



Rev. Dabney Walters

May 20, 2021

The Reverend William Dabney Walters died on May 20, 2021, at the age of 91. He was born in Charlottesville, but spent his high school years in Lynchburg, VA. Mr. Walters was a graduate of Lynchburg College and Duke Divinity School. In 1997 he retired as a pastor in the United Methodist Church of the Virginia Conference following 43 years of service. He served seven churches: Rustburg Charge; Toano Charge; Trinity, Poquoson; St. Mark's, Petersburg; Monumental, Portsmouth; and Larchmont, Norfolk. He also served as the District Superintendent of the Rappahannock and Norfolk Districts. He was elected twice to the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church and served on many conference committees. He was an Army Veteran of the Korean War.

Dabney is survived by his wife of 64 years, Carolyn Smith Walters; two children, Wendy Roane and husband David and Richard Walters and wife Julia. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Brandon Roane (Robyn), Ashley Rogers and husband Mike, Bonnie White and husband Nick, and Matthew Walters; and by six great grandchildren: Amy, Sam, and Ezekiel Rogers and MaryElla, Harris, and AnnaLeigh Roane.

Mr. Walters was an outgoing person who was always happy and smiling with his clergy friends and at Monumental UMC. His strength was as a pastor. He was a familiar figure biking and walking in the Hatton Point area of Portsmouth

and walking with Cashew, one of his 4-legged friends.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 pm at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens on Wednesday, May 26, and a memorial service will be held at Monumental United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 27 at 1:00 pm. Reservations may be made for the memorial service by calling MUMC at 757-397-1297. Reservations are not necessary for the graveside service. Officiating will be Pastor Celeste Heath. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Monumental UMC, 450 Dinwiddie St., Portsmouth, VA 23704.

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Rd.
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Committal Service

MAY **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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4569 Shoulders Hill Road
Suffolk, VA 23435

Tribute Wall

LA

“ *The Lynchburg Alumni Association expresses our sincere condolences to the family.*

Lynchburg Alumni Association - June 04, 2021 at 04:39 PM

JC

“ *We have know Dabney as neighbors for years but only got to be friends in the last two years,
One morning while sitting out front with our dog a chocolate lab mix he stopped and asked if he could walk her ? We said she would love that and so began our friendship and that of he and Cashew ,
Dabney started a routine of faithfully walking Cashew at 9:00 am and 4:00 pm seven days a week all season's . He would bundle him and her in her coat and do their walking,
On Wednesday he would drive her to his son Richards and all three walked, (many times they would go through Dunking donuts, or Dairy Queen on their outings) On Saturday morning Richard would come here and all three would walk together.
Many times we would talk upon returning from the walks. He called her "Sugar".
She waits for him every day looking at his house for him to come.
Doesn't understand that her friend has gone to Heaven and will not be coming to walk.
Dabney was a beautiful man and we will miss him so much ❤️*

joan Chupik - May 25, 2021 at 07:26 PM

Y"

“ Dabney came into our lives only recently, in years, and yet he was the friendliest and nicest person, really nice person! He meant so much to my family and my parent's dog Cashew and we already miss him terribly.

Yvonne (Cashew's "sister") - May 25, 2021 at 06:43 PM

LW

“ It is difficult for me to think of Monumental Church without our beloved Dabney. Monumental without Dabney is like a garden without flowers. He was always there for all of us...weddings, funerals or whatever the need might be. I have lost my pastor and my friend. Lynn Wiggins

Lynn Wiggins - May 23, 2021 at 04:27 PM

MT

“ I got to know Dabney when he was Norfolk District Superintendent. I worked in the office next door to him at United Methodist Family Services as office manager. He was a great supporter of our agency and our staff. It was always a joyful occasion when he would stop by for business reasons or just to say hello. I became very fond of him and missed him when he left. Even though he was retired, he agreed to be the officiant at my wedding in 2002, and of course, did a wonderful job. He was an amazing human being and pastor. Deepest condolences to his family.



Mary Taylor - May 23, 2021 at 02:36 PM

BK

“ *Dabney was a saint to me in the late eighties and early nineties when my dad's health was declining slightly as he tried to keep up his longtime habits of physical fitness. For several years they were boon companions on the roadways and neighborhoods of Churchland. I felt relieved that Dabney was looking after him.*

During those years he was a regular visitor at my dad's house and I loved to be in his company. He was an excellent conversationalist

He presided at the funeral services of my stepmother.

He was a good and decent man who should be remembered first and foremost for his kindness.

Rest In Peace my friend.

My deepest sympathy to his family and friends who are mourning his death.

Bernie Kirsch - May 23, 2021 at 11:21 AM