



Dennis Wayne Huddleston

July 18, 1948 - March 28, 2017

Dennis Wayne Huddleston, a life time resident of Grand Prairie, Texas, passed away on March 28, 2017. After a prolonged struggle with complications from a bilateral lung transplant, his precious Lord took him by the hand and led him into the Promise Land.

Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2017 at Eighth Street Baptist Church, 705 Skyline Road, Grand Prairie, Texas, 75051 phone 972-262-4297. Funeral 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Eighth Street Baptist Church. Pastor Jordan Tew and Pastor Fred Heath and Pastor Dave Bentley officiating. Pallbearers will be, Dennis McCormick, Kyle McCormick, Trent McCormick, Jake McCormick, Michael Vaughan II, Nathan Vaughan, Matt Woods and Luke Woods.

He was born in Dallas, Texas on July 18, 1948 to William Leroy (Bill) Huddleston and Dorothy Grace Huddleston. He was one of three sons, Donald James Huddleston and Douglas Roy Huddleston. Bill and Grace would call Dennis a "Happy Hooligan" because he often woke up laughing. About those early days Dennis said "What really sticks in my mind about my childhood is that I always remember being happy. Whether it was my parents who willed this on me or whether it was something God gave me, I'm not really sure. I just know that I enjoyed all the benefits of good Christian parents and a good sound home where Mom was there to raise my brothers and me. I

thank God for that."

Dennis received Christ as his personal savior when he was six years old at Eighth Street Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, Texas where he and his family were founding members. About those formative years as a child growing up in church, Dennis said "Those were happy days during which I found I had a profound love for my Savior, a true compassion for people and a deep love for music." During his many years of service at Eighth Street, Dennis served as a Bus Driver, Youth Director, Children's Minister, Minister of Music, Communications Director and Adult Sunday School Teacher. He surrendered to the ministry and was licensed as a Minister in 1980. He was ordained as a Deacon in 1998. Dennis loved the work he did at his church and the many years he spent there. This showed through in his dedication to his service, his loyalty to his Lord and Savior and his love for his brothers and sisters in Christ. Dennis often said, "What spills out of us shows what's in us." This thought rings through loud and clear in the life of service he led.

Dennis graduated from Grand Prairie High School in 1966 and was a member of the first graduating class of El Centro College in Dallas, Texas in 1968 with an Associate's Degree in Mid-Management. He also completed studies at UTA Arlington, Dallas Baptist College, Jacksonville College and The Criswell Bible Institute. Professionally, Dennis held many jobs and was given many prestigious awards throughout his working career. He was a designer and draftsman for Ryerson Steel, Fritz W. Glitch Oil Refinery and Modular Ambulance Corporation. He retired from Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control in Grand Prairie, Texas after 34 years where he served as Manufacturing Planner Associate Manager. Dennis' Job at Lockheed was a big part of his life and he made many lifelong friends there.

Anyone who knows Dennis knows the love he had and still has, for his wife, Debbie. They met for the first time at a church service where Dennis was

singing in the choir and Debbie was visiting with her friends. The year was 1968. Dennis was 20 years old and Debbie was 14. Of the time when Dennis first laid eyes on Debbie he said, "I looked at her and I lost my heart to her that moment. From the first date that we had, I knew she was the one." The two of them were married on January 3, 1970. Thus began a 47 year journey where they shared their love, their life and their dreams. To this union on April 14, 1972, God gave one son, Christopher Michael Huddleston. Dennis and Debbie devoted their lives to God, each other, their family, their Church family and friends. This dedication continued right up until the time when God called Dennis home. We know that he is now with God, but he will forever be missed by his loving wife, his family, his church family and his many friends.

Dennis was preceded in Death by his father, William Leroy (Bill) Huddleston and his mother, Dorothy Grace Huddleston. Dennis is survived by his Wife, Debra Jean Huddleston of Grand Prairie, Texas, Son, Christopher Michael Huddleston and wife, Cheryl Dawn Huddleston of Frisco, Texas. Brothers, Donald James Huddleston and wife, Dorothy Ann Huddleston of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Douglas Roy Huddleston and wife, Tina Louise Huddleston of Forney, Texas. Grandchildren, Kristyn Nicole Huddleston of Ft. Worth, Texas and Alyssa Michelle Huddleston of Frisco, Texas. Many nieces, nephews and other family and church members and a host of friends. Adopted in love are his close and adoring friends, Mike and Linda Vaughan, Lety Woods and Mike Johnson.

Though this is a time of mourning, Dennis would not want you to leave here in sorrow. Rather, I'm sure he would want you to leave with this parting thought, his favorite Bible verse is John 14:27, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Eighth Street Baptist Church
705 Skyline Road
Grand Prairie, TX

Currently, we are not accepting any more floral orders for this service.

APR 8. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Eighth Street Baptist Church
705 Skyline Road
Grand Prairie, TX

Tribute Wall



“ Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis Wayne Huddleston



Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - April 07, 2017 at 03:35 PM

MG

“ Sad to hear that Dennis passed away. I met him in 1993 during my research on the fate of his father William Huddleston, a former WWII air gunner. A wonderful person has left our world. He will be missed. All the best, from your german family. . Michael with Dustin, Celine and Phil.

michael gudelhofer - July 01, 2017 at 03:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Wayne Huddleston.



April 07, 2017 at 02:48 PM

GG

“ He was a wonderful and caring man he will missed R.I.P

Gwendolyn Gorman - April 07, 2017 at 12:42 PM

MA

“ I worked with Dennis @ Lockheed for a very long time. Never have I known anyone walk as an example of God's grace and love, like Dennis did. I have NEVER heard him say an unkind word about anybody. I did hear him say...bless his heart...a few times. Dennis had such an impact on so many people. There are a lot of rewards up in heaven that held up to the refining fire, and came out as pure gold. It was indeed an honor to know Dennis and to count him as a brother in Christ. To the family, our prayers go out to lift thru this trying time. God bless you and know that the family of God is behind you but it is God who is holding you.

Mark Adams - April 06, 2017 at 06:22 PM

TF

“ The Garcia family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Dennis Wayne Huddleston.



The Garcia family - April 06, 2017 at 04:33 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Wayne Huddleston.



April 06, 2017 at 10:06 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Wayne Huddleston.*



April 04, 2017 at 09:50 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Dennis Wayne Huddleston.*



April 04, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ *Dennis was a good man. He cared for people. I am very appreciative of the help he gave us during my wife's funeral. He made sure everything was ready at the church. I am very thankful. Debbie, you are in my prayers.*

jim smith - April 04, 2017 at 10:12 AM

RS

“ A great man of God, A great friend, A faithful servant, A loving husband to a loving wife, A great father, and Grandfather, A great talent, A person who saw good in everyone, A true Gentlemen, And a rich man, if wealth is measured by friends, and people who's life he touched. You will be missed my brother, because you cant be replaced. Not many people can be all the things that you were to so many. I am proud to have known you and to have spent time with you in my teen, and early adult life. You made a impact on me, and I always looked up to you as a big brother. I wish we had stayed closer through the years. It was my loss that we didnt. But i always knew that you were there and if I needed a friend to call on I could count on you. I WILL see again. I am thankful that you can never feel pain again. See you later Dennis.

rick spurrier - April 04, 2017 at 09:32 AM

SI

“ Debbie I am praying that God gives you and family peace that passes understanding and strength of the Lord.

Sabrina Ingram - April 04, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ Dennis was one of two dennis's at work and I'm proud to call both friend I will miss him
But plan to see him again in glory.
God's speed.

Earl Dietrich Jr. - April 03, 2017 at 11:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Wayne Huddleston.*



April 03, 2017 at 07:05 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Wayne Huddleston.*



April 03, 2017 at 06:55 PM



“ *Dennis married my husband and I 31 years ago, every time I would see him thru the years he would say that our marriage was one of the ones that "stuck"... I knew Dennis and Debbie many years before I was married. I spent many times with this beautiful family. I love them dearly and will miss Dennis. He always had a smile and kind word.*

Barbara Jones Barham - April 03, 2017 at 08:15 AM

MM

“ God's ways are the best ways. Still my heart is broken. I am glad that Dennis is no longer in any pain. He is celebrating with family and friends who were waiting for him. I will see him again and hopefully hear him sing "Then came the morning" "I'll talk to my Father " and many more of my favorites. To the ones left here - my prayers are with you. Continue to serve God and know you too will see him again. Love you guys.

Maudeen McCormick - April 02, 2017 at 04:48 PM



“ i was one of your earliest sunday school teachers. I was just a teenager. You were the sweetest little boy and you were loved so very much. You will be missed.

Liz Linville - April 02, 2017 at 03:59 PM

BH

“ Great memories of Dennis at Eighth Street Baptist Church. A man who loved his family, his church and his friends. His love of music was known by all who met him. I loved Dennis like family. A very strong man who put up a very hard fight. Dennis you will be missed by all but we know that heaven gained a beautiful person.

Becky Halfmann - April 02, 2017 at 02:14 PM



“ Hello my name is Lisa Jones. I began to join Eight street baptist church back n late 80s, thats when i met this sweet couple of The Huddleston family. I experence Dennis gospel he enjoyed church no matter what. Him n his beautiful wife they were like amost parents to me because of what i was going through. I could go to them for anything. I was almost like a daughter to them very lovely, sweetest people. I love them both i will miss him dearly but 1 day i know i will see him again in Heaven. I love u Dennis Huddleston



Lisa Snider - April 02, 2017 at 03:08 AM



“ Bro. Dennis, my friend and right-hand man in the ministry here at Eighth Street Baptist Church. You taught me much and encouraged me as a co-laborer for the Gospel. We miss you, but we have joy knowing you are with Jesus today.

Jordan Tew - March 30, 2017 at 09:33 PM



“ I knew Dennis as a best friend in grade school. He was a blessing way back then. I hardly knew him since then, reconnecting briefly when we were both young men. I have thought about him many times since. I am pleased for my friend that he remained true and lived a life that honored God and his family. Debbie, may you know God's peace and blessings knowing we will see Dennis again, "in the morning". I am so glad, "We'll Never say goodbye in glory." Praying for you folks.

John David Woolery - March 30, 2017 at 01:39 PM