



Rev. Horace Vernon Murray

March 15, 1930 - July 25, 2014

Rev. Horace Vernon Murray, born March 15, 1930, passed into his Heavenly on July 25, 2014. He was born to Rev. Richard & Dale Bridges Murray in Rocky Mount, NC. He worked for International Harvester Company where he was known for his outstanding mechanical abilities. In 1966, he was called into full-time ministry & was licensed by Southside Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, NC under the leadership of Rev. Lawrence Evans. He was a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He pastored many churches & loved God's calling for his life as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He served as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Roxboro, NC, Oak Level Baptist Church in Nashville, NC and Second Baptist Church in South Boston, VA. He retired from full-time ministry in 1995 but continued to serve as pastor of Averett Baptist Church in Virgilina, VA until his health declined. Currently, he was a member of Dan River Baptist Church in South Boston, VA. He served as the Chaplin of the South Boston Fire Department as long as his health permitted. He was proud to be a Veteran of the US Air Force where he served during the Korean War, stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Joyce Barnhill Murray of the home; daughter, Theresa (Ted) Coleman of Lexington, NC; and his son, Jeff (Tammy) Murray of Rural Hall, NC. He is survived by four grandchildren, Matt & Morgan Coleman and Nathan & Alona Murray. He is also survived by his siblings - Jean (Claude) Butler and Jerome Murray of Rocky Mount, NC, Aaron Bruce (Cindy) Murray of Morehead City, NC, sisters-in-law, Elsie Murray of

Greenville, NC & Shirley Dawes Murray of Richmond, VA. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Ryan Jeffrey Murray, his brothers, Clyde Hilton Murray & James Durwood Murray, & his sister, Diane Murray & his best friend & fishing buddy, Ed Cash of South Boston, VA. He leaves cherished friendships with Hayes & Mary Wagoner of Roxboro, NC & Mary Ann Cash of South Boston, VA.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2014 at 3:00 PM at Dan River Baptist Church in Halifax, VA by Rev. Doug Gibson with internment in the church cemetery. Family visitation will be from 1:00 – 3:00 PM prior to the service and immediately following the service in the church fellowship hall.

The family welcomes flowers and memorials can be made to Dan River Baptist Church Ramp Fund at 1228 Dan River Church Road, Halifax, VA 24558.

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Tribute Wall

BC

“*Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*” - John 5:24-26
Preacher Murray will be surely missed by all.

Barbara Cliehans - July 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SP

“*Joyce & Family*
So sorry to hear about Mr. Murray. He is no longer in pain and he is in a good place. I have missed seeing you when we go out to dinner. I will miss you too when you move. Take good care of yourself.
Love, Sarah & Al Pleasants

Sarah Pleasants - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RA

“*Joyce, Jeff and family,*
My heart is saddened to hear of your loss. Mr. Murray was such a kind hearted man and he touched the hearts of many. I enjoyed the time that I spent with your family, especially the times mom and I spent with all of you on the lake.
Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love and prayers,
Renee Allen-Stallings

Renee Allen-Stallings - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Joyce and family,
So sorry to learn of Mr. Murray's passing. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. Will miss seeing him riding his scotter down the street.
Fondly,
Suzanne and Les*

Suzanne and Les Blanaton - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *Joyce, we are so very sorry to hear of Horaces passing but we know he is with our Lord. He will be missed but we can find comfort that he is no longer suffering on this earth. Love to you and the family.*

Vic and Debbie Claiborne - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Joyce and Family,
You have our deepest sympathy. We know Mr Murray is happy now and in no pain. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by many. Praying for strength for you to endure the coming days. God bless and keep you.
With love and prayers,
Judy and S C*

S C & Judy Martin - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *So sorry for your loss Joyce,keeping you in my prayers.He was such a nice man and was so blessed to have you to be by his side.*

Ava Church - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ We extend our deepeth sympathy, to all the family, we loved him very much, he was our favorite pastor. May God bless you all.

Claude and Virginia Martin - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ So sorry for yalls loss. Reverend Murray was a wonderful caring man. God Bless yall and comfort yall during this difficult time.

Belinda Laxton - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ You all are in our prayers. Mr. Murray will be missed.

Amanda and William Martin - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thank you so much for your service to the military and to God.

Prayers are for the family.

I did not know the deseased but I'm a diabled soldier and soldier for God..born and raised in South Boston....God Bless You All.

Angie Emmendorfer (Conner) - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM