A Statesboro man was killed early Monday morning in a single-vehicle accident.

Benjamin S. Turner, 67, who lived at 1319 Longwood Road, died at the scene of the crash on U.S. Highway 80 East near Stilson around 5 a.m. Monday.

He was a 1967 graduate of Statesboro High School and was president of the Statesboro High School Class of 1967.

He was the father of three children — Mark, Karen and Betty — and was the husband of Ann Frances Turner for 49 years.

He was the brother of the late W. D. Turner, Sr., who died in 1992.

He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Vietnam War.

In addition to his service to his country, Turner also was a well-known local figure, and his presence will be greatly missed by his family, friends and colleagues at The Statesboro Herald. 

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Turner family during this difficult time.

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Brian McKeon, a senior policy adviser to Defense Secretary Ashton Carter, was appointed as the new undersecretary of defense for policy, the department announced Monday.

McKeon is currently senior vice president at the Center for a New American Security, a policy institute based in Washington, D.C.

He replaces Robert Work, who left the role in December 2014 to accept the position of deputy secretary of defense.

According to Carter, McKeon has a strong track record of leading transformational change in government, industry and as a member of the military.

"He has a proven track record of success in leading large-scale transformation efforts and is well-known for his work to increase competition in the defense acquisition process," the department said in a statement.

McKeon, 48, has spent most of his career in government service, starting in 1992 as a professional staff member for the Senate Armed Services Committee.

He served as the deputy undersecretary of defense for policy under Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta before serving as the deputy assistant secretary of defense for strategy, plans and forces under Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel.

He is a 1987 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and a 1991 graduate of the Naval War College, where he earned a master’s degree in national security and strategic studies.

In 2004, he earned a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago.

In a statement, McKeon said he is honored to serve the Department of Defense.

"The Department is fortunate to have such a talented individual in the role of undersecretary of defense for policy. I look forward to working with Secretary Carter as we continue to modernize the Department of Defense and ensure that it remains the world’s preeminent military force for the national security of the United States and our allies,” he said.

McKeon will succeed former undersecretary of defense for policy William J. Lynn III, who resigned in December 2014.

"I am very grateful to Secretary Carter for entrusting me with this important role. I am thrilled to join the team and will do everything I can to make sure that our defense enterprise continues to be more resilient, more adaptable, and better able to deter threats and win the wars we may face in the years ahead," McKeon said.

Until McKeon takes over, the department’s current acting undersecretary of defense for policy is John Rood.

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McKeon enters the role with considerable military experience.

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