



## George Turnquist

January 4, 1927 - November 24, 2021

George A Turnquist, age 94, of Schaller, Iowa died November 24, 2021 at his home in Schaller.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Schaller. Burial will be in the Schaller Cemetery. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller is in charge of the arrangements.

George A Turnquist was born on January 4, 1927 in Ambrose, North Dakota to George Washington Turnquist and Marvelle (Langford) Turnquist.

George attended school in Ambrose until the age of seventeen. He joined the Navy in 1944 where he spent time in the Philippines. After the war was over, he spent time in China. George earned the American Campaign medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal, WWII Victory medal, China Service medal, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. After his discharge from the Navy in 1946, George worked in construction. He moved to Iowa in 1951 where he worked for Younglove Construction as a millwright. In August of 1974, he was in a dust explosion at the grain elevator in Jefferson, Iowa. He was burned badly and was disabled. George earned his GED in 1976.

On August 8, 1956, George was united in marriage to Alice Rasmussen in Arthur, Iowa. To this union six children were born: Kent, Brent, Glenda, Miron, Janet and Todd. Two sons, Miron and Todd, were lost in infancy.

George was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church in Schaller. He served as a Deacon, Elder, Trustee and on the Pulpit Committee. He put in endless hours cleaning the church as custodian for many years. George was also a member of the VFW.

George enjoyed socializing and playing cards with friends, visiting casinos, woodworking, and spending time with his family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children: Cami (Jerry) Harriman; Kent (Vicki) Turnquist; Brent (Jolene) Turnquist; Glenda Turnquist; Janet (Jim) Illum; grandchildren: Rachel (Kelly) Sturtevant; Brandon (Tollie) Turnquist; Wes Turnquist; Jamie Turnquist; Ryan (Kelli) Turnquist; Uriah (Kimberly) Cross; Keegan Cross; Shauntelle (Jeramie) Rodriguez; Tory Johannsen; Dylan Johannsen; Heidi Illum; Karl Illum; Gretchen (Matt) Wimer; 21 great grandchildren; brother, Charles Turnquist; extended family and friends.

George is preceded in death by his loving wife, Alice; two infant sons, Miron and Todd; father, George Washington Turnquist; mother, Marvelle (Langford) Turnquist; three brothers; and one sister.

He leaves to mourn his loving family and many friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Schaller Cemetery

1382 County Rd D15  
Schaller, IA 51053

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Schaller Presbyterian Church  
Schaller, IA 51053

## Funeral Service

DEC 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

Schaller Presbyterian Church  
Schaller, IA 51053

# Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - November 30, 2021 at 01:01 PM

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“ Camie and Jerry Harriman purchased the With Distinction for the family of George Turnquist.



Camie and Jerry Harriman - November 27, 2021 at 02:26 PM

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“ I smile recalling a special conversation I shared with George when I reminded him of his old nicknames- Hip and Duffy. He laughed and said "you know more about me than I do!"

Although the cherished time spent with my Father was short he will forever hold a very special place in my heart.  
I will greatly miss him, Camie



Camie Harriman - November 27, 2021 at 09:54 AM

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“ To Alice and family. Was sad to see the news of George passing. Howard thought a lot of his Wal Mart co-worker, and enjoyed working with him. To me, George was a truly kind, gentle man and well respected. He will be greatly missed. He'll forever be in your hearts.

*With deepest sympathy.*

*Darlene Raveling*

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**Darlene Raveling** - November 26, 2021 at 10:16 PM