



Vernon Taliaferro Tarver Sr.

February 27, 1940 - September 8, 2019

Vernon Taliaferro Tarver Sr., 79, of Fayetteville died September 8, 2019. Vernon was born in Star City, Arkansas on February 27, 1940 and was raised in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his mother Mary, his father Cullen and his dear younger sister Cullen Mac. He is survived by his wife Thelma, daughter Mary Anne Tarver of Fayetteville, Son Vernon Tarver, Jr. and grandson Jackson of Springdale; brothers-in-law Arthur Weeden, Clifford Mosier (Bobbie), nephews John (Lyle), Carl (Cortney), Billy (Brenda) and Jerry and nieces Amy, Mary Cullen (Chris), Patty and Kristine.

Vernon graduated from Pine Bluff High School in 1958 where he was proud to “wear the stripes” for the Zebras, lettering in both football and basketball as quarterback and point guard. He attended Henderson State University for one year then transferred to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. His education was interrupted by two years of service in the U.S. Army in military intelligence. After his military duty Vernon returned to the University of Arkansas where he was a proud member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, making a multitude of life-long friends. He graduated in 1966 with a BSBA in Marketing.

Vernon’s professional life included the following: Vice-president of East Mortgage Banking Company, President of Northwest Title, President of Tarver and Associates Real Estate Company, instructor of real estate at the University of Arkansas and forty-five plus years of experience in real estate, ending his career proudly as Senior Vice-president and Executive Broker at Coldwell Banker Harris McHaney and Faucette.

Vernon's career was distinguished by becoming a life-time member of the Multi-Million Dollar Club, serving as a member of the Fayetteville Board of REALTORS, being selected as favorite agent in Fayetteville by the Arkansas Times in their Readers Choice Awards, serving as chairman of the Professional Standards Committee and being awarded the title and status of Real Estate Emeritus by the National Association of Realtors in 2015.

Vernon was a member for more than fifty years of St Joseph’s Catholic Church. He served

his community as the PTO president and basketball coach of St Joseph School, president of Woodland Jr. High Booster Club, member of Arkansas Alumni, a Razorback Scholarship supporter, and was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Among Vernon's passions were a fierce support of the Arkansas Razorbacks, St. Louis Cardinals, duck hunting, fall porch gates, yearly (men's) Spring Fish Fry, blues music, highlighted by yearly trips to the Helena Blues Festival and on occasion singing "Sweet Lil Angel" with the Cate Brothers Band.

Vernon often said he had four valued families. First and foremost was his deeply loved immediate family including his wife Thelma of fifty-two years, his daughter Mary Anne, his son Vernon, Jr. and his beloved grandson, Jackson. Second, was his work family of treasured and loved colleagues at Faucette Real Estate, Third, was his south Arkansas family composed of members of Shady Oaks Duck Club where he served as president for many years. Last, was his family of loyal, devoted life-long friends, especially his fellow Road Runner Golf Tournament duffers.

A rosary will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday September 13, 2019 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Funeral Mass starting at 11:00 a.m. under the direction of Moore's Chapel. A reception will be held following the Mass in the Norm DeBriyn Center at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made in Vernon's name to Fayetteville Meals on Wheels or WRMC Willard Walker Hospice Home. They would also like to offer a special thanks to Dr. Larry Tuttle and staff, the staff of Walker Heart Institute CHFC and Willard Walker Hospice staff especially RN Dylan and CNA Bobbi.

Events

SEP **Rosary** 10:30AM - 11:00AM

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St. Joseph Catholic Church

1722 N Starr Dr, Fayetteville, AR, US, 72701

SEP **Memorial Mass** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A great guy and SAE brother.
Paul Abdella
Little Rock

Paul Abdella - September 15, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ Unlike many leaving comments here, I did not know Vernon Sr. However, I taught school with Thelma. So I believe I'm safe in saying he must have been a kind, smart, funny, and tough fellow! Had to be to match Thelma! Kind thoughts to the family.
Geniece Yates

Geniece Yates - September 13, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ So sorry for your loss



Annette Hendrix - September 13, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ Vernon will be missed with every sunset and every sunrise. He had a way of embracing life that made everyone around him love and respect him. People were drawn to him because of his gregarious manner, his ability to put folks immediately at ease and his ability to make them want to hear more of his entertaining stories. Vernon was my friend and I loved him dearly. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Ada Poland - September 13, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ Vernon Tarver was a good friend to me and to so many others. My greatest sympathy goes out to his family. Vernon will be greatly missed. Dash Goff

Dash Goff - September 13, 2019 at 09:08 AM



“ Vernon will be missed with every sunrise and every sunset. He was a man who brought warmth to cold winter days and a cool gentle breeze to hot summer days. He always went out of his way to engage folks in conversation and to make them feel comfortable and happy in any situation. I loved him dearly as my friend and I will miss him terribly.



Ada Poland - September 13, 2019 at 12:33 AM



“ In 1954, my dad, Austin Franks, taught square dancing in and around Pine Bluff. Sometimes Vernon and I would go with him and we would call square dances. Vernon really enjoyed those times. He was probably around 14 years old. I am so sorry for your loss. Gene Austin Franks

Gene A. Franks - September 12, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ Sincerest Sorrow - Multicolor Bright was purchased for the family of Vernon Taliaferro Tarver Sr..



September 12, 2019 at 05:23 PM



“ It's with heavy heart that I learn of the passing of my friend and fellow outdoors man. Condolences and Prayers for the family! God's Speed Vernon!
Ronny Stone!

Ronny Stone - September 12, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Vernon Taliaferro Tarver Sr..



September 12, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ Eternal rest grant to Vernon, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Saint Joseph Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Knights of Columbus - September 11, 2019 at 12:11 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Tom Reed - September 11, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ John Ogden Insurance Agency purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Vernon Taliaferro Tarver Sr..



John Ogden Insurance Agency - September 10, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ We send our condolences to the family of Vernon Tarver Sr. Vernon was one of the first people who welcome us to Fayetteville in 1977.

Larry and Marian Beightol

marian beightol - September 10, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Vernon Taliaferro Tarver Sr..



September 10, 2019 at 01:22 PM



“ Rose Rugger lit a candle in memory of Vernon Taliaferro Tarver Sr.



Rose Rugger - September 10, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ So sad to hear of Vernon's passing. What a wonderful man he was and such a big part of the Fayetteville community. Being from Pine Bluff also, I always enjoyed the great old Pine Bluff stories with Vernon. We are sorry that we can't attend the funeral because of being out of town. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you, Thelma, and the rest of the family.

Sincerely,
David and Sharon Hunt

David Hunt - September 10, 2019 at 09:11 AM



“ Vernon was a kind and caring man who always made me laugh. He will be greatly missed by my family and I.

Mary Mccool - September 09, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ Vernon was a good friend and I totally enjoyed his humor and his passion for life. He was a mentor to me as I changed professions. I will always remember him.

Ben Israel - September 09, 2019 at 07:09 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed my weekend visits with MaryAnne to the TARVER house during our years in college. I always felt very welcomed and treated like a member of the family. Will never forget the pre-and post Razorback parties along with the walks to and from the stadium. Also remember a great weekend at the horse races in Hot Springs with Mr. TARVER and MaryAnne. I am sending all of my love to the TARVER family.

Darrin Schmidt - September 09, 2019 at 05:33 PM



“ People all over Arkansas and other parts of the world are saying, "Vernon Tarver was a good friend to me." Vernon liked people, and people liked Vernon's honesty, generosity, and kind heart. He was a gracious host who loved opening his home for good food, fellowship, and conversation that included some very funny stories and lots of sports memories. Vernon was a good, loyal friend to Phil Stewart. And in recent years, I loved when Vernon would say, "Did Phil ever tell you about the time...?" because he was going to share a memory that warmed my heart and made me laugh. I suspect there will be countless times that people will say to Thelma, Mary Ann, and Vernon, "Did Vernon ever tell you about the time...?" and even though they know the story, they will want to hear it one more time. I'm proud to say Vernon Tarver was a good friend to me and my family. Susie Stewart

Susie Stewart - September 09, 2019 at 04:47 PM



“ Jay Stirewalt purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Vernon Taliaferro Tarver Sr..



Jay Stirewalt - September 09, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ Vernon was a friend of my Dad, Wally Scranton. He hung out at the U of A style shop where all the guys got their hair cut. I know my dad thought a lot of him. He also was my dad's realtor and then became ours as well. I remember him coming to our basketball games. He was always so kind and friendly. I know he was proud of Vernon Jr! (Which I always truly enjoyed him as my sports editor) Great family! May the Holy Spirit wrap his arms around you and comfort you during this difficult time.

Sandy Scranton Wright - September 09, 2019 at 04:22 PM