

OBITUARY

Timothy Lynn 'Tim' Turner

Timothy Lynn "Tim" Turner and Betty Turner of Grapeland; brother: Bill Sexton of Grapeland; sister: Valerie K. Smith and husband, Dr. Frank A. Smith III of Crockett; nieces and nephew: Ryan Pennington of Sugar Land, Morgan Pennington of Fort Worth and Madison Canton of Navasota

Tim was born March 7, 1965 in San Jacinto and had been living in Brenham for the past 18 months.

He worked as a ranch foreman and horse trainer and was a member of the Texas Rodeo Association.

Survivors include his wife, Candace Lynn Turner of Brenham; precious children: Blake Turner of Bullard, Dillon Turner of Bullard, Stratton Turner of Bullard and Sarah Turner of Bullard; children's mother: Jill Turner of Bullard; step-children: Colby Langston of Brenham and Rachel Ricks of Brenham; parents: Jerry Lynn

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Timothy was preceded in death by his sister, Jeri Turner Canton

Funeral services for Timothy Lynn "Tim" Turner were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, at Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Charles Pyle, the Rev. Mark Norman and Pastor Davy Hobson officiating.

Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Lovelady.

We know the score!

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Warming affects hardiness zones

The USDA has for the last several decades established cold hardiness zones for our plants.

These zones are our guidelines to what plants will do well in our area. The Plant Hardiness Zone Map divides the United States and Canada into 11 areas based on a 10 degree Fahrenheit difference in the average annual minimum temperatures. While the Tyler area is on the border line between 7b and 8a, most of the area is in Zone 8a which means our coldest average temperature for plants would be 10 to 15 degrees Fahrenheit.

Using the USDA map as a base, the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) has updated its map.

They studied the last 15 years of temperature

data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's 5000 climatic data centers and decided to make changes.

According to their evaluation, they have moved Zone 7 up into Oklahoma and Zone 8 is now up past the Oklahoma border.

The only Zone 7 remaining in Texas is the Panhandle.

This move from the NADF would make our average temperature 15 to 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

While the USDA maps have not been changed, it would be wise to keep the NADF changes in mind when selecting plants.

To check out their map for the new Arbor Day Foundation cold-hardiness zones go to www.arbor-day.org.

Linda Sargent,  
 Smith County Master Gardener

ular mowing.

There is no need to raise or lower the cutting height in the fall.

Leave it at the same height as during the summer.

Check your grass after mowing. It should have smooth, not ragged or torn, cuts. Sharpen your mower blade at least a couple times a year. A sharp edge cuts the grass cleanly, resulting in quicker recovery.

**Pests:** Insects - Chinch bugs can continue to be a problem in St. Augustine grass during hot, dry weather.

Grub worms could be a problem in any lawn. They feed on roots, resulting in dying areas that are very loosely rooted. Check for the presence of grubs or chinch bugs before considering treating.

Fire ants will be more active this fall, and now is an ideal time to treat with a bait formulation to target both seen and unseen fire ant colonies.

**Diseases:** Brown patch and take-all root rot are two fungal diseases that infect lawns, especially St. Augustine and Centipede grass, in the fall.

These diseases are most active when the weather is mild (low 50's to mid 80's) and when leaves and crown area stay wet for several hours.

Brown patch damages the lawn in large patches that are often round, but not always.

A diagnostic feature is that the leaves rot at the base and easily pull from the stolons (runners).

Brown patch does not direct-

ly kill grass since the stolons remain alive and usually recover in spring.

But it does weaken the lawn and results in delayed spring green up.

Take-all root rot also damages the lawn in irregular patches, killing infected grass.

Symptoms are similar to grub damage in that the damaged grass is loosely rooted, but the difference is that roots are rotted

with a dry decay, while grub-damaged grass roots have been eaten, do not appear rotten and grubs will be present.

Symptoms of take-all root rot are usually seen in mid-spring after growth resumes.

Remember, diseases can only occur if the grass is kept wet for long periods of time, so water as infrequently as possible, and try not to water in the evening.

**Weeds:** Lawns with serious early spring weed problems (Poa annua - annual bluegrass, chickweed, henbit, clover, lawn burweed, etc.) can benefit from a pre-emergence herbicide applied now to prevent these cool-season weed seeds from germinating.

Besides being unsightly, dense infestations of winter weeds can be damaging to lawns during spring green-up due to competition for sunlight, soil moisture and nutrients.

And as winter weeds die, summer weeds like crabgrass can easily infest the holes left by the dead growth.

Pre-emergence applications should be made soon winter weeds will be germinating with the cooler fall weather. Water immediately after application or the product will not work.

However, weak, drought-stressed, and newly seeded or sodded lawns could be hurt more than helped by a fall application of a pre-emergence herbicide, so you should skip the treatment for lawns under these conditions.

Always read and follow label directions. Applying more than labeled rates can also damage turf.

Remember, a vigorous turf resulting from good cultural practices of proper mowing, watering and fertilizing is the best defense against weeds.

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