



Gloria May Hall Turner

December 23, 1955 - September 6, 2024

Where did this brunette cutie come from, was one of my first thoughts when I spotted my future wife, Gloria sitting on the third row from the front at the First Assembly of God in Alexandria, Virginia. Pastor Thomas Gulbranson, the Reverend Doctor Thomas Gulbranson was preaching.

I, a newly minted Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Corps of Engineers straight out of the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA and incidentally not a bad baritone was sitting on the platform as a member of the church choir. We finished our contribution and sat back to listen to the sermon. I sat back to enjoy the view. (If Gloria saw that last sentence, she would probably say, "I've heard this before!")

Gloria May Hall Turner was born in December 1955, to Horace and Sylvia Hall of West Point, VA. Horace Hall, now deceased, was a World War II veteran who had married late in life, 38 as I remember. Sylvia, her mother, also now deceased, was one of six children of father, Clarence Rettig, living in Ohio and her mother, Elizabeth who had emigrated to the United States from Ireland as a 17 year old girl, in early 1900. Following this marriage, they moved to Eltham where Sylvia met Horace. Their union produced Gloria and a younger sister, Brenda.

Now I was eyeballing 25 year old Gloria May, cute as only a 25 year old

female could be. How could I meet this girl? Several weeks later, during a potluck lunch after church one Sunday I had my chance. Although I openly asked another young woman for her name and number, I was too shy to approach Gloria. Since the potluck was at her apartment, I merely snuck a look at her telephone hanging up in her kitchen. Once back at my quarters, I called and left a message since she was out. Imagine my throbbing heartbeat when I returned later that day and there was a note waiting in my mail slot. This was before the days of cellphones. Communications not done face to face could be slow. (Be still my beating heart!)

From that beginning we progressed until our Sunday School teacher was heard to remark, "Is there something going on between those two? They are sitting awfully close together!" I was in a bit of a time crunch. I was leaving for my assignment in Bamberg, Germany – a city of 80,000 population town in northern Bavaria, in May 1982. We were married by the Reverend Thomas Gulbranson in the front of that very same church, on April 2, 1982. I was 27 and she was 26.

I left for Europe alone and she followed me several months later. Imagine my feelings when I picked up my new bride in the Frankfurt airport after several months absence. And so began our 42 years together.

Gloria entered the gates of Glory in the back of a King and Queen County ambulance on Friday afternoon, September 6, 2024. She stopped breathing on the way to the hospital. I knew the news was bad when I heard the driver call his dispatch and change from "non-emergency transport" to "EMERGENCY transport." At the hospital, the ER doctor told me she had not been breathing for 25-30 minutes despite the best efforts of the county medics. God bless our dedicated medics!!!

Gloria would have been 69 on December 23 of this year.

The family will receive friends from 2-3 pm on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, at The First Assembly of God Church, 3976 E. Lewis B. Puller Mem. Hwy, Shacklefords, Va 23156. There will be a funeral service at 3 pm following the visitation. Burial will take place after the service at Tabernacle Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Lower King and Queen Vol Fire and Rescue 250 Bohannan Park, Shacklefords, Va. 23156 or West Point Vol. Fire and Rescue, PO Box X, West Point, Va. 23181.

Cemetery Details

Tabernacle United Methodist Church Cemetery

20051 Tabernacle Road
Barhamsville, VA 23011

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Assembly of God
3976 Lewis Puller Memorial Highway
Sahckleford, VA 23156

Funeral Service

SEP 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Assembly of God
3976 Lewis Puller Memorial Highway
Sahckleford, VA 23156

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *R.I.P. Gloria; class of 1974*

Jacquelyn Murphy - September 23, 2024 at 11:36 AM

TB

“ *Temple Burton & Mary Ann Beamer sent a virtual gift in memory of Gloria May Hall Turner*



Temple Burton & Mary Ann Beamer - September 17, 2024 at 04:14 PM

JC

“ *So, sorry Bill for your loss. Peace be with you and her sister. Jan Crowell*



Jan Crowell - September 14, 2024 at 01:56 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda and family Jim and I send our deepest sympathy in the passing of Gloria. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Jim and Beverly Ross*



Beverly and Jim - September 12, 2024 at 07:36 PM

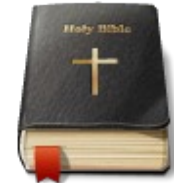
JB

“ *Rest in peace class of 1974 New Kent High School*

James Macon Bey - September 11, 2024 at 07:06 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - September 11, 2024 at 06:13 AM

AB

“ *Bill & Brenda, I am so very sorry for your loss. She loved you all very much.*

Angela Blake - September 10, 2024 at 12:44 PM

BO

“ *Brandie Ohls lit a candle in memory of Gloria May Hall Turner*



Brandie Ohls - September 10, 2024 at 12:56 AM

JC

“ *To Brenda, and family you are in my thoughts and prayers. From your 1977 classmate JoAnn Christian*

JoAnn Christian - September 09, 2024 at 10:46 PM

JR

“ John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Gloria May Hall Turner



john and vickie roane - September 09, 2024 at 07:38 PM

VP

“ Gloria was one of my closest friends through highschool. The kind of friendship that has kept us connected through the years since. My prayers are with you.



Violet Peyton - September 09, 2024 at 06:05 PM

LM

Gloria was one of my dearest friends during High School and Beyond. I would visit her while she was living in Northern Virginia and we took an Amtrak to NYC back in 1980 with three other single females. Wow did we have fun! I will cherish the moments we spent as friends and will pray for the family during this difficult time.

Linda West Marcum - September 09, 2024 at 07:44 PM

MP

“ Martha Patterson lit a candle in memory of Gloria May Hall Turner



Martha Patterson - September 09, 2024 at 05:41 PM

MP

So very sorry Bill for the loss of your beautiful wife, Gloria. She is now with our heavenly Father, many prayers for you during this difficult time



Martha Patterson - September 09, 2024 at 05:45 PM

TS

“ *Tom & Janie Swankler lit a candle in memory of Gloria May Hall Turner*



Tom & Janie Swankler - September 09, 2024 at 03:56 PM