



## Alva Gene Dugger

February 3, 1944 - August 2, 2014

Alva Gene Dugger went to be with Jesus on the 2nd day of August, 2014 at White County Medical Center in Searcy, AR. He was born on February 3rd, 1944 in Newport, AR to Alva Don Dugger and Myrtle Alice (Davis) Dugger. Alva Gene grew up in Newark, AR. He graduated from Newark High school in 1961.

After high school, he attended Harding University in Searcy, AR the fall of 1961. Alva Gene then attended Arkansas College from 1961 to 1965 where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He then attended the University of Missouri at Rolla in Rolla, MO where he studied math and computer science and graduated with a Master's of Science in 1969.

Alva Gene began teaching mathematics for Harding University in 1969. After a short hiatus to continue graduate work, he returned to Harding to direct the first Computer Center. Alva Gene continued his career as a college professor for 45 years.

Alva Gene married his high school sweetheart, Frances Earlene (Magness) Dugger in Newark, AR on December 22nd, 1961. They were happily married for 52 years. He was a member of College church of Christ in Searcy, AR.

Alva Gene enjoyed spending time in the great outdoors and "headed to the woods" as often as possible. He channeled his love of Jesus, the outdoors and riding motor cycles into a ministry of helping young people to experience the Creator through nature and riding. He was also an avid reader and student and loved to share both his books and his faith with others. Alva Gene's true

passion was teaching. As a professor of mathematics for 45 years he worked diligently every day to make a positive difference in his student's lives. He made it his mission to "coach" his students to success in mathematics and became affectionately known as "Coach" Dugger.

Alva Gene was preceded in death by his father, Alva Don Dugger.

Alva Gene is survived by his wife Fran of Searcy, AR and his three children Sabrina (Dugger) Reynolds and her husband Rick Reynolds, his son Jonathan Dugger and his son Joe Dugger and his wife Angie (Fouts) Dugger, six grandchildren, Jamie Reynolds Styers, Chelsea Reynolds, Jacob Dugger, Ty Dugger, Rebecca Dugger, Mary Dugger and two great-grandchildren, Parker Styers and Grayson Styers. He is also survived by his mother Myrtle Alice Dugger of Batesville, one brother, Billy Don Dugger of Batesville, two sisters, Donna Sue Carlton and Kay Carlton of Batesville.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to:

Math and Science, Harding Advancement Office

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Harding University

Searcy, AR 72149

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ I was so sorry to hear about Professor Dugger's passing this week. He was a kind, gentle, passionate educator and man of God. I have fond memories of attending his Algebra classes at Harding University. He will never be forgotten. We are praying that God holds his family and loved ones close during this time of loss and sadness. May they feel His amazing peace, be comforted by lovely memories, and trust in the hope of being together again in Heaven someday. Sending our love and condolences, Rebekah and Jimmy Cunningham

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**Rebekah Cunningham** - February 10, 2016 at 02:24 PM

LP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of loss. May God continue to give you comfort in the days ahead.

*Howard Heron; Lynda Pechoski & Jan Williams*

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**Lynda Pechoski** - February 10, 2016 at 02:24 PM

RR

“ We are praying for you and your family. Gene was a great Christian man who loved the Lord and served him daily.

*Love and Prayers,  
Brenda and Rickie Roach*

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**Rickie & Brenda Roach** - February 10, 2016 at 02:24 PM

GH

“ We are so sorry for your loss, but knowing Gene, I know he is much better off now than he ever was here on Earth. We are praying for you.

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**Gary and Suzan Hill** - February 10, 2016 at 02:24 PM

KP

“ I am sorry to hear of Coach Dugger's passing, which was before his time; however, just knowing he will be blessed now to be with The Lord in Heaven is a comfort. Coach Dugger was always a friendly and kind professor to us in and out of the classroom. My prayers of uplift to go his family.

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**Kimberly Garner Parker** - February 10, 2016 at 02:24 PM

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**Kimberly Garner Parker** - February 10, 2016 at 02:24 PM

JC

“ I have known Gene since the 1960's. we rode trail bikes together many times.

*I was saddened to learn of his passing.*

*Jim*

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**Jim Crosby** - February 10, 2016 at 02:24 PM

LN

“ *Dear Fran and family -  
As I light a candle of SHALOM PEACE for you, my aching heart  
travels to you during such times.*

*May the Lord keep you in His bosom with love and comfort. - Laura  
with love*

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**Laura Ngai** - February 10, 2016 at 02:24 PM

LN

“ *Though one year passes too swiftly, memory of Coach stays and is  
alive in my heart.*

*Fran and all your family members are lifted before the Lord esp at  
this time.... May you always be comforted in His love.*

*Take care and Love, Laura Ngai (August 2, 2015)*

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**Laura Ngai** - February 10, 2016 at 02:24 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Gene's passing, and I mourn with you for your  
loss.*

*Gene was not just a teacher to me, he was also a mentor at  
Harding's computer center. I am just one of many who's life has  
been made better by his spirit.*

*I pray that God gives you peace and comfort in this time of sorrow.*

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August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM