



# Donald Keith Vinson

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**T**he Reverend Canon Donald K. Vinson, aged 70, passed away on August 30, 2020 in Huntersville, North Carolina while visiting family.

Due to the pandemic, services celebrating his life and ministry will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Huntington, West Virginia, and Church of the Holy Comforter in Gadsden, Alabama, at a later date.

He is survived by his sons Daniel (Chantal) Vinson of Huntersville, North Carolina, and Philip (Deanna) Vinson of Lawrenceville, Georgia, their mother Linda Frost Vinson of Huntington, West Virginia, his brother Laurence (Mary) Vinson, Jr. of Mountain Brook, Alabama, and sister Rebecca (Richard) Stegall of Gadsden, Alabama, sister-in-law Jarilda Frost Swift of Springville, Alabama, brother-in-law Alonzo (Cynthia) Frost, Jr. of Hazel Green, Alabama, and numerous nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Laurence and Opha Stewart Vinson.

Donald was born on September 29th, 1949, in Gadsden, Alabama. He graduated from Gadsden High (1967) and received his B.A. (1971) and M.A (1978) from the University of Alabama.

For twelve years, he taught English and Drama at Southside High School where a drama award was recently named in his honor. He was an active member of the Church of the Holy Comforter where he sang in the choir.

In 1984, Donald was accepted at General Theological Seminary in New York City, where he earned a Master of Divinity (1987). He served as Assistant Rector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mountain Brook, Alabama until he was called to be Rector at St Mark's in Perryville, Maryland.

In 1994, Donald was called to be the rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Huntington, West Virginia, where he served for 13 years. He accepted the position of Canon for the Diocese of West



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Virginia in 2007 before retiring in 2015.

During retirement, Donald served as visiting clergy throughout the diocese culminating as interim Rector at St John's in Charleston, West Virginia.

Throughout his life, Donald served everyone he met with respect, love, and grace. He will be deeply missed.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville, NC is serving the family of Mr. Vinson and online condolences can be made on [jamesfuneralhomelkn.com](http://jamesfuneralhomelkn.com).



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DB

**Donna Scalf Barrett** posted:

I attended Southside High School and had the privilege of knowing Donald Vinson as an English teacher, drama coach and friend. He was demanding, witty, exacting and tolerant. He made us memorize long passages all the while correcting pronunciation and grammar. The time he spent with us, as I look back, was astonishing. He was kind and funny, and the best teacher I ever had. His life made a difference in mine.

March 1 at 4:54 AM

BW

**Barbara Weaver** posted:

So sorry to hear of Father Vinson death. My prayers are with Linda & family. When our son was dying from complications of HIV he was good with my husband & I. Our son died on Christmas eve. We didn't make midnight services, but friends and family told us Donald gave a wonderful sermon and help us thru the funeral. He will always be remembered fondly by our family. He wad a wonderful person & minister. Peace.

September 30 at 9:54 AM

JP

**Joan-Marie P. Parker** posted:

Fr. Vinson was Rector when my family first came St. Mark's, Perryville. We so appreciated his wisdom, knowledge, and counsel in helping us discover our unique, personal, loving way to Christ Jesus. Clifton, Josh, Jonathan and Joan-Marie (Moss) Parker.

September 29 at 2:54 PM

BE

**Barbara Evans** posted:

Donald Vinson and his family were an amazing addition to St. Marks Church, PerryvilleMD.God has truly called an Angel home. Prayers to the family for their loss. Barbara Evans.

September 29 at 2:35 PM



**Susan Cox** lit a candle in honor of Donald.

Donald is our daughter's father-in-law who we grew to know and love in the last 10 years. He will be dearly missed. We know you will rest in eternal peace, because you made such a tremendous impact on so many peoples' lives and minds as a Man of God and Family.Lee and Sue CoxGreenwood, Indiana.



September 10 at 4:57 PM



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**Beth Hamrick** posted:

Donald was one of the most gifted homilists I have been privileged to hear; his homilies related life to Biblical teachings and Biblical teachings (and history) to life. He was personal and approachable. His sense of humor was both irreverent and sublime. What a blessing to have known him!

September 10 at 12:51 PM



**Beth Hamrick** lit a candle in honor of Donald.



September 10 at 12:47 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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