



## Donald Lee Horton

November 9, 1936 - January 15, 2018

Dr. Rev. Donald Lee Horton, 81, of Statesville, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, January 15, 2018 at Maple Leaf Health Care Center in Statesville. He was born on November 9, 1936 in Glendale, CA, to the late Milton Wallace and Jessie Levy Horton. Dr. Horton was a retired pastor for Calvary Community Church in Statesville where he served for nearly 50 years. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Jean Carolyn "Carol" Brenneman. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Elizabeth "Betty" Baxter Horton; children, Kevin Horton and wife, Mandy; Richard "Ricky" Horton and wife, Amy; Melanie Brown and husband, Jeremy; twin brother, Dr. Ronald A. Horton; and grandchildren, Nicholas Horton, Jacob Horton, Bethany Brown, Nathaniel Horton, Jared Horton, Brylee Brown, Isabelle Brown, and Sydney Horton. His life verse is Philippians 1:20, "According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death." Don genuinely lived this verse! Don was a truly wonderful and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be remembered as a faithful pastor, wise counselor, friend of pastors and was much loved by his family and friends. He is a sterling example of all that would be wished for in a man of God. Though he was the pastor at Calvary Community Church, he also seemed to be the pastor to the community because of the many funerals at which he helped to officiate or for which he played the piano/organ. He graduated from Bob Jones University in

Greenville, SC in 1958 with a B.A. in Bible and also a Masters Degree in Bible. He also completed all courses necessary for his Ph.D. During his time in school, he also taught Greek as a Graduate Assistant. In 2007, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Bob Jones University. In addition to school, Don traveled all over the USA for six summers as preacher/pianist with musical groups from Bob Jones University. He also traveled one summer through Central America with Christ Harvesters evangelistic team led by Rev. Mike Casillas where Don played the piano and accordion. Later during his pastorate, he traveled all over the country, including three times to Alaska, as pianist with evangelist Dr. Billy Martin and his well-known Prayer Advance. The celebration of his life will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 19 at Calvary Community Church with Rev. Jeff Coley and Rev. Richard Forsythe officiating. The body will lie in state an hour prior to the service. The family will receive friends following the service from 2:00-6:00 PM at the church. Memorials may be made to Calvary Community Church, 334 N. Oakland Ave, Statesville, NC 28677. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Horton family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Lee Horton*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Donald Lee Horton*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Donald Lee Horton*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *So sad to learn of Pastor Horton's passing. I remember his great energy, moving from the organ to the pulpit with lightning speed. I was only under his ministry for a short time, but he greatly influenced my life and baptized me, so many years ago. My condolences to the family and church family.*

**Mark Johnson** - March 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *I met Rev Horton thru Southview Christian School. A very kind and gentle friend. I only learned tonight of his passing. We say "Goodnight here but Goodmorning up there.*

**Pastor Bobby L Leonard** - February 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Pastor Horton is someone that I've truly loved all my life. I've attended church services and bible study all over the world, but I've always compared them with this gentle man. He is someone I always equate with the word home. Be blessed, Pastor Horton. Please keep a look out for us up there.*

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**Pamela Summers** - January 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Sincerely one of the best men I have ever known. He left behind a godly heritage. May God give you His peace, comfort, and grace through this difficult time.*

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**Julia Castillo** - January 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Thank you for your wonderful example of faithfulness to our Lord and to your family. Your life of service to others was a blessing to our family as well as the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission. We will long cherish our memories of your good-natured humor and consistent cheerful spirit. May God comfort your family during this time.*

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**Dan & Beverly Beadles** - January 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. He was always there for all of my family. I am sure he is making that piano talk with his loved ones in heaven. He was a wonderful man of God. May his memory live forever in the hearts of his children and grandchildren.*

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**Sissy Shew** - January 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Mr. Horton what an example you set for me from the time I was a tiny little girl until now. You and your family feel like my family. You will be so greatly missed. You have lead so many to the Lord just in the Statesville area! Thank you for preaching the Word and living it! I know you are with the Lord playing a piano or singing! I love you and will see you again! Danette Forsythe Sigmon*

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**Danette Sigmon** - January 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Don Horton will be greatly missed by this community. He was steadfast in his commitment to serving God. My wife Melonie recounts the days on end he would spend at the area hospitals making rounds and praying with not only those he knew but sometimes complete strangers. Our condolences to the Horton family...your dad, granddad, father-in-law, and husband was an inspiration to many. God Bless.*

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**Jae & Melonie Ellenburg** - January 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ *Dear Horton family, We send our sincere sympathy for your loss. Rev. Horton was a godly, faithful servant of Christ, and his testimony and love for his Savior is well known. May the Lord encourage you as you contemplate his now being in the presence of the Lord for all eternity. "Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints." Our daughter-in-law, Jessica Elliott, is Don's niece, and we served along with Don's brother, Ron at BJU for years. It has been a privilege to be connected with your family. We are praying for you.*

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**Gene and Sara Elliott** - January 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear Horton Family, So sorry to hear of the passing of Reverend Horton. As a nurse at Iredell Memorial Hospital many years ago, I remember him walking the halls visiting the patients and the staff. Most days he was carrying his styrofoam cup of coffee. He always had a smile on his face. I don't believe he was the hospital pastor but he could have been. Everyone loved him! Thanks for the memories .

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**Bonnie Cook** - January 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ rip to a great man prayers

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**terry dalton** - January 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My sympathy for all the family, I go to Trinity Baptist with Dr Ron Horton, you are all in my prayers..

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**Michele Botelho** - January 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Pastor Horton holds a special place in my heart. He was such an encourager to me. So blessed to have known him and called him a friend. Prayers for the family.

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**LuAnn Walker** - January 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Our loss, Heaven's gain.His shoes can never be filled.Praying for his family.

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**Judy Barringer Hager** - January 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *What a blessing Don has been !!Tabernacle Baptist ChurchLippard Farm RdStatesville, NC*

**Curtis White** - January 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *To The Horton Family:Don, will truly be missed. I am so thank-full to have known him and his wonderful family. May the Lord bless and comfort you all. Blessings, Ted & Elizabeth Ellis*

January 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *To the whole Horton family, we are sad but rejoice the Hope we have in Jesus our Lord and Savior. For, He lives, we too live for all eternity. May the promises of God comfort your hearts and the days, years ahead of the Blessed HOPE we have and that we will see our loved ones who have gone home, first. Y'all are in our prayers and hearts as we lift you all up in prayers to our Heavenly Father, who Knows and our Savior who Understands your sorrow. Asking the Holy Spirit bring you Peace that comes from our LORD GOD! We love you all!!Love Cha Family! Eastside Baptist Church*

**Leena Jacob Cha** - January 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Mrs. Horton and family, I know this is a sorrowful time for your family as well as a time of rejoicing knowing that Pastor Horton is now at peace. I am thankful for the opportunity to have him as my pastor for many years but also to have the entire family as my friends. I have many wonderful memories of him. May the Lord bless and comfort you all during this time. Love you all. Cindy Lee*

**Cindy Lee** - January 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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*Dorothy Honeycutt,*

*Huntersville, North Carolina*

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