



Rev. H. Dovenbarger

May 28, 1927 - March 31, 2012

Rev. Ralph H. Dovenbarger, 84 of Canton, died at 8:59pm Saturday March 31st at Canton Christian Home, Canton, OH. He was born Saturday, May 28, 1927 in Zanesville, the son of Ralph E. Dovenbarger and Mildred (Fritz) Dovenbarger. He married Dora Jane (Spragg) Dovenbarger on Tuesday, December 28, 1948.

Rev. Dovenbarger served his country during WWII in the United States Navy. Rev. Dovenbarger was a graduate of Ashland College and received his Masters Degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He faithfully served the congregations of Ark Springs Baptist Church, Newcomerstown Baptist Church and the Headlands Baptist Church of Mentor as their pastor. He also volunteered as a pastor at First Baptist Church in Englewood, FL. He loved music and enjoyed playing the trumpet. Rev. Dovenbarger spent many years with Christian camps where he directed camps and canoe trips. He was also a licensed ham radio operator.

Rev. Dovenbarger is survived by wife: Dora Jane Dovenbarger; two daughters: Jayne & Thomas Laursen of Canton and Beth & Allen Keeney of Willoughby; one son: Daniel B. Dovenbarger of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and sister: Gloria Clossman of Elgin, IL. He was greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

In addition to his parents, Rev. Dovenbarger was preceded in death by two brothers: Kenneth and Byron Dovenbarger and one sister: Mary Spragg.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Wednesday, April 4th at the Hillis

& Hardwick Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, OH where funeral services will be held Thursday April 5th at 11:00 AM with Rev. Paul Lamb officiating. Burial will follow in Zanesville Memorial Park with VFW Post 1058 conducting Full Military Honors. Memorial contributions may be made to Market Street Baptist Church, 140 North Sixth Street, Zanesville, OH 43701 or Camp Koinonia, 6810 Cork Cold Springs Road, Geneva, OH 44041 in Rev. Dovenbarger's memory. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note, please click on the link at top of page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. H. Dovenbarger*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Dear Mrs.Dovenbarger, I was searching for you online and came across Rev. Dovebarger's memorial. My deepest sympathies to you and your family. I am in Cape Coral Fl. not far from Englewood. Are you still living down here? I would love to hear from you.Irene Shiner*

Irene Shiner - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We share your sorrow as you grieve. We share your joy at the assurance of eternal life.*

Chris Latham - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Dora Jane and children. I got the notice of Rev. Dovenbarger's passing from my sister-in-law in Ohio. My prayers are with you and if later you get opportunity would love to hear from you. I told Jeannine and that Beth lived in Willoughby. We had many happy times at the Headlands Church.*

Rose Marie Brainard - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have happy memories of Uncle Ralph. I pray for comfort for those he left behind.*

Mary Ann Benson - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ To all of Ralph's family I send my deepest sympathy for your loss. He served God well, was kind and gentle and had a strong influence in my Christian journey. He is certainly in the hands of our loving God and blessed by the joy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ DEAR DORAJANE AND FAMILY, PLEASE EXCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME . I WANT YOU TO KNOW YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS AND HAVE THE FONDEST MEMORIES OF RALPH AT HEADLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH...LOVE PRICILLA YOO

PATTI EMORE - April 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of Jayne's Father. Clearly your Father's faith not only impacted his walk with the Lord, but also your entire family and all the Church families to whom he ministered. May you enjoy all the good memories of your Father as you grieve his passing, celebrate his life, and praise our Lord for the eternal life he has provided for your Father and all who believe.

Paul Richards - April 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ To all of Ralph's family - my deepest sympathy. He was such a sweet man. I didn't know him during his "prime", but I feel honored to have known him these past few years as he shared his sweet nature with everyone he encountered. He will be missed by all of us at CCH. My love and prayers are for all of your family as you experience the loss of this fine man!

Barbara Bartchy - April 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Ralph married my wife Donna and I Aug.8 1981 at the Headlands Baptist Church. Our prayers are with you all. Marc and Donna (Scott) Matthis, Rev. Martin E. Matthis (U.S. Army Ret.), David Matthis and Shirley Matthis Chase.

Marc Matthis - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ So sorry to hear of Rev. Dovenbarger's passing. He was my pastor during my childhood at Headland's Baptist Church. My sincere condolences to the entire family. May you find solice that he is with his Lord God whom he cherished.

Linda Crawford Yeager - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We rember Rev. Dovenbarger from the Headlands Baptist Church (1958-1968) with fond memories of him, dora Jane and the three children. Our sincere sympathy to the family.Glenn and Kay McKinney - Mentor,Oh

April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ To the family of Rev. Dovenbarger, what a special person your husband and Dad was. We were married by Rev. Dovenbarager in 1965 at the Headlands Baptist Church. What a close family the church was lead by your Dad. May the happy and warm memories be held in your heart. Prayers and sympathy to all of you. God Bless you all

Judy - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Our condolences to the Dovenbarger Family. Your Father was a gentle, kind man. He had a quiet dignity that we saw during his illness. Always a gentleman. We are thinking of you in sorrow and sympathy. Sincerely, Morgan and Pat Spiker and Family

Patricia Spiker - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ REV.DOVENBARGER MARRIED MY HUSBAND AND I 31YEARS AGO. HE IS IN JESUS ARMS NOW AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED .OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU... MIKE AND PATTI ELMORE MENTOR, OHIO 44060

PATTI ELMORE - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ My mother Carolyn and family send our sympathy to your whole family on the loss of your husband and father.

Elizabeth Karnosh - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To Jane, Beth and Dan -What wonderful memories I have of your father at camp --first as the camp director when I was a camper and then as the camp pastor when I was a counselor. I will always remember him as warm and loving--always ready with a warm embrace and kind words. And always ready to make you smile (sometimes at the expense of my dad). Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Fondly,

Jane Steger - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ With heartfelt sympathy, fond memories, and utmost admiration to a wonderful pastor and his gracious family may God guide your days and keep you in His arms,

Donna Robinson - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ The beauty of a life well-lived becomes a legacy that stays behind and warms the heart with every memory. Wishing you comfort Judy Armbrust Spiker Mkt. St. Bapt. Church

April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Family, Might God sustain you in your loss. Many memories of Gloria Clossman at the First Baptist Church in Byesville bless my heart. God is always that present help in time of trouble. In Christ, Marty and Mary(Kirkland) Scott

Mary Scott - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM