



## Lila Ann Turpin

August 14, 1934 - May 1, 2024

Lila Ann Turpin, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and pillar of strength, passed away on May 1, 2024, at the age of 89. Her long and beautiful life touched the hearts of all who knew her, leaving behind a legacy of love, kindness, and resilience.

Born on August 14, 1934, in Dickenson County VA, Lila was the daughter of Noah Bradley Lambert (d. 2002) and Ritter T Sutherland (d. 2000). She grew up with a deep appreciation for family values, a strong faith and work ethic, and perseverance; qualities that would define her character throughout her life.

Lila married Eugene Turpin in May of 1956, which spanned four decades until Eugene's passing in 1997. Eugene's military position meant that he and Lila moved frequently with their kids in tow, nationally and internationally, finally settling back to Virginia upon retirement. She served her country in military support and in prayer.

A dedicated homemaker and caretaker, Lila found purpose in her physical, emotional, and spiritual support of others. She wholeheartedly loved and gave to her family, her church, her community, and her friends, knowing that the true measure of love is found in action. In later years she found purpose in a card ministry, sending hundreds each year for all occasions. She enjoyed giving hugs, many times to those she did not know but felt they needed encouragement. Her legacy is a testament to the enduring power of selfless love, reminding us that the greatest joy comes from giving without expecting,

and by nurturing others to grow ourselves.

Lila's journey was not without loss, as she bid farewell to beloved family members and friends throughout her life. She is reunited in eternal peace with her husband, Eugene, and her siblings, Milton L. Lambert, Pauline L. Martin, and N.B. Lambert, who preceded her in death. Her brothers C. Gray Lambert and Harold D. Lambert are still with us today. Lila's memory lives on in the hearts of her surviving children, Pamela (Randy) Croy, Donna (Jay) Fox, Jerry (Darlene) Turpin, and Ronald (Tammy) Turpin, a very special friend Becky Corso, as well as her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family. Lila's life was marked by milestones of meaningful connections. She devoted herself to family, creating cherished traditions and moments of laughter that echoed through the years. Her home was a haven of warmth and hospitality, where gatherings were filled with love and homemade meals that brought her so much joy to share.

Her zest for life was contagious, evident in her love for a good challenge, be it tackling jigsaw puzzles, solving crosswords, or perfecting her beautiful calligraphy. She believed in savoring life's simple joys, from the occasional vacation travel with her children, dancing at her grandchildren's weddings, or to the lively tunes of bluegrass music and the excitement of loudly cheering her beloved Hokies onto victory. In these ways, she leaves behind a reminder to all of us to dance to the rhythm of life's melodies, solve its puzzles with patience, and love those around us boldly and without restraint.

A celebration of Lila's life will be held on May 5, 2024, at 2:00 PM at McCoy Funeral Home followed by a graveside service at Westview Cemetery in Blacksburg, VA. The family will receive friends from 12-2:00 P.M. before the service. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Community Christian Church in Newbern in honor of Lila and in service of her Lord.

Lila will be deeply missed but forever remembered for her love, laughter, and the enduring legacy of kindness she leaves behind.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Good Samaritan

Hospice and Commonwealth Assisted Living in Radford.

# Cemetery Details

## Westview Cemetery

723 E. Roanoke Street  
Blacksburg, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home  
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
(540) 552-3211  
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net  
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

MAY 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel  
150 Country Club Dr S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ To Pam, Randy and family,

*I send you all my sympathy and love. I did not know of Lila's passing until I read it in the newspaper a few days after the services. My Mother passed in April of 2023 after a long illness and stay in Warm Hearth. I wish I could have visited with you while you were in town.*

*You know how much I adored Lila. She was a special lady and I learned so much from her when we worked together in Burress Hall when I was so young. I treasure those times with her and her advice and wisdom.*

*I miss seeing you.*

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**Chris Denardo** - May 10, 2024 at 07:24 PM

TS

“ Sweet little Mrs. Lila was such a kind soul! My mother-in-law, Sandra Stosser, was Lila's neighbor for several years. Lila brought a lot of joy to Sandra through their friendship! She also encouraged Sandra in the Lord! When Sandra was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Lila remained a faithful friend and caring neighbor. I stopped by & spoke with Lila after Sandra passed. We reminisced, laughed and I got the opportunity to thank her. What a precious soul she was! My thoughts & prayers are with you all for the days ahead.

*Sincerely,*

*Teresa Viers Saul*

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**Teresa Viers Saul** - May 06, 2024 at 12:02 PM

SR

“ *What a beautiful service and so many wonderful friends from the old community. I feel so very blessed to be one of the kids of Long Shop and having Mrs. Turpin as one of the awesome moms. She was always there for you and one of the homes that you knew you were welcome and safe. I loved her smile and always a kind word of encouragement.*

*Heaven shines brighter now she has joined the choir. Thank you for being you, Mom Turpin.*

*Love always, Shannon Roberts*

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**Shannon Roberts** - May 06, 2024 at 11:19 AM

RL

“ *Randy, Pam and family,  
We are praying for all of you during this time of grief and sorrow.  
May God give you peace and comfort in the coming days and weeks ahead. She was certainly an example of God's love and faithfulness to all she knew.*

*Love*

*Steve and Rita Lay*

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**Rita Lay** - May 05, 2024 at 02:52 PM

GD

“ Lila met Frankie at a revival in Clintwood about 1950. Lila ask Frankie to write to her brother (Milton) that was in the army in Korea. When he came home with rings in hand he engaged my mother. May of 1956 baby #3 was on its way. Aunt Lila, mom's BFF wanted to name me Glenda Lou. Glenda is okay but not Lou. Glenda Gail.

I'm so honored that my aunt had a part in naming me and putting our family together. Paw Lambert was 1 of 16. I'm so proud to be 1 of 16 of the grandchildren. I love you family, wish I could be there with you today.

**GOD BLESSED OUR FAMILY**

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**GAIL Lambert Dunbar** - May 05, 2024 at 02:35 PM

EF

“ English Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lila Ann Turpin.

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**English Family** - May 05, 2024 at 05:30 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lila Ann Turpin.



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May 05, 2024 at 05:30 AM

PP

“ Pete and Alicia Pool planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lila Ann Turpin.

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**Pete and Alicia Pool** - May 04, 2024 at 08:26 PM

PP

“ *Pete and Alicia Pool purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lila Ann Turpin.*



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**Pete and Alicia Pool** - May 04, 2024 at 08:26 PM

FG

“ *My nana was the best grandmother there ever was, if you came to her house she always made you feel at home, she took care of our needs before hers, I am so blessed that I was able to be her granddaughter. I will cherish all these memories I have of her*

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**Faith Grubb** - May 04, 2024 at 05:33 PM

CS

“ *Joan and I are sure sorry for the loss of your mom. We go back a lot of years in Long Shop. I hadn't seen her in many years, but sounds like she remained the same loving and caring lady I knew many years ago . Know that y'all are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Chuck and Joan*

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**Chuck Shorter** - May 04, 2024 at 04:42 PM

RA

“ *Ricky Alls purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lila Ann Turpin.*



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**Ricky Alls** - May 04, 2024 at 04:14 PM

CS

“ Condolences to the family. I have fond memories of working with Lila at VT in the Anaerobe Lab. Thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Claudine Saville

Claudine Saville - May 04, 2024 at 01:58 PM

GS

“ We are sorry for your loss but thankful that Lila is now in heaven with our Lord and Savior. The obituary says it so well - she was truly a friend and encouragement to all who knew her. I loved serving with her at Community Christian church in McCoy where she was always anxious to bless others with her giving spirit. Our prayers are with the whole family.

Love, Gary and Linda Scott

Gary and Linda Scott - May 04, 2024 at 11:03 AM

SF

“ Senator Bill and Tracy Frist planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lila Ann Turpin.

Senator Bill and Tracy Frist - May 04, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lila Ann Turpin.



May 04, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lila Ann Turpin.*



May 03, 2024 at 10:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lila Ann Turpin.*



May 03, 2024 at 07:24 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. May God heal your broken hearts a little each day. May God Bless each of you.*

**Mike & Charlotte Epperley** - May 03, 2024 at 04:30 PM



“ *Mama Turpin was the sweetest thing and loved God, her family and Hokie sports. I am so grateful for my time with her and receiving the wisdom she shared over the years. I will miss you intensely. Love you all and pray for the peace that comes from your creator and knowing where she is.*



**Tammy Turpin** - May 03, 2024 at 04:04 PM

BO

“ Bland County Sheriffs Office planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lila Ann Turpin.

Bland County Sheriffs Office - May 03, 2024 at 03:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lila Ann Turpin.



May 03, 2024 at 03:54 PM

MD

“ Max Meadows Volunteer Fire Department purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Lila Ann Turpin.



Max Meadows Volunteer Fire Department - May 03, 2024 at 03:23 PM