

**Teresa Gail Bailey Turner**, 61, of 318 Tomlin Road, Harmony, died Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, at Iredell Memorial Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Burgess A. Bailey Sr. and Goldsbeth Sharpe Bailey Cowan. She was married to and survived by her husband of 39 years, Jerry Wayne Turner. Teresa was a 1966 graduate of Unity High School. She received her B.A. degree from Winston-Salem State University and her M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She was an educator in the Iredell County School System (Union Grove, Harmony, and North Iredell High) for 34 years, and retired in 2000. Additionally, she was the financial officer for Turner Landscaping in Statesville and Jeresa Farms in Harmony for 30 years. Mrs. Turner was a member of First Baptist Church in Harmony, where she faithfully served as a deaconess and Sunday school teacher. She was also a member of the usher board and served as financial secretary for 30 years. She was an active member of the Willing Workers Senior Ministry and Women After God's Own Heart ministry. Mrs. Turner was a member of various organizations and boards, including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Friends of the Library of Harmony, Tri-County Medical Group, Iredell County Jury Commission, Iredell County Historical Society, and Iredell County Retired Teachers Association. In retirement, Teresa focused on and enjoyed all things associated with her family, including photography, history, traveling, playing cards and spending time with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed her newfound friends at Pulmonary Fitness and Better Breathing Club at Davis Regional Medical Center. Mrs. Turner was preceded in death by her father, Burgess A. Bailey Sr.; and a son, Phillip Scott Turner. In addition to her husband, Jerry Wayne Turner, and mother, Goldsbeth Cowan, survivors include two sons, Sean (Chasity) Turner, of Harmony, and RayMond (Shenitra) Turner, of Statesville; a daughter, Bailey (Jimmy) Rayford, of Richmond, Ind.; a godson, Frederick (Lori) Dalton; four grandchildren, Kelsey Milsaps, Justice Milsaps and Jayden Turner, all of Harmony, and Reese Rayford, of Richmond, Ind.; five sisters, Phyllis A. Bailey, Cynthia Bailey, Mary (Perry) Turner, all of Statesville, Emily (Philip) Greene, of Columbus, Ohio, and Linda (Eugene) Jacobs, of Winston-Salem; two brothers, Burgess Bailey, of Statesville, and Preston (Julia) Bailey, of Columbus, Ohio; three brothers-in-law, Kenneth (Rhonda) Turner and Dennis Turner, both of Statesville, and Larry (Ozell) Turner, of Harmony; two sisters-in-law, Linda J. Turner, of Harmony, and Janet McKoy Bailey, of Wake Forest; a host of nephews and nieces, including a special niece, Anna Bailey; and cousins, other relatives and special friends, including Unity High School Class of 1966 - Mr. and Mrs. David Rucker, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dalton, Ms. Lenora Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Tabor, and Mr. and Mrs. Amus Potts - and Alice Lee, Sarah McHenry, Peggy Valentine, Irene Steele and Fredia Chambers. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Harmony. Pastor Jeffrey Miller will officiate and the Rev. Darryl McConnell will deliver the eulogy. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church one hour before the service. Memorials in Teresa Turner's honor can be made to the following: Friends of the Library (Harmony Public Library), 3393 Harmony Highway, Harmony, NC 28634; First Baptist Church Sunday School Class #4, 126 First Church St., Harmony, NC 28634; First Baptist Church Willing Workers Senior Ministry, 126 First Church St., Harmony, NC 28634; Alfred E. Bailey Scholarship Fund, 137 Edna Lane, Statesville, NC 28625. Online condolences can be made at [GrahamFuneralHome.net](http://GrahamFuneralHome.net). Graham Funeral Home is serving the family.