



Shirley Jean Dunn

July 17, 1941 - 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

Visitation

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

RF

“ I will never forget the day I went to her bible study class ,I had the most horrible headache ,almost in tears. She prayed with her straight line to God and I can tell you I could literally feel the pain leaving my head, like a string was there pulling it out. I will sure miss this sweet couple.

Renee Fisher

Renee Fisher - December 12, 2020 at 05:25 PM

BS

“ She always was a Inspiration to me and my Sister in Christ.

*Birdie Selk
Deer Park, Texas*

Birdie Selk - December 11, 2020 at 10:57 PM

MS

“ I can't even begin to put into words the impact the entire Dunn Family has been on my family's life. Each one of them has touched our lives in so many ways, memories that will remain in our hearts. Our family came to Central Baptist back in 1965, we lived just across the street. Bro. Dunn baptized me when I accepted Jesus at 11 years old. He was full of fire when he preached & remained that way until he retired. Mrs. Dunn was my Sunday School teacher for years. She explained God's Word in a way that us girls understood it, she made us underline verses to go back over when we got home to re-read until we totally got it. I still use the bible my parents (Charles & Geraldine Bobbitt) bought me after I got saved 53 years ago & am reminded everyday when I read & see where Mrs. Dunn had me to underline something. I'll never forget seeing Todd, Timmy & Darren running through the Church & Mrs. Dunn, in her calm voice, telling them to stop. Laura wasn't born yet but later we have been blessed to hear her beautiful voice singing praises to God many times. It was sad to see them move a few years ago but we have not forgotten about them & never will. We love each & everyone of this family & will continue to pray for them all.
God Bless You All,
Michael & Sharon Siverand

Michael & Sharon Siverand - December 11, 2020 at 01:49 AM

CC

“ I met Mrs. Dunn in 1971 I was about 12 then she taught my Sunday School class and my Bible school class. I grew up at Central Baptist Church and I'm still a member . Mrs. Dunn always had a smile and a hug when she saw you it didn't matter where you were . She was beautiful inside and out. Mrs. Dunn you are loved and will be missed.

Cindy Corron

cindy corron - December 11, 2020 at 01:28 AM

LO

“ I remember in 1996 when I first came there I was so welcomed, and you tried so hard to always remember my name.. And Bro Charles Dunn always seemed to be directing his preaching like it was meant exactly for me. Preached the Bible is what I liked the truth. And loved the greeting every time we went the hugs were so meaningful. I remember Shirley told me one time a story about Jenna. She sat beside her during service she thought Jenna was just doodling but when she looked close she was taking notes of the service as her Pawpaw was preaching and how it touched her heart.

LonnieandDarlene - December 10, 2020 at 11:02 PM