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**M**r. Terrance H. Turner, age 81, of Lewes, DE, peacefully passed away on Sunday, September 26, 2021. His best friend, mate, and wife of 40 years, Margee and his loyal dog, Celli were at his side. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on June 20, 1940, son of the late Holiday L. and Grace (Hughes) Turner.

Terry spent most of his childhood in Felton, DE, graduating from Felton High School in 1958 (there were 23 classmates in his graduating class). Immediately after graduation, at the age of 17 he enlisted in the Navy. At the time of his enlistment, the Navy had a program for young enlistees that allowed them to serve only three years; he called it the “kiddies' cruise” He was honorably discharged in 1961. He received his merchant marine credentials in 1962 and his love of the water and boats continued throughout his life.

After returning home, he enrolled in night school at Dover High School to study drafting and graphic arts. In 1963, he began his career with the state of DE, first as a draftsman with the Highway Department and a year later with the State Planning Office as a cartographer. Office work did not agree with Terry so, in 1969 he took off his coat and tie and never looked back. Terry lived his life the way he wanted. As many young men in Lewes at the time, he held a variety of jobs from fishermen, boat mate, marine and land construction, while always maintaining his own business, Turner Signs and Graphics.

At one time it seemed that Terry had painted the name and hail port on most of the boats in Anglers and Southside marinas, known for being able to lean over the stern of the boat and flawlessly paint upside down and backwards! He was the designated” shark teeth” painter for the Delaware River and Bay pilot boats for many years. Terry produced many billboards and commercial signs throughout southern DE. He was an accomplished architectural model maker, having made the models for the Monster Mile in Dover, DE, the 9400 condominium in Ocean City, MD, and the previous Lewes Library on Kings Highway. He also was an accomplished woodcarver specializing in one of a kind walking staffs and canes.



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Terry would talk to anyone and always had a good story to tell. No matter where he went, he always ran into someone he knew (or knew him). He loved his animals. You never knew what creature would be at the Turner household as he brought home many abandoned skunks, squirrels, and turtles. He always had a cat, dog or both that were his constant companions.

In addition to his parents, Terry was preceded in death by his brother, Dr. Morris Turner. He is survived by his wife, Margee (Brenneman) Turner; his son, Matthew Turner; his sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be private. A celebration of life will be held at a later date when all friends can gather and tell all the crazy stories about Terry. We wish to thank Tunnel Cancer Center for the wonderful care he received over the past 12 years. A special thanks to Delaware Hospice, especially his nurse assistant, Dayna, and his many caring nurses.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Terry's memory to may be made to the Tunnel Cancer Center, 18947 John J. Williams Hwy, Ste 10, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971; Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963; or a charity of your choice.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Turner family.



October 14 at 9:46 AM



**Connie Fox** posted:

There was only one Terry. As growing up we would always wonder what he had in his pocket when he came in to grandmom in Felton. Terry and his brother Morris were the best cousin my sister and I could have had. May you rest in peace Terry. Connie Fox Susan Harvell

October 6 at 4:49 AM



**Tim Hoyle** posted:

Terry was a person who no person could ever forget. I spent a great deal of time with him and prior to moving from heaven (Five Points in Lewes) he helped to show me what life was really like and how it should be lived. Terry, in all the time I ever knew him, even when challenges came his way, never seemed to have a bad day; just one to be faced. When I turned 50, Terry spent the day+ with me. I think I was more challenged than him; I had to work hard to keep up with him that day!! I know Terry loved all types of animals. I found it most interesting that one of his favorite animals around the house were little turtles. He would let them grow and put them back in the reeds and marshes around his house. He painted a couple of items for us...two mugs that my wife and I used at the Green Turtle bar in Five Points. If anyone is there that reads this, I would love for you to give them to Margee. One was a "Roll Tide" mug and the other was a mug with a "Thatched Roof Cottage" on it and said "SOLD". I hope they are still there and I sincerely hope they will make their way to Margie - PLEASE. If anyone can get them, Tim Hoyle and Betsy Hoyle owned them and will appreciate it forever. There are so many things I could say about Terry but my believe is that one should remember the great things, the funny things, those that have a meaning of happiness in your life. Unfortunately there are so many things that I can think of that I cannot write them all down. I can say, plain and simple, Terry was and is a great man; full of life which so many of us have missed and we will be worse off for Terry not helping the rest of us reach it. Margee, Betsy and I love you. We love Terry. I wept when I saw this loss but even more for your loss and others who knew Terry. Hope to see you soon! Tim and Betsy

October 4 at 5:30 PM



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