this phenomenal woman will be deeply missed as she allowed her gifts to lead her. The spirit of faith, love, and unwavering service will continue to live on in every person that loved her and every life she touched.

Sandra is preceded in death by her father, George William Cole, Sr; mother, Ella Louise Odell; brother, George William Cole III; and son, David Bryon Cole from C&C Music Factory.

She leaves to cherish her memory and preserve her legacy: children, Etta Cole, Mechelle Kitchings (Dwight, Sr.), and Angela Mason; grandchildren, Andre Kitchings, Sr. (Brittany), Denean Kitchings, Shaquana Shelley (Tyler), Shonrae Williams, David Nichols, David Rice, Jr., Dana Nichols, Erica Kitchings, and Dwight Kitchings, Jr.; great-grandchildren, Ayana Dewitt, Faith Kitchings, Shamarr Shelley, Andre Kitchings, Jr., Logen Shelley, and Jakai Freeman; special sisters, Ida Shelley and Carrie Johnson; and a host of adopted children and grand-children, friends and loved ones.

The Celebration of Life Service for Minister Sandra Turner will be held on Saturday, December 27, 2025 at 12 PM. This service will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event.  
<https://vimeo.com/event/5613549>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory- South Dekalb  
4347 Flat Shoals Parkway  
Decatur, GA 30034

## Celebration of Life Service - Attend Live & or via Livestream

DEC **27**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church  
3800 Miles E. Fowler Way  
Lithonia, GA 30038

<https://vimeo.com/event/5613549>

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ I first met Sandra on a phone call at Post University. When I picked up the phone, I heard a woman crying on the other end full of frustration. I was meant to leave at that time, but I chose to stay on the phone with this woman and help her get what she needed done to earn her associates degree at Post University, that woman would later become one of my favorite friendhipd. Sandra and I talked every day. She texted me every single day a beautiful message. She never missed a day even when she got sick, I finally met Sandra on her graduation day and it will forever be one of the greatest memories of my life. Sandra helped me get through some of my darkest and hardest days. She had a big heart and loved her family, Friends and life so much. We had a special bond and I sure do miss her. When I was sick she would tell me let's jump on a call, we must pray. Without hesitation we jumped on a call and prayed many times. The last time we were meant to see each other was in NJ for an event for David, her son. Unfortunately I got sick and could not make the event. I really wish we got the chance to have that barbecue with your family down in Georgia. I know you really wanted to make that happen. Sandra really wanted me to meet all of her family and her grandkids and also taste some delicious food. I miss you and love you Sandra and I am so proud of you for working so hard to earn your degree and never giving up. Watching you walk across that stage and seeing your big smile as you got your degree, made me so proud and happy for you.

To the family I send all my love and hugs.

Rest easy my friend I know you are singing with joy up there and looking down on us all.



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Danielle Mazza - June 01 at 06:19 PM

FL

“ *Frazier Lyons lit a candle in memory of Minister Sandra Elizabeth Turner*



Frazier Lyons - January 14 at 09:53 PM

BJ

“ *Thank you nana turner I'm going miss you and thank you for keeping me an apart of ur family even wen my mom pass away. Love you and keep watch over me until we meet again*

burman j perkins jr - December 27, 2025 at 05:24 PM

DH

“ *Momma Cole is a very special, loving and caring Momma. We shared a special bond that was never broken even with me living in Hawaii. She always checked in especially when there was word of a storm. We spoke several times a year and reminisced about our connection. She loved us visiting My brother David's resting place when we placed the flowers at Christmas and Easter. She is forever in my heart for calling me her son. Love. Darryl*

Darryl Hill - December 27, 2025 at 02:13 PM

DH

“ *Darryl H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Minister Sandra Elizabeth Turner.*

Darryl H. - December 27, 2025 at 01:46 PM

AT

“ *What a beautiful, kind, welcoming and loving soul!!! Mother Turner and the Lovelife Church Community has always been an open ear, heart and hand to both my children. Their Community nurtured and loved my children as their own as they experienced a wonderful Summer, spiritual expositions. With the guidance and kindness of Mother Turner, my daughter, Tracey, learned God. Thank you for your wisdom. May you rest in peace and continue to inspire others in Heaven to love God.*

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**Audrey Toh** - December 27, 2025 at 01:43 PM

KK

“ *Kenny Komisar purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Minister Sandra Elizabeth Turner.*



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**Kenny Komisar** - December 25, 2025 at 10:47 AM

BC

“ *Bruce Carbone purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Minister Sandra Elizabeth Turner.*



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**Bruce Carbone** - December 23, 2025 at 01:12 PM

BC

“ *Bruce Carbone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Minister Sandra Elizabeth Turner.*

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**Bruce Carbone** - December 23, 2025 at 01:12 PM

LF

“ Lee-Ross Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Minister Sandra Elizabeth Turner.



Lee-Ross Family - December 23, 2025 at 07:49 AM

MR

“ Dear family, I remember your beautiful Queen Mother from Passaic NJ when I was in school with David living on Paulison Avenue by the park. Your Queen Mother was always very nice to me and my brother John John. She will be sadly missed 😭! Heartfelt deepest condolences to the family! May your Queen Mother rest in heavenly peace!

Mazellia Ross-Manuel - December 22, 2025 at 07:52 PM

CH

Childhood memories in Passaic Memories of “Sissy” Neicy, Angie & Michelle and families my heart is with you thinking of Good Momma & David. Love you Charise

charise - December 23, 2025 at 10:08 AM

ER

🙏☐ Dearest Angela. I have such wonderful memories of your family, Angela. Your Beloved Mother, "Miss Sandra" Brother David, and your Grandmother, who encouraged me to become more involved in the church when we were at Mt. Zion in Passaic. I pray that the "smiley moments" you shared with your Mother will help to ease the pain and sorrow you're going through. Please know there are sooo many of us who are grieving with you as well as praying for you and your family. Tight hugs sent your way 🙏💕🙏💕

Evelyn T Robinson - December 23, 2025 at 11:16 AM

BB

“ BBD purchased the Heartfelt Tribute Lavender & White Floor Basket Arrangement for the family of Minister Sandra Elizabeth Turner.



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**BBD** - December 22, 2025 at 05:58 PM

DM

“ To the family. I send my heartfelt condolences to you all. I pray your strength in the Lord. Mama Turner was like a Mother to me and I will always cherish our conversations and texts we shared. She will truly be missed I love you all. Elder Dorothy Marshall.

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**Dorothy Marshall** - December 22, 2025 at 04:37 PM

SE

“ Serena purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Minister Sandra Elizabeth Turner.



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**Serena** - December 22, 2025 at 03:52 PM

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