



Damon E. Wyatt

February 16, 2013

Because of his faith in Christ, Rev. Damon E. Wyatt, 94, was ushered into the presence of God on Feb. 16th. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Vivian Saunders Wyatt; a daughter, Dayna Austin, and her husband, P. Jack Austin all of Portsmouth. He left behind two beloved grandsons, Dr. Trae Shepherd and his wife, Emily, of Charlotte, NC, Damon W. Shepherd and his wife, Mary, of Winston-Salem, NC. In addition, he left six great grandchildren, Ella Kaitlin, Lorien Vivian, Ian Scott, Lucy Wyatt, Molly Scott, and Heidi Marie Shepherd.

Rev. Wyatt served in the US Navy and was the former pastor of West Norfolk Baptist. He was the founding pastor of Sweethaven Baptist Church and founder of Sweethaven Christian School.

A private burial will be held at Churchland Baptist Church Cemetery, followed by a public celebration of his life at Calvary Baptist Church on London Blvd. at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, Rev. Tom Potter, Dr. Harold Hostetler, Dr. Philip Parker, Rev. Tony Facenda, and Rev. Bryan Brooks will be officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Sweethaven Christian School. Loving Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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“ I remember years ago as a child growing up as an adolescent in Portsmouth partially and visiting his church and it was one of the most best experiences I'll never forget in my life. Rev.Wyatt was a wonderful person and will be very missed I'd like to send my love and sincerity sorrow to his family and friends as well as any followers even though I couldn't always be at his church I always did enjoy watching him on TV when I was able to. I've never been the perfect Christian but I have always had loyalty and respect for Mr Wyatt Sincerely by name only Damon Everett Wyatt, damons37@yahoo.com

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“ Damon Wyatt, my uncle, was the finest person and best example of the Christian faith I ever knew. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know him here on Earth miss him and will continue to miss him every day until our family reunites in heaven. But until then, I take joy envisioning Damon wrapped in the loving arms of God and Jesus.##imported-begin##Johnette Wyatt Beacham##imported-end##

February 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the loss of our Preacher Wyatt. He married us and ordained me in the ministry. Sad to hear he is gone, BUT not forgotten in Massachusetts! May God bless and comfort all of us.##imported-begin##Ray & Linda Watson##imported-end##

February 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Ohhhh the memories I have of Pastor Wyatt and Mrs Wyatt and Sunday services! His artistic talent was only overshadowed by his love for the Lord. My prayers are with you all for your loss and my rejoicing is with him that he is home with his Heavenly Father!###imported-begin###Diane Stukes Hedricks###imported-end##

February 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Vivian, We received a notice today, Thursday from Billy and Earline Blackmon concerning Damon's promotion to heaven. Our prayers are with you at this time. We have great memories of you and Damon. God bless you, Marvin and Virginia Faile###imported-begin###Marvin and Virginia Faile###imported-end##

February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We have such fond memories of Damon. God Bless you Vivian and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Dolores, Becky, Tim, Cathy, Judie, Lynda, Christy and Babette###imported-begin###Mrs. P.T. Bailey and Family###imported-end##

February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Vivian, I am so sorry for you and your family's loss. I did get an opportunity to vist with Damon at the Churchland House and it brought back so many great memories of the stories daddy would tell us about the two of them. I can hear him singing Amazing Grace at this moment. We love you and your family.##imported-begin##Peggy Odell White##imported-end##

February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I accepted Christ as my savior as a little boy under the pastoring of Preacher Wyatt. I still follow Jesus everyday and have met many pastors along the way, but I have never met one who touched my heart like Preacher Wyatt did. Vivian and Dayna, I am so sorry for your loss. It's a loss for us all. Mike##imported-begin##Mike Butler##imported-end##

February 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ He was such a great man. He and Vivian used to have dinner with my parents Bill & Arlene King on some Sundays and he would sit back and just start singing. Loved his chalk talks and all his beautiful paintings. God bless you Vivian and your family. He is home.##imported-begin##jimi miltier##imported-end##

February 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My daddy is with him for sure both with huge smiles shinning down on all of us. I remember going out to his beautiful home as a kid and what a kind man he was. My thoughts and prayers are with are with Aunt Vivian. XXOO##imported-begin##Katherine Saunders Litzinger##imported-end##

February 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Any time I ever saw The Preacher there was never a hint of negativity or arrogance, just humility and Godly countenance. What an example. Never a more highly respected man of God and friend of the community. I know of generations of Christians including me because of his ministry and living example. God is capable of using his death to reach souls too. Thank God for The Preacher and how he touched my life! Prayers of peace going up for the family.##imported-begin##Kenny Casoyer##imported-end##

February 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Such fond memories of Uncle Damon singing and painting and smiling that great big Wyatt smile. :- He was a genuine man with a heart of gold. I will hold dear my memories of him standing by the crab pot cookin the crabs for us....talking to my son about his art talent and giving him encouraging tips....and all of the great memories of family reunions held at his home. He lived a long and happy life on earth and I'm sure the angels are rejoicing to finally have him there...singing "The Old Rugged Cross".##imported-begin##Jennie Wyatt Ricketts##imported-end##

February 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We have lost a good brother, both spiritually and Masonic. Damon had a love for God and a beautiful singing voice to praise God with. I remember so well his "Old Rugged Cross" while he chalked a picture of Calvary. Until we meet again my brother.##imported-begin##Kirk Culpepper##imported-end##

February 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I'll always remember him he would see me in the boat and always say hello.He was a nice man.At Christmas time William and I when to see him.At Churchland house.It was appreciate to see him .
.###imported-begin###Marjorie Vann-Smith###imported-end###

February 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Our prayer for You Miss Vivian. You will truly miss your companion. My prayer is to give you comfort and hang on to the joy you had for one another. My you have peace. Amen###imported-begin###Gale Harvell###imported-end###

February 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Damon was a special blessing in our lives. Brenda especially remembers the many times of youth meetings, the messages in song, and his ministry through his chalk talks. He always pointed folk to the Savior.
We continue to remember the family in our prayers and thoughts.
Damon was one of God's faithful servants. He will be greatly missed.
Love in Christ,
John and Brenda Jennings
Jude 24 and 25###imported-begin###John and Brenda Jennings###imported-end###

February 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great man and special friend to my Mom & Dad as all of us. Blessing to all Gail##imported-begin##Gail Albertson Wills##imported-end##

February 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Damon always had a good word and was fun to be around. He helped with some hard decisions. The angels are celebrating. Vivian you are in our hearts and prayers.
We love you,
Pat and Deadri Horan##imported-begin##Par & Deadri Horan##imported-end##

February 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Vivian and Dayna,
We were sorry to hear of Damon's passing. We have fond memories of times past.

In Christian Love,
Carolyn & Merrill Baines##imported-begin##Carolyn and Merrill Baines##imported-end##

February 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Many are the memories of this man of God , Preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.
Matthew 25:21##imported-begin##Andy Hudgins##imported-end##

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