

Rev. Charles Ray Dunn

August 28, 1936 - December 7, 2020

In a miraculous occurrence that only a sovereign Lord could orchestrate, Charles and Shirley Dunn went to heaven 4 ½ hours apart. Shirley departed this life and took her place in Heaven around 3:30 PM and Charles followed his love just a little after 8:00 PM.

Charles Ray Dunn was born on August 28th, 1936 in Paris, Texas and was ushered into Heaven to spend eternity with His Savior the Lord Jesus on December 7th, 2020. Shirley Jean Ray Dunn was born on July 17th, 1941 in Grand Prairie, Texas and was ushered into Heaven to spend eternity with her Savior, the Lord Jesus on December 7th, 2020.

Preceding Charles and Shirley in death are Charles' parents Marvin and Stella Dunn and brother J.L. Dunn. Preceding Shirley in death are Shirley's parents Bob and Oma Ray, and brother-in-love Ronnie Keith.

Charles and Shirley are survived by their children, Jason Todd Dunn, Timothy Ryan Dunn, Charles Darren Dunn, and Laura Leigh Dunn Pettitte. Daughter-in-laws Michelle Dunn, and Debbie Dunn, and son-in-law Andy Pettitte, 13 grandchildren, Tyler Dunn, Mallory Thomas, Jordan Dunn, Jenna Dunn, Joshua Pettitte, Bryson Dunn, Brady Dunn, Jared Pettitte, Blair Dunn, Lexy Pettitte, Charley Dunn, Brett Dunn, Luke Pettitte; Granddaughter-in loves, Kaitlyn Pettitte, Kylie Dunn, Kayla Dunn, Cambrey Dunn, and Allie Zollinger

(soon to be Allie Dunn); Grandsons in-loves, Clay Thomas, Steven Tabuena; 8 great-grandchildren.

Charles is also survived by his brother Marvin Dunn Jr., and Shirley is also survived by her sisters Patricia Keith and Marsha Adams, and brother-in-law Tim Adams.

Also survived by numerous nieces, and nephews, and extended family members and so many friends!

Charles was a 1955 graduate of Paris High School and was a starting pitcher on the 1955 Paris baseball team that won the state championship. During that championship season of 1955, Charles threw 2 no-hitters!!

Shirley was a sophomore, and Junior class favorite for Grand Prairie High School, a cheerleader, and was homecoming queen her senior year at Grand Prairie High.

By the awesome sovereign hand of the Lord, Charles and Shirley met at the Silver State Youth Camp in Sedalia, Colorado having been introduced to each other by Shirley's pastor's wife Mrs. Louis Oldham. Charles and Shirley both attended the Bible Baptist Seminary in Arlington, Texas and graduated in 1961 and it was here on June1961 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, where they were married and their life-long journey began.

Charles pastored 2 churches in 45 years of ministry, the Calvary Baptist Church of Graham, Texas, and he was the Lead Pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Deer Park, Texas for 40 years....taking a church of 30 members and leading it to a peak membership of some 1,500 at one point. Only Heaven will reveal the number of souls saved and lives changed under the ministry of Charles and Shirley Dunn.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the ministry of 2nd Mile Church of Fort Worth, where Charles and Shirley were active and faithful members. Donations can be made by going to the 2nd Mile Church website of www.2ndmilefw.com and clicking on the “donate” link.

Officiant of the Service – Dr. Tim Lee

Worship – Clay Thomas, Bryson Dunn, Jordan Dunn and Blair Dunn

Pall Bearers: Tyler Dunn, Clay Thomas, Jordan Dunn, Steven Tabuena, Josh Pettitte, Bryson Dunn, Brady Dunn, Jared Pettitte, Blair Dunn, Charley Dunn, Brett Dunn, and Luke Pettitte.

Cemetery Details

Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens

3501 S. Belt Line Rd.
Grand Prairie, TX 75052
(972) 237-3001

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 12. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
401 Church Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Funeral Service

DEC 12. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
401 Church Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Tribute Wall

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“ *My wife and I attended Central Baptist and we grew to love Brother and Sister Dunn. We love the entire Dunn family.
Rick and Mary San Miguel.*

Rick San Miguel - January 02, 2021 at 09:01 PM

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“ *We were very distressed to hear of Mr. and Mrs. Dunn's passing. What a huge loss for his family and the congregation at CBC. I only knew Mr. Dunn from a distance and yet I would have said good morning to him and then goodbye in the afternoon's for several years from the mid-1960's until I graduated from Deer Park High in 1972. Mr. Dunn was our bus driver who's route served Cresthaven Estates, the Browning Addition, and other parts of eastern Pasadena that were in the Deer Park School District. He would have taken us back and forth from our homes to Carpenter Elementary then to DP Jr. High and finally the old high school on Ivy. I remember him being a very quiet man who never said very much and certainly never had to get sharp with us because we all knew that he was a man of God, a preacher of the Gospel - someone not to be toyed with or tested. It just didn't seem to be right - and so we didn't. We respected his quiet dignity as well as his devotion to his service. I never got to hear him speak a sermon - but in retrospect I wish I had gone to hear him speak at least once, to hear his message and to thank him for all his years of selfless dedication to His kids who he picked up daily and then returned us safely home after school. Mr. Dunn, on behalf of all us kids we remember you fondly and after all these years - Thank You. We are all truly sorry ...*

Dennis Clark - December 14, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. I worked with Shirley many years ago at SJC. She was such a beautiful and fun person to be around. My prayers are with the family in this time.*
Kelly Jamison

Kelly Jamison - December 12, 2020 at 02:16 PM

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“ *I have considered Brother Dunn my home Pastor since 1967 when I started attending Central Baptist Church. One of the memories that most people would not know is while at Camp playing softball Brother Dunn was always our pitcher. I was the catcher but always knew to line my glove with as many hankchiefs as I could find before hitting the field! Many memories abound, to God be the glory, we love the Dunn family. Brother Rusty Orr*

sheryl Orr - December 12, 2020 at 01:21 PM

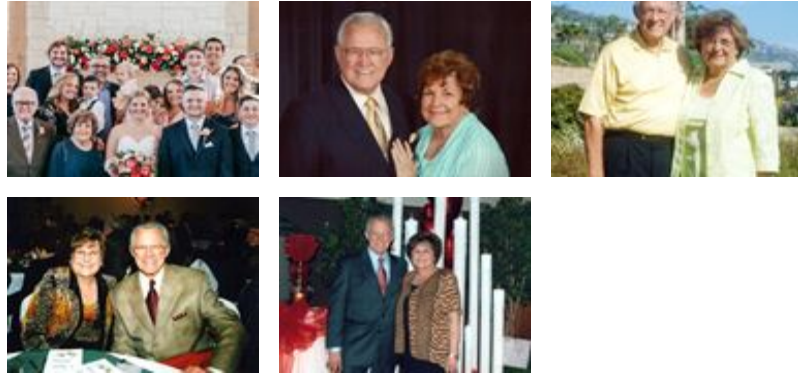
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Brother charles was my pastor when I lived in Deer Park.I loved He and my beautiful friend, Shirley so very much. Words cannot express how much they meant to me. So many good times together.I love all thier children too. God bless you all and give you peace at this time. Tears are a language God understands. Opal

Opal Monrad - December 12, 2020 at 01:34 PM



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Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - December 11, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Rev. Charles Ray Dunn.



December 11, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ *Brother Dunn, I grew up in your church . I enjoyed your preaching every Sunday you always gave me food for thought. I raised my children at Central Baptist Church because of your guides . I remember when I was in school we had to Wright a paper on someone important in our life I chose you Bro. Dunn you were so kind to let me come over to your house to interview you, I learned a lot that day . I love you and will miss you Cindy Corron*

cindy corron - December 11, 2020 at 01:39 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Rev. Charles Ray Dunn.*



December 10, 2020 at 05:45 PM