



Rev. Dunagan

October 27, 1930 - June 22, 2012

Reverend Blake Dunagan, cherished husband and father, beloved pastor and friend, went to be with the Lord this Friday, June 22, as a result of complications of congestive heart failure. He was 81. He was born in Paris, Texas, October 27, 1930, the baby of his family. An early sign of the gifts that would lead him into the ministry came when his class at Paris High School unanimously chose him to deliver the commencement speech at their graduation. It was the first time a student and not some outside noteworthy had been selected for such an honor. He answered the call to preach early, pastoring his first church, Springlake Baptist, at only age 18 while he was a student at Paris Junior College. He went on to complete a B.A. in English at Baylor University and finished his education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, graduating with a Master in Divinity in 1958. In a ministry spanning over 45 years, he pastored 10 different churches, all in Texas. The most significant included Second Baptist Church, Dallas; First Baptist Church, Como; King Memorial Baptist Church, McKinney; First Baptist Church, DeKalb; and First Baptist Church, Clarksville. After his retirement from the ministry, he continued to preach, serving as interim pastor in 11 eleven churches. He was driven by a passion for the Gospel and the people whom he served. Preceding him in death are his parents, A. O. Dunagan and Pauline Vise Dunagan, a brother George, who died prior to serving in WWII, and his sisters Alice Ruth Haynes and Jean Koger. Surviving him are Mary Virginia Dunagan, his wife of 53 years, sons Kevin and Daniel Dunagan, and

two daughters and their families: Susan Gimble, her husband Mark Gimble, and daughters Emily and Elaine; and Laurie Williams, her husband Chris Williams, and sons Tristan and Tanner. Nell Stratton, his secretary in his final pastorate, expressed a sentiment typical of how people felt about him and his ministry: "We've had a lot of good pastors, but none like Brother Blake." Loving husband and father, devoted servant of God and His people, he will be missed. The service will be held Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Southside Baptist Church under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00 AM, 1 hour prior to the service at the church.

Tribute Wall

MN

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Many years have passed since departing DeKalb, TX; however, those memories will be cherished forever.

MeLeah Mosely Nebel - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

QE

“ Rev. Dunagan

Quincy & Geraldine Evans - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sherry Feagin Dorman - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Sorry for your loss. Bro. Blake married my husband and I over 30 years ago. I was friends with Susan. Bro. Blake was loved and will be missed. Teresa Evans Chapman

Teresa Evans Chapman - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I will always remember Brother Blake as a very kind, gentle, Christ like gentleman. I have been blessed to have known and loved him.

Martha McMichael - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Susan,
I was sorry to hear of your family's loss. Bro. Dunagan was such a sweet pastor. I am grateful that he was there to minister to me during a time of confusion and spiritual need. My prayers are with you.

Jori

Jori Meadows McCoy - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I remember Rev. Dunagan from my days working at the Tyler Library. He was one of the nicest library patrons we had--he always had a smile on his face and a joke to tell. I remember seeing him on Sundays--he was always very friendly and loved TV mystery series. Our condolences to the family. He will be greatly missed.

The R.T. Perdue Family - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Brother Dunagan was a well liked former pastor at DeKalb Church .Many at church this morning remembered him ,and were sad to hear of his passing .We know he is with his lord . I would like to let Mrs Dunagan and the family know that I am praying for you .

Sandra Pope - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ To all of Bro. Blake's Family: Bobby and I send you our heartfelt thoughts and prayers. Your loss of the most gentle, kind spoken man I know must be so deep. Bobby and I saw Bro. Blake at an Evangelistic Conference a few years ago. We met each other with smiles and JOY for our precious moments together. You all have not been forgotten. Kevin, I am a Premier Jeweler now, and I still have the bracelet I bought at your show in Clarksville. Our CHRISTIAN Love!*

Mary Letha Notley - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I am praying for you and your family during this very difficult time. I will always remember Brother Dunagan and his family fondly.

D'Anne Williams Barrett - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Thank you, Brother Blake- Praying for you all.

Blake and Lynn Hodges - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Bro. Blake was the pastor's pastor. I am proud to say he was my pastor and remained my friend in the years after leaving Clarksville. Bro. Blake came to our church at a time when we were hurting as a church. He did more than just heal the hurt; he led us and ministered us to us in a most Godly way. I have often told my son who is a pastor that he will be successful if he will just follow the example of Bro. Blake. Blake would not allow anything to be larger than the ministry of the church. Most SBC churches today would be more effective if their pastor had received a masters degree at the feet of Blake Dunagan. Blake will be sorely missed by those of us left behind. My sincere thoughts and prayers go out to Virginia and the family.

Tommy VanDeaver - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Mr. Dunagan would come and visit us at the office not just to conduct insurance business, but to share a joke, a bottle of ice water and a smile. He often brought us christian trinkets and hand-carved wooden walking sticks that we each own and treasure. Always with a smile, Mr. Dunagan brought us joy and delight with each visit. His earthly presence will be missed. His spiritual presence will always be felt. May God bless you and your family with peace, fond memories and warm hearts.

Tom McDonald Insurance Agency - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“*Brother Blake will always hold a special place in our heart. He was an awesome pastor, and he Baptized two of our children. He always had a smile, and was so involved with all aspects of his congregation. When he was asked to join us at the Children's Hayride out in the country, he was there. We know he is sitting at the feet of Jesus. May God send special angels to comfort Virginia and the family during this difficult time.*

Sherry & Dale McEwin - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“*What a kind Godly man! He meant so much to me and my family.*

Julie Telford Canter - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM