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After opening her eyes widely and looking straight toward heaven Lt. Colonel Gladys took a few quick breaths, exhaled, and left this world for the heavenly home her lord has promised. She battled multiple medical issues over the past decade of her life when the Great Physician called her to "come up higher" Gladys was born in St. Louis, Missouri on July 6, 1927, the second daughter of Joseph and Olive (Hawkins) Cointin. Along with her siblings (and due to the proximity of the Salvation Army a few steps from their home) she began attending the Army Sunday school. And from that point in time until her "Promotion to Glory" it was "God and the Army" all the way! As young teen age Salvationists Gladys found more than a passing interest in young Leon Turner and he felt the same interest in Gladys. Both of them had a mutual calling of God to full time Christian service in the ranks of the Salvation Army. After high school graduation, they were engaged even though they realized the engagement would be a lengthy one. There were age regulations for "courting" as Salvation Army Officer candidates and cadets. Finally the requirements were met (Leon was too young to get married!) when their Divisional Commander joined them as man and wife the day after Leon's 21st birthday Happily and faithfully Gladys took up her duties alongside her husband. Mother-in-charge of their two baby daughters, she also was active with her women's work, assisting with social service responsibilities and youth programming plus selling Army WAR CRY periodicals and other types of fund raising. However, Corps/congregational efforts were paramount for she recognized her mission as being always to point those with whom she came into contact to Christ. Following their last Corps assignment in Springfield, Missouri, they went to a new and unusual setting. Majors Leon and Gladys Turner were assigned to the St. Louis DHQ. Gladys found her niche in the youth department as Leon was given the Public Relations responsibility covering the Missouri and Southern Illinois area. Further assignments took them to Grand Rapids



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in the Western Michigan/Northern Indiana headquarters before moving to the Army's National headquarters staff to prepare for the Centennial Congress for the four territories of the USA. Sunday School teaching roles begun as high school students in those early years now brought them to be the coordinators of the largest national gathering of Salvationists up to that time. Gladys was shocked (as was Leon) when they were assigned international leadership roles as the seconds-in-command of evangelism and administration of the seven country territory headquartered in Mexico City. Next they were transferred to four years in Buenos Aires as Chief Secretary, (second in command) for Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. After 8 years of overseas assignments, while Gladys was conducting a Home League rally, in the north of the territory, orders arrived again. This time to the "Wonderful West" --- back to the USA and headquartered in California. Shortly after retirement from their 43 years of service they settled in Clearwater, Florida, but not for long...there were additional calls for service "out of retirement: in Kansas, St. Petersburg, Miami and also in the Bahamas. Again, Gladys was at her sweetheart and help-mae's side, Leon. She is also survived by her daughters; Catherine, RN, CPHQ (Glen) Strang, BS, Karen MSW, LCSW (Dr. Bill, DVM) Bogasch, her grandson, Daniel Strang, MS.Ed, her great-grand daughter Avery Strang, Her siblings Shirley Stoops (Harold deceased). Frank Cointin, Richard Cointin (Yvonne), and Paul Cointin (Mary Ann) as well as many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews



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KF

Karen Fehlker posted:

You don't know me, but I'm Gladys' first cousin, 2x removed (through the Cointin side). I knew and spoke with Joseph Cointin, Gladys' half brother, before he passed and I have followed the Cointin and Turner family from afar. I am very sorry for your loss. She seemed like such an amazing human being. If anyone wishes to contact me to discuss what I know of her family history, please feel free. Again, my sympathies. kfehlker@hotmail.com

November 26 at 8:00 PM

JE

Joyce Elgen posted:

Uncle Leon, Cathy & Karen, It was good to see youn's in FI. Our church, Dave and I are all praying for youn's as you continue to go through this period of grief. Uncle Leon I will try to mail you a letter at least once a month. Miss you all!

May 9 at 8:00 PM

SM

Shirley Morgan posted:

Leon,Cathy&Karen please know that our prayers are with you at this time and we are thinking about each and everyone of you. may the Lord be with you and help you at this time of need. God Bless. Shirley & Richard Morgan , Mountain Home , North Carolina.

May 6 at 8:00 PM

DB

Delinda Billingsley posted:

I will miss my Aunt but I know she is in now enjoying the rewards she has earn from serving God and doing his will, plus she is with family and friends who have gone on before us but we will see her and others again soon

May 5 at 8:00 PM



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VT

Victor Turner posted:

I wish I could say I was at Aunt Gladys' funeral, but financial restraints did not allow me to bring my mother (Arlene Turner, Leon & Gladys sister-in-law) to Florida. Please let us know when the memorial in St. Louis will be. We will be there with out fail. I did not have too much contact with Gladys when growing up, except when they lived in St. Louis. This is not surprising due to her life long work serving the Lord side by side with uncle Leon. Her mission is done, Her service is complete . The Lord said to her, "Well done, my good and faithful servant". We will miss her on earth, but she is at her heavenly home with her family and friends as I write this today. Deepest sympathy to Uncle Leon, and Karen and Kathy. Please call us in St. Louis at (314) 434-3540, and let us know when the memorial will be. Please let us know if we can send a donation in Aunt Gladys name. Knowing of Aunt Gladys as I do, that donation will likely be to the Salvation Army, but if there is some other charity or cause that we can make a donation to, please let us know.

May 5 at 8:00 PM

NW

Norma Watts posted:

I will miss my Aunt very much, but I know she is in a better place now and she is no longer in any pain. My prayers are with my Uncle and my two cousins at this time. God Bless you all and may he look over you all at your time of need. Our hearts go out to you all . Norma Jean.

May 3 at 8:00 PM

KB

Karen Bogasch posted:

I know my mother is in a better place now where there is no suffering. I will still miss her every minute of every day. Thank you to all of their friends for being so supportive during this difficult time.

May 2 at 8:00 PM

LG

Linda Gorka posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family of sweet, sweet Gladys. She is truly an angel now. She used to come into the beauty school to get her hair done with her wonderful, caring husband, Leon. They were such a cute couple. I will miss her smiling face and her quick wit. RIP Receptionist - Sunstate Academy-

April 29 at 8:00 PM



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Cheryl Lewis posted:

Those we love don't go away,They walk beside us every day,Unseen, unheard, but always near,Still loved, still missed and very dear.

April 28 at 8:00 PM



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