
He was very active in a number of organizations, serving on the board of directors of New Jersey Audubon and the Pinelands Preservation Alliance. He was a member of the College Art Association, the Century Association; Phi Beta Kappa, and Princeton Project 55.

Photography and birding were two of Turner's greatest passions. He honed his skills as an amateur photographer over the years, and was an avid bird watcher and devoted to the Cape May Bird Observatory, where he volunteered countless hours and made many friends.

In addition to his wife Jane of 56 years, he is survived by sons Louis of Minneapolis, Minn., and David of Sarasota, Fla.; a sister, Betsy Turner of Newfoundland, Penn.; and eight grandchildren and stepgrandchildren.

A. Richard 'Dick' Turner


A memorial service for family and friends will be held Saturday, Oct. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cape May Bird Observatory. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Turner's name to New Jersey Audubon, 9 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924 or at njaudubon.org.

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He was born in New Bedford, Mass., in 1932, and received bachelor's, master of fine arts, and PhD degrees from Princeton University. He was a Fulbright scholar, and held a number of academic appointments during his career. He was an instructor in fine arts at the University of Michigan; professor of art and archaeology at Princeton University; dean of the faculty and professor of fine arts at Middlebury College; and president of Grinnell College, from 1975 to 1979.

He finished his career at New York University, where he held a number of positions, including director of the Institute of Fine Arts, dean of the faculty of Arts & Sciences, professor of fine arts, director of the New York Institute of Humanities, and the Paulette Goddard professor chair in arts and humanities.