Eric Walters Turnbull

Eric was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and grew up in Birmingham, Ala. He was a five-year graduate of Auburn University and was a licensed chemical engineer in the oil refining business. He moved to Lake Charles, to work for Cities Service Oil Company. He retired after 40 years with the company on Dec. 1, 1963 as the General Manager for Cities Oil-Con Lake Plant.

While attending Auburn, he was a member of Delta Sig Tau Phi fraternity, as well as Tau Beta Pi and Phi Lambda Upsilon honorary fraternities.

After moving to Lake Charles, he sang in the choir at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd for 23 years. He also directed the choir for two years and was a member of the vestry. He was a member of the Levitngton Chorus, directed by Mrs. Eva Levitngton, and they sang for civic organizations. He was instrumental in helping form and sang in the SPERHQA, along with Norvell Harper, Van Schmutz and Don Beley. They were known as the Bojouistes Quartette and entertained at many civic functions. He was a member of the McNeese Messiah Choirs for several years and played in the orchestra. He was a member of the Louisiana Choral Foundation for several years.

Eric was an avid golfer and a member of the Lake Charles Country Club. He was a member of the Louisiana Seniors Golf Association and played in tournaments all over Louisiana and in the Amateur Classic Golf tournaments at Panama City, Fla.

He was married and past president of the Pioneer Club. He was a Traditional Rug Hooker with his wife Ruby Turnbull. His rugs were shown in the McGraw National Exhibit every two years.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Mr. Turnbull chose to donate his body to the LSU Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his parents, Douglas Taylor Turnbull and Harriet Grace Riley, both born in London, England, his wife of 60 years, Ruby Nell DeLoach Turnbull, and two brothers, Dr. Donald C. Turnbull of Birmingham, Ala. He is survived by two daughters, Sally Evelyn Dupuis of Charlotte, N.C., and Annet Grace Collins of Lake Charles, La., two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The family would like to express their grateful appreciation for the compassionate care given their beloved father to Grand Cove and Christus St. Patrick Hospice.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church Organ Fund, 123 West Sale Road, Lake Charles, LA 70605.

Words of comfort to the family may be expressed at www.johnsonfuneralhome.net.