



# Rev. Spurgeon Dorton

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**S**purgeon McClaren Dorton, 91, of Huntersville, passed away peacefully on November 12, 2015 at Levine-Dickson Hospice House. Mr. Dorton was born on December 5, 1923 and grew up in Cabarrus County, NC, son of the late John Harvey Dorton and Laura Kiser Dorton. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Betsy Evans Dorton.

He is survived by his children, David Dorton and wife Laura, Martha Mays and husband Jeff, Mark Dorton, Beth Fields and husband Michael; and grandchildren Ashley Mays and Mary Yahl, Sarah Rose Dorton, Casey Fields, Jack Dorton, and Anna Fields.

Mr. Dorton was first and foremost a faithful servant of the Lord, a dedicated minister, loving husband and devoted father and grandfather.

Mr. Dorton served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After leaving the service he graduated from Wake Forest University and entered the field of education as a high school teacher in Bladenboro, NC. While teaching in Bladenboro, he met Betsy Evans, who became his loving wife.

After working in the field of education for several years Spurgeon was called to the ministry and entered the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville Kentucky. Upon completion of his Divinity Degree in 1953, Reverend Dorton began a long and dedicated life as a Baptist Minister. He served several churches, Orrum, Ten Mile, Pembroke and Fair Bluff Baptist Churches until he was called to serve at First Baptist Church of Huntersville. With his wife Betsy by his side, he served as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Huntersville for 25 years. He developed a deep love for the people of Huntersville and made his home there after his retirement.

Although he had retired from work as a church minister, he continued to actively serve the Lord as an Interim Pastor for several churches, Senior Adult Pastor, Senior Adult Sunday School Teacher and Pastor Emeritus at First Baptist Church Huntersville.



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Reverend Dorton was a scholar and a talented orator. He dedicated his talent and his knowledge to sharing the word of God and was steadfast in his faith in the Lord. He will be remembered as a kind, loyal, gentleman and a counselor who loved his church, his family and his community.

His family is especially grateful to the members of the First Baptist Church Senior Adult Sunday school class for their care and concern for Spurgeon and Betsy. They would also like to thank Brenda Raley who was not only a caretaker, but a true friend.

A memorial service will be held in Mr. Dorton's honor at First Baptist Church of Huntersville at 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 15, 2015 with Rev. Stacy Nowell and Rev. Tina Burleson officiating. Visitation will follow in the church sanctuary.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to First Baptist Church of Huntersville to be used for the church's mission programs.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.

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## Tribute Wall

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DD

**Doug & Debbie Danner** posted:

Dear Dorton Family, Pastor Spurgeon & Mrs. Betsy were among some of our most cherished friends. This weekend I opened a stored box of Christmas decorations to find a cross stitched Christmas pillow Mrs. Betsy had made for us one year. It brought back such warm memories. Your parents will be missed. Our love & prayers to each of you.

November 15 at 5:14 PM

SR

**Sally And Don Rock** posted:

Our sincere sympathies and prayers are going out for you. Mr. Dorton was everything everyone has said he was, and more. We are so sad for your family, as we know you will miss him so much. He is surely smiling down on all of, with that sweet smile. "Precious Memories"

November 15 at 9:06 AM

PB

**Pat Burleson** posted:

As I clicked on Spurgeon's obit the first thing I noticed was that bright smile. It is the same smile he had on his face every Sunday morning as he made his way through the sanctuary before the service started greeting everyone he could reach. Then the thought came to me, "oh my goodness I believe that same smile was on his face as he closed his eyes in peace and opened them to the face of Jesus."

November 14 at 9:48 AM

JB

**Jerry And Joy Boovy** posted:

We are praying for your family! Such a precious man of God! We loved your parents so much!

November 13 at 1:31 PM



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**Jay & Tammy Vance** posted:

Our dog Max was a good judge of people. When we moved across from your folks, Max instantly fell in love with your Dad. Whenever he would see Rev. Dorton out back, Max would stand at the edge of his invisible fence, wildly wag his tail, and howl until Rev. Dorton came through the trees to pet him. Your folks were wonderful neighbors. We had many lovely conversations with your dad, but our best memories are of looking out the window and seeing Rev. Dorton running around the yard, playing with Max. Knowing that the delightful person he was will fill your hearts forever, during this time of transition, we send you the comfort of the peace that passes all understanding.

November 13 at 9:52 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rev. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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