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Albert Turner Sr.

Civil Rights Activist

Albert Turner Sr., 64, a civil rights activist who led the mule wagon that carried the body of Martin Luther King Jr. at his funeral, died April 13 in Selma, Ala., in a hospital where he was about to undergo surgery for abdominal bleeding.

He was Alabama field secretary for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1965 when he helped lead the aborted Selma-to-Montgomery voting rights march that was blocked by stick-swinging state troopers. The day came to be known as "Bloody Sunday."

During the 1980s, Mr. Turner, the son of a sharecropper who graduated from Alabama A&M University, was one of a group of civil rights workers put on trial on federal charges of voter fraud.

Activists in west Alabama claimed that Republicans were trying to diminish black voting. Mr. Turner was found innocent of all charges.

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