



## Donald Earl Dugger

November 1, 1928 - August 30, 2019

Donald Earl “Don” Dugger, longtime resident of Bradford, Arkansas, gained his heavenly wings on Friday, August 30, 2019, at the age of 90. He was born on November 1, 1928, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Earl and Eulalia Wolff Dugger. Following his graduation from North Division High School in Milwaukee in 1946, Mr. Dugger worked for a time as an usher and doorman for the Jackson Theatre in Milwaukee and also as a guide directing tours at WTMJ-TV in Milwaukee. After a while there, he was promoted to the job of messenger in the mailroom and then grew as floorman (stage hand and stage electrician) at the station. Then, the Army called during the Korean Conflict, and he was reluctantly dragged to serve as PFC Dugger at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Every chance he had, he would go to nearby New York for every Broadway show he could. Then, he was shipped out to Japan where he got to see a bit of the world. After his time in the service, he returned back to his normal life as a stagehand at WTMJ-TV in Milwaukee and would travel for some of many Broadway shows, such as “South Pacific, Picnic and Holiday On Ice”. Although he never participated on the stage, he was able to work with celebrities back in the day. In 1955, he quit his job and followed his parents to Arkansas where he set up his own TV repair shop. Soon after he came to Bradford, he was asked to take a job in the Newport Hospital as an X-Ray Technician. It was while working there, he met his wife Joan. She was one of the patients in the X-Ray room. Mr. Dugger married Joan on September 5, 1958, and quit his job to enroll in Harding College on the GI Bill to become a

teacher. He managed to receive his degree in three and a half years. He started his student teaching at Bald Knob High School in 1963, and he returned in 1964 teaching Geometry, general Math, and Algebra II. He picked up a fascination for printing while teaching a course in Graphic Arts. So he started on a venture and purchased a Chandler and Price 8 x 12 platen press which was built somewhere around 1912 which used hand set type and had to be hand fed. For many years, he juggled teaching, printing, and taking care of his family. In 1982, he stopped teaching and steadily worked in his printing shop where he specialized in low-cost, high-quality printing for churches, schools, and also for the town's water bills, business cards, rubber stamps, etc. He had 125 different type styles and sizes ranging from 6 to 72 point type. Mr. Dugger was a member of the Bradford Baptist Church where he was a Sunday school teacher for nearly 50 years. You would find him and Joan on the same pew every time the church doors were open. He had the best sense of humor as well as the gift of gab. One of his favorite things was to express himself with the use of "puns" and he would say that he had "Stale puns and coffee" for breakfast everyday. Mr. Dugger was also a weekly columnist in several local newspapers around the area including the "Bald Knob Banner" and the "Woodruff County Monitor" and others. His column "A Little Off The Top" was enjoyed for well over a decade with hundreds of articles written. Mr. Dugger is preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Eulalia Dugger, and one son, David Andrew Dugger.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joan L. Dugger, of the home; one daughter, Dianne Gail Dugger Cain and husband Mark of McCrory, and one son, Dennis Earl Dugger of Bradford; seven grandchildren: Trista Cain Cox and husband Michael of Jonesboro, Matt Cain and wife Melanie of McCrory, Amanda Dugger of Jonesboro, Bryant Dugger of Fayetteville, Amber Feagin and husband Jordon of Bald Knob, Abby Dugger of Bald Knob and Ian Dugger of Bald Knob; and eight great-grandchildren: Avery Cox of Jonesboro, Jett Cox of Jonesboro, Chloe Feagin of Bald Knob, Marley Cain of McCrory, Willow Cox of Jonesboro, Lily Feagin of Bald Knob, Natalie Cain of McCrory

and Kylie Cain of McCrory.

Visitation will be Monday, September 2nd between the hours of 6-8 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home of Bald Knob. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3rd at the Bradford Baptist Church with interment in Gracelawn Cemetery of Tuckerman.

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Cemetery

110 Gracelawn Drive  
Tuckerman, AR 72473

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Homes - Bald Knob  
1272 Highway 367 North  
Bald Knob, AR 72010  
(501) 724-3201

## Service

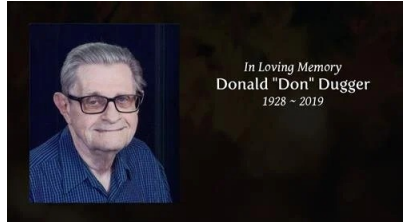
SEP 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bradford Baptist Church  
403 W. Main Street  
Bradford, AR 72020

# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Earl Dugger



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 01, 2019 at 06:01 PM

YM

Sorry for you loss. Thoughts and prayers for all. Mr. Dugger was a Great teacher. One of my favorites.💖

Yvette McKinney - September 02, 2019 at 06:54 PM

SM

A great teacher. He influenced many students. Just a special man. Prayers for all of you.

shirley moffett - September 04, 2019 at 07:53 AM

SA

“ Sharon Newberry Ary lit a candle in memory of Donald Earl Dugger



sharon newberry ary - November 03, 2019 at 08:04 PM

LT

“ I was in his math classes in HS. I also was in his group that printed the school paper. I'll never forget his 'corny' jokes', the shortest distance is a scraped line, etc.... He was a good man and a great teacher. Too bad we don't have more like him today. May God rest his soul and bless his family.

*Lanny Throckmorton*

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**Lanny Throckmorton** - October 30, 2019 at 01:05 PM

YM

“ Mr. Dugger will be greatly missed. He was a great teacher and one of my favorites. Prayers for all the family. Love, Yvette



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**Yvette McKinney** - September 03, 2019 at 03:55 PM

BW

“ I have a lot of good memories of high school Graphic Arts. He will be missed. God bless his family.

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**Billy Whitley** - September 02, 2019 at 10:29 PM

CC

“ Don will be greatly missed at Bradford Baptist and the Bradford community. Prayers for Joan and family. God Bless each of you

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**Charles and Freda Christian** - September 02, 2019 at 04:10 PM

BD

“ Mr. Dugger was a fun teacher but geometry was still hard to understand!!

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**Brenda Heard Davidson** - September 02, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ *Patricia Buffaloe lit a candle in memory of Donald Earl Dugger*



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**Patricia Buffaloe** - September 02, 2019 at 12:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Earl Dugger.*



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September 02, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ *Mr. Dugger was one of the best teachers bald knob had he was so nice and kind wish we had more teachers like him he will be greatly missed prayers for his whole family*



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**Angela Brown Schmidt** - September 01, 2019 at 11:41 PM



“ *Sheila McGee Hulsey lit a candle in memory of Donald Earl Dugger*



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**Sheila McGee Hulsey** - September 01, 2019 at 09:32 AM

CP

“ Our community has lost another great man! Mr Dugger was a Christian man and lived a Christian life for all to see! He and Ms Joan like to come to my yard sales each year. I could listen to him telling stories and history as long as he wanted to talk! Me Joan would be thru shopping long before he finished talking! But we so enjoyed listening to him! He will be missed! Love and prayers for his family!

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**Carolyn Pierce** - September 01, 2019 at 12:46 AM

AC

“ What a wonderful, smart and great man !  
Prayers from the Caraways.



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**April Metcalf Caraway** - September 01, 2019 at 12:40 AM

KJ

“ Joan, Diane, Dennis & family...you are all in our prayers. Will always remember the family gatherings with y'all. Special memories....cherish them all. Karen Bradley Jones.



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**Karen Bradley Jones** - August 31, 2019 at 11:36 PM

CC

“ Mr. Dugger was one of the best math teachers I had. Bald Knob High School was greatly blessed to have had him. He not only cared about teaching math, he cared about his students. He wanted them to learn. He will be greatly missed. Love you, Mr. Dugger.  
"Cosine"

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**Cosondra Crawford** - August 31, 2019 at 08:54 PM

SA

“ Sharon Newberry Ary lit a candle in memory of Donald Earl Dugger



sharon newberry ary - August 31, 2019 at 05:04 PM

RC

“ The last time I saw Mr Dugger he had been to the doctor and he apologized for not having a funny story or joke to tell me. He was such an interesting man. Always telling Gary and I something funny and interesting when we would see him. Bald Knob was privileged to have him in our school.

Rae Ellen Cox - August 31, 2019 at 04:47 PM

TL

“ Heaven gained a very sweet soul... Rest peacefully Mr. Dugger.



Tim and Deb Lawman - August 31, 2019 at 03:02 PM

AB

“ Ashli Beals lit a candle in memory of Donald Earl Dugger



Ashli Beals - August 31, 2019 at 02:29 PM

LW

“ We are so sorry for your loss and are praying for the family! I remember Mr Dugger always made math fun to learn! Will miss him!! Rocky & Linda Wright

Linda Wright - August 31, 2019 at 02:08 PM

LW

“ Linda Wright lit a candle in memory of Donald Earl Dugger



Linda Wright - August 31, 2019 at 02:04 PM

TT

“ Tammy Lutner Thacker lit a candle in memory of Donald Earl Dugger



Tammy Lutner Thacker - August 31, 2019 at 02:01 PM

VB

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. RIP Mr Dugger Valerie Odom Brackman , former student and graduate of BKHS.

Valerie Brackman - August 31, 2019 at 01:57 PM

DC

“ *Diane Stipe Collier lit a candle in memory of Donald Earl Dugger*



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**Diane Stipe Collier** - August 31, 2019 at 01:00 PM