



Donald D. Reeves

October 26, 1939 - January 5, 2023

Col. Chaplin, Donald D. Reeves, U.S. Air Force (Retired), 83 years of age, passed away peacefully with his wife, Jene, by his side, on January 5th, 2023 at Dekalb Regional Medical Center, Fort Payne, Al.

Don was a native Tennessean and proud ancestral nephew of Col. Davy Crockett. He played basketball at Baylor University. Majoring in English and Religion, he received his Bachelor's from Bethel University in 1961. While at Bethel, he was a member of Alpha Psi Omega and Phi Delta Sigma Fraternity, Vice President of the Student Congress, voted Most Popular, and named Mr. Bethel. He went on to receive his Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt University in 1976. Don was ordained by the Obion County, Tennessee Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He served as a board member for Memphis Theological Seminary for several years. He served over 22 years in the U.S. Air Force while being awarded numerous honors and medals, before retiring. Don was a Presbyterian Minister for nearly 60 years serving several churches across the Tennessee Valley before retiring. He was a retired instructor from Northeast Alabama Community College where he taught multiple courses from World Religion, Survey of The Old Testament, Survey of the New Testament, Philosophy, and Appalachian Studies.

If you had the pleasure of knowing Don, you knew he enjoyed life to the fullest while serving God, his Country, community, and family.

Don's favorite quote was "The only real security is learning to live with insecurity." If you didn't know him, he was a great writer, philosopher, and full of tomfoolery. He would say Davy shot the bear and he shot the bull.

Some of his accomplishments include:

Featured articles in the Nashville TENNESSEAN

Annual recipient of 3-Star Award for Outstanding Letter-to-the-Editor Writing for 8 consecutive years

Former weekly columnist of McKenzie (TN) BANNER & Scottsboro (AL) DAILY SENTINEL

United Methodist Publishing House: Church School curriculum (Children, Teens, Adults)

Featured articles in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER & THE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

USAF Chaplain Service: Editor/Writer for three USAF Chiefs of the Chaplaincy
Named NACC Who's Who Among America's Teachers - 2004

Named NACC Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year - 2005

Represented Tennessee in 1996, all-age, National 3-point Shootout, Chicago, IL, placing 13th (at the age of 57)

Author and Pulitzer Prize nominee for LETTERS TO THE LORD: Learning to Live in My World of Wars, pub. 2009 (Available on Amazon.com)

He leaves behind his wife: Jene Clemons Reeves

Son: David Reeves

Daughters: Dawn (Bill) Cattaneo

Heather Satterwhite

Danielle (Todd) Anderson

Ashley Givens

Grandchildren: 11

A celebration of life service will be held at Macklin Baptist Church (2750 Co. Rd. 78, Pisgah AL 35765) on January 29, 2023, at 2:00. The service will be led by beloved friends, Rev. Dr. Roy Hall of Scottsboro, AL, and Rev. Dr. Dan West of Atlanta, GA. To decrease the risk of illness and for those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed through Col. Chaplin, Donald D. Reeves's Facebook page. Application submitted to Arlington National Cemetery for burial.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation in his memory to The Don Reeves Memorial Scholarship fund. To donate using a credit card, call Rachael Graham at 256.638.4418 ext. 2391 or donations may be mailed to NACC, Development Department, PO Box 159, Rainsville, AL 35986.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM (cst)

Macklin Baptist Church
2750 Co. Rd 78
Pisgah, AL 35765

Tribute Wall

ZR

“ Zurely Roys lit a candle in memory of Donald D. Reeves



Zurely Roys - January 10, 2023 at 09:45 PM

ZR

Offering my condolences for the loss of someone so special. He will be remembered as a fine teacher and great person. My most sincere condolences to his family.

Zurely Roys - January 10, 2023 at 09:50 PM

DS

“ I remember Mr. Reeves as an instructor while I was at NACC several years ago and appreciated his service at the school. My sincerest condolences go out to his family during their time of loss.

DJ Smith - January 10, 2023 at 03:26 PM

GT

“ He was a joy to know! Looked forward to passing him in the halls of NACC. He was always positive and happy! So very sorry! The world lost a great man!!

Glenda Childers Turlington - January 10, 2023 at 10:39 AM

AM

“ *Amber May lit a candle in memory of Donald D. Reeves*



Amber May - January 10, 2023 at 09:23 AM

RS

“ *Rachel Stewart lit a candle in memory of Donald D. Reeves*



rachel Stewart - January 10, 2023 at 07:51 AM

MA

This man was very special to me since the summer I graduated from high school, when I met him at a church camp where we both served as counselors. He was SO very bright articulate, winsome, and I loved the twinkle in his eyes. He was full of mischief, also, and could be quite the clown. He helped me during a difficult time when I was contemplating leaving my first husband, getting a counselor for me in the town where I lived.

Molly Adams - January 10, 2023 at 10:28 AM