



## Craig Nelson Turnbow

August 3, 1947 - November 25, 2019

Craig Nelson Turnbow, 72, of Knoxville, TN, passed away November 25, 2019. A native of Hohenwald, TN he was the son of the late Henry Ford Turnbow and Dorothy Mae (Peevyhouse) Turnbow. A graduate of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville and the University of Houston with multiple degrees in civil engineering and business administration, Craig's career spanned 50 years as an engineer and business consultant. Beloved by family and friends, he was involved in a number of community activities including founder of the Farragut youth baseball instructional league, past president of the Cedar Bluff - Farragut optimist club, and what he would consider as one of his favorite activities as "coach Turnbow" for a variety of youth baseball and basketball teams. A faithful member of Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church in Knoxville, he served on a number of church committees as well as an usher welcoming those to Sunday service. A lifelong enthusiast of the Tennessee Volunteers, he enjoyed attending/watching football/basketball/baseball games with his family and friends with his trademark "Go Big Orange" after every win. In his most recent years, Craig was very involved with the Lewis County Educational Foundation with the establishment of a scholarship fund for Lewis County High School students to further their education (Dorothy Turnbow Memorial Scholarship).

He is survived by his loving wife of over 50 years, Betty (Fraley) Turnbow; son and daughter-in-law Christopher and Angela Turnbow of Murfreesboro, TN,

son Eric Turnbow of Kingston, TN and son and daughter-in-law Corey and Catherine Turnbow of Newnan, GA; Mother-in-law Louise Kindred of Hohenwald, TN; four grandchildren Reagan, Sloan, Carter & Collin who affectionately called him Grandad.

Visitation with the family will be held at the McDonald Funeral Home in Hohenwald, TN on Friday, November 29th, from 5:00PM to 8:00PM.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, November 30th, at the Hohenwald First United Methodist Church at 11:00AM with Reverend Bruce Galyon officiating. Burial will follow after services in the Swiss Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to be made to the Lewis County Educational Fund (Dorothy Turnbow Memorial Scholarship Fund) or the Hohenwald First United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Swiss Cemetery

281 Summertown Hwy  
Hohenwald, TN 38462

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County  
20 West 2nd Avenue  
Hohenwald, TN 38462  
(931) 796-2207

## Funeral Service

NOV **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hohenwald First United Methodist Church  
200 S Court St, Hohenwald  
Hohenwald, TN 38462  
(931) 796-2681

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



McDonald Funeral Home, Inc - March 17 at 11:38 AM

AG

“ I met Craig in the mid-80s when we both worked for TVA. In those days I knew Craig to be a very thorough and competent engineer. So many years later when Craig contracted me about coming on board with CNS to support as a subcontractor I had no problems working to get him in. Craig again proved himself to be a technically competent engineer willing to continue to learn and to do whatever was asked of him. Craig helped us through a very difficult period. I will miss Craig but I know he is in a much better place. So I will say Craig's family that my prayers are with you during this time. Know this that “Earth Has No Sorrow That Heaven Can't Heal.”

God Bless  
Alvin

Alvin Gwat - December 02, 2019 at 01:03 PM

RH

“ My sincerest condolences for your loss. I met Craig when he came onboard as a subcontractor for CNS. I enjoyed hearing about his family/grandchildren and trips to Dollywood. May your cherished memories provide you comfort as you grieve and may you find peace in God's promises. With sympathy, Rhonda Gibbons

Rhonda - December 02, 2019 at 11:17 AM

JC

“ *Very sorry to hear that Craig has passed. We had no idea that he was ill. I worked with Craig for most of his career at TVA and DOE facilities. It has been my pleasure to have worked with Craig throughout our careers. There are many, many fond memories of our working relationship through over 40 years working together.*

*John Cox*

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**John Cox** - December 02, 2019 at 06:30 AM

TI

“ *Craig and I worked together for a few years early in his career as a Civil Engineer. He was impressive for his enthusiasm, professionalism, expertise, and dedication and devotion to his duties. He was a bulldog in pursuing his work and, once he latched onto his assignments , he never let go until he was satisfied with the results. He was talented, quick to learn, and most professional in all aspects of his work as well as his interface with clientele, peers and associates.*

*It was always a joy to interact with Craig and talk about "back home." He was from Hohenwald and I from Columbia. He loved sports and he loved to play baseball. As a matter of fact, he was a very talented, enthusiastic, and aggressive baseball player. One could always expect to see Craig on Monday mornings with "skid burns" from sliding into bases.*

*It is always tough to loose a loved one and I pray that Craig's family will receive and accept the peace and understanding that comes only from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and that He will comfort and heal their broken hearts as they deal with this loss.*

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**Thomas W Roberts III** - November 30, 2019 at 07:50 AM

MR

“ So sorry to hear of Craig’s passing. I worked with him at Y-12 in recent months. Even in times of heavy workload, pressures and stress Mr Turnbow was always a pleasure to be around and kept a positive outlook. He always treated everyone with dignity and respect, and the world is a safer place because of his work. May God bless his family in this time of grieving...we will sure miss Craig..



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**Michael Ritter** - November 27, 2019 at 10:07 PM

LJ

“ Craig was a couple of years ahead of me in school but we were pretty good friends. After Craig got his degree one of his first jobs was in Midland, Texas for one of the oil companies. I was home on leave after serving in Vietnam and Craig was home visiting from Texas. He heard I was home and stopped by my parents house to say hello. I told him I had to report soon to my next duty station at Fort Hood, Texas. He said "I'm going that way why not ride back with us and spend a few days with me and Betty." It didn't take long to say yes because Craig was always fun to be around and had a wonderful sense of humor. It was a pleasure and honor to get to spend some time with him and his wonderful wife Betty. Although I unfortunately haven't seen much of him over the years I know he will be missed by everyone who knew him.

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**Larry Jones** - November 27, 2019 at 06:15 PM

LD

“ Craig’s mother and my mother were Peevyhouse sisters and thus Craig and I were 1st cousins. However we were much closer than that growing up together in Hohenwald. Craig was my senior by 9 months but more like an older brother. I have 71 years of fond memories about Craig but one humorous memory involved my daddy, known to Craig as Uncle Tinty. We were eating supper at my house and Daddy ate an entire little green pepper in one bite. Craig said “Uncle Tinty is that pepper not hot “ to which Daddy replied “Not at all “ and ate another one. So Craig proceeded to take a small nibble and his eyes 🙄 immediately began to water and he ran to the sink and started running cold water over his tongue 🍷 and said to Daddy “Uncle Tinty I thought you said they weren’t hot ☐ “ to which Daddy replied through tears 😂 of laughter “They aren’t to me “! After that Craig was always cautious when it came to statements from Uncle Tinty



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**Larry Dabbs** - November 27, 2019 at 02:01 PM

JM

“ When our paths crossed at work many times over 40 years, it was always a blessing to be around Craig's affable demeanor. Few, including me first, handle the ups and downs of our work and family lives as well as Craig. His approach was always forward looking and without judgment, an approach that served him well in this life and I am sure will continue to do so. May his memory be eternal. John McDonald



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**John McDonald** - November 27, 2019 at 09:33 AM

PA

“ Patricia lit a candle in memory of Craig Nelson Turnbow



Patricia - November 27, 2019 at 08:21 AM

AD

“ Arelus & Ernestine Dye lit a candle in memory of Craig Nelson Turnbow



Arelus & Ernestine Dye - November 27, 2019 at 08:01 AM

KM

“ Kay Murphy lit a candle in memory of Craig Nelson Turnbow



Kay Murphy - November 26, 2019 at 11:18 PM

WB

“ Wilma Bush lit a candle in memory of Craig Nelson Turnbow



Wilma Bush - November 26, 2019 at 08:05 PM