



Drew Corey Turner

June 7, 1959 - January 13, 2024

Drew Corey Turner, 64 of Oak Grove, Mississippi, went to be with his LORD and Savior on Saturday, January 13, 2024. His loving wife Donna, and stepdaughter Dusty Brewer were by his side.

Drew has always loved adventure and the frontier way of life. As a young child he studied all about trapping, canoe building and the primitive ways of life. He dreamed about how it must have been to live in America at the time of her birth.

When Drew was only 8 years old, his grandfather introduced him to trapping. His love for trapping and the frontier way of life never dwindled. This inspired Drew and his brothers Kyle and Cole to build a log cabin with the help of a friend. Many still remember this cabin to this day.

In 2011, and 2015 respectively, Drew took large poplar trees which he carved into dugout canoes.

He paddled those canoes over 1,800 miles over the Pascagoula Basin. He soon became known as, "The Man in the Dugout Canoe." Wherever he traveled, people would call out to him to get a closer

look. They would ask many questions about the canoe and if there was a way to follow his travels such as a Facebook page. Drew soon realized, sharing all of his outdoor stories and hobbies with others, was a great way to tell others about God, the Creator of the Universe. This was the catalyst that inspired Drew and his wife Donna to start an Outreach Ministry Program in 2011. Through this, they shared the Gospel message while encouraging families to discover the outdoors and God's creation, through activities such as canoeing, trapping, archery, and camping. In addition to canoe building, Drew made other primitive items such as traditional bows and arrows, quivers, and even made his own tanned buck skin clothing. He and Donna often wore the buckskin clothing when speaking to various church groups and other organizations. With the help of his brother Kyle, they used their seasoned taxidermy skills to mount a beautiful, life-sized horse named, "Kaitlyn." Drew has been featured in various outdoor magazines including several issues of The American Frontiersman. Drew had the gift of telling a story with a sense of humor that was unlike any other. He used his talents to create bonds and glorify the Lord. While all the shows, props and stories are good, the greatest story Drew ever shared, was how Jesus changed his life at the age of 47 when he made HIM the Lord of his life. Because of this, Drew Corey Turner will live forever in his new glorious home with Jesus Christ! What comfort we can take in knowing that!

Drew was also known as Co-owner and Operator of the iconic Turner Brothers Taxidermy in downtown Hattiesburg, MS. There, he and his brother Kyle Turner, were not only brothers, but business partners of 34 years. Their business was a place people would come sometimes just to visit or share a story. Regardless, they could always find a friend to listen. If those walls could talk, oh the stories they could tell!

Drew was preceded in death by his parents Banks Rae Mac Turner and Mary Ella Turner. He is survived by his loving wife, Donna Sones Turner, daughter- Amy Davis (Jeff), step-daughter- Dusty Brewer (Jonathan), step-son- Joey Jones, granddaughters- Alexis Ward and Madison Ward, step-grandson- Peyton Jones, brothers- Kyle Turner (Chris), Cole Turner (Lisha), and a host of nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Drew was a devoted member of Lakeview Church, where he loved his church family, and they loved him.

Drew's "Final Frontier Days" display will be on exhibit one final time during visitation.

Location: Lakeview Church 3801 Lakeview Road Hattiesburg, MS

Date and Time: Friday, January 19th, 2024 from 4:00pm-7:00pm

Celebration of Life Memorial service will start immediately after at approximately 7:00pm.

Interment will be held on Saturday January 20, 2024, at 11:00am at Magnolia Cemetery, Leakesville,

MS. (Close family and friends will attend)

Lunch reception to follow at Canaan Land Pentecostal Church in Leakesville.

Drew trusted Jesus till his river's end.

He has put down his paddles and will never float again.

Jesus has taken him to a more beautiful place.

He is now looking upon Jesus' wonderful face.

He will be able to run, those streets of gold

Where no one there will ever grow old.

Donna Sones Turner

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service

JAN **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lakeview Church
3801 Lakeview Road
Hattiesburg
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
pinehavenfh@gmail.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Drew Corey Turner.*



January 19, 2024 at 06:49 AM



“ *Vicky Jones Holloway planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Drew Corey Turner.*

Vicky Jones Holloway - January 19, 2024 at 06:49 AM



“ *Peyton Myers, Julie Hughs , Myers family purchased the Garden Cross for the family of Drew Corey Turner.*



Peyton Myers, Julie Hughs , Myers family - January 18, 2024 at 06:29 PM



“ *Peyton Myers, Julie Hughs , Myers family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Drew Corey Turner.*

Peyton Myers, Julie Hughs , Myers family - January 18, 2024 at 06:29 PM

JF

“ Sending lots of prayers and love to all of you.
Irvin & Jarma Farmer

Jarma Farmer - January 18, 2024 at 08:02 AM

DT

Thank yo so much.

Donna Sones Turner - February 03, 2024 at 08:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Drew Corey Turner.

January 17, 2024 at 05:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Drew Corey Turner.



January 17, 2024 at 12:47 PM

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“ *Dave and Teri Robert* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Drew Corey Turner.

Dave and Teri Robert - January 17, 2024 at 12:47 PM

GB

“ when on vacation we visited the church in hattiesberg and the first folks we met were drew and donna turner. what great folks ! drew invited us to visit his shop which we did and were very impressed with the work he and his brother had done! what a blessing they were to the church and were a great witness of what GOD can do in lives that are dedicated to his service! may the peace that passes all understanding surround donna at this time! Gerald/Linda ball

gerald ball - January 16, 2024 at 10:35 PM

DT

I have just picked up the courage to read these messages. Thank you so much Gerald Ball. Drew and I talked about you and Ms Ball often. We never forgot the first time we met y'all either. Thank you so much for the kind words.

Donna Sones Turner - February 03, 2024 at 08:08 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Drew Corey Turner.



January 16, 2024 at 09:14 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Drew Corey Turner.



January 16, 2024 at 01:58 PM

RO

“ I can remember the first time that I met Drew. It was at church we became friends. He took me hunting at their hunting camp In Leakesville he will share stories with me he spent time with my daughters they loved him. Drew will be truly missed by many now he is walking the street of gold, in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, may you rest in peace in your memory will last forever

Ronald - January 16, 2024 at 11:24 AM