



Rev'd Jerome Roger "Jerry" Dodson III

July 14, 1961 - July 14, 2018

Jerome Roger Dodson, III, 57 passed away Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee following a brief illness. He is survived by his wife Angela Dodson of Quincy.

The funeral service will be held at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, July 19th at New Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in Quincy, where Jerry served as Pastor. A reception will follow the service at the church. Burial, with military honors will take place at 12 o'clock noon at Tallahassee National Cemetery.

Gifts in memory of Jerry may be made to Third Millennium Ministries (thirdmill.org).

Jerry was born in Greensboro NC on 14 July 1961. He attended Brooks Elementary School in the Lake Daniel neighborhood of Guilford County, NC. In 1971 at the age of 10 he set out with his family for Papua New Guinea in the southwest Pacific Islands, where they served as missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They sailed from the west coast of the USA on the P&O liner, Arcadia.

In 1975 the family returned to Greensboro for a year of furlough, traveling via southeast Asia, visiting the Philippines and Thailand. During that year he attended Kiser Middle School. Returning to PNG, he completed his junior and senior high schooling, and graduated in 1979. Following his interest in the arts, theatre and acting especially, he returned to the USA and spent a semester at Northwestern College in Iowa. He soon came back to Greensboro however, and in 1980 he trained at GTCC as a paramedic. He later enrolled at UNCG and in 1987 graduated as a RN. He worked at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital as a cardiac nurse, where he was well known for his skill and care.

In 1989, Jerry married Angela Prevatt at Lawndale Baptist Church. As newlyweds they moved into a home on Euclid St. in Greensboro, where they developed a heart for and ministered to the homeless. He often returned to the hospital after his third shift to take Bibles to and pray with the patients. Jerry served his country in the Air force National

Guard and was on active duty during Desert Storm. He was also a chaplain for Sons of God Motorcycle Club Ministries, that is, to former Hells Angels. So many people asked him if he was a pastor and as a result he discovered his heart's true desire and set out to become one formally. He received an honorable discharge as 1st Lieutenant with a National Defence Service Medal. In 1994 Jerry began to pursue training at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando where he excelled, and where his fellow students called him "Bible boy" due to his commitment to rightly divide the word of truth.

He became a voracious reader and avid debater of the finer points of theology. Following graduation with a Master of Divinity, Jerry served at Ligonier Ministry where he answered founder R.C. Sproul's mail as well as theological questions that came in from all over the world. He was ordained by R.C. Sproul at Saint Andrew's Chapel in Sanford FL., following which he received a call to Northside Presbyterian church in Melbourne, FL. There he served faithfully for many years, and later he became pastor at New Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in Quincy, FL. Jerry loved much and was much loved by all that knew him. He has always had a servant's heart and served faithfully as a servant-shepherd pastor.

Jerry was truly a man of multiple talents and passions. For those who knew him well, he was definitely a character. He possessed a clever mind, sharp wit and generous spirit. He held a lifelong interest in words, language, spoken accents, humor and music, as well as books (he built a personal library of over 30,000 books). His loves were theology, teaching and preaching the Bible. He closely followed Contemporary Christian music as it developed during the 1970s and later grew to love the richness of the great hymns of faith. He became an avid listener to classical music and Frank Sinatra. He was a great fan of the 1960s TV series, The Andy Griffith Show, which summed up his love for the North Carolina he left as a young boy and his desire for wholesome viewing. He took considerable care in crafting his weekly sermons, which he delivered wearing a Geneva gown, which was designed to deflect the focus from the pastor and to the sacred Scriptures.

Jerry desired to live an authentic Christian life and serve his Lord, and to that end faced his share of struggles. He was a faithful man who lived the gospel he believed. He will be remembered for his great love of life and for his generosity. In recent years he used social media to reach many in friendship and discipleship. Jerry departed this world on his 57th birthday. He will be hugely missed as a much-loved son, devoted husband, affectionate brother and uncle, as well as committed pastor and friend.

Other survivors include his parents Roger and Polly Dodson of Greensboro, NC; two

sisters, Ellen Webb (Michael) of Australia and Carol Bost (Bo) of Greensboro, NC; and his brother Paul Dodson also of Greensboro.

Cemetery

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL, 32311

Events

JUL 19 Funeral Service 10:00AM

New Philadelphia Presbyterian Church
746 So. Adams Street, Quincy, FL, US, 32351

JUL 19 Recption for family and friends following the service 11:00AM

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746 So. Adams Street, Quincy, FL, US, 32351

JUL 19 Burial 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Jerry was a seminary classmate and colleague. He had a zany sense of humor and a zest for life. Now his joy is full in Jesus. My condolences to Angela.

Tom Cox - July 27, 2018 at 10:36 PM



“ Jerry was such an enjoyable brother in Christ that I was privileged to get to know while at Reformed Theological Seminary. His laugh would pervade the room and it was contagious! If Jerry was on location, you were going to laugh with him. But this was paired with a serious side: Jerry loved to discuss theological issues that span the gamut, and was serious about defending true Biblical doctrine. While working with Jerry at the RTS Bookstore, he regularly showed us mailings and advertising in the Christian world that were obviously defective and we accumulated them in what was thereafter deemed "The Wacko File." We could laugh at the silliness, and mourn that people were being urged to embrace such ridiculous things. Those days filled with laughter and meaty discussions, like a holy rhythm, were formative for me - I am so glad God brought Jerry into my life. I am richer from knowing him. I look forward to seeing my friend when we both shine like the sun in the kingdom, and laugh in that holy rhythm once again.

Darren Edgington - July 24, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ You were a faithful and loving pastor while we were at Northside Presbyterian-so many fond memories of your good preaching, love for your flock and easy laugh. Our prayers are with Angela right now. Thank you Lord for these faithful servants.

Josie Braddy - July 21, 2018 at 11:04 PM



“ Thank you so very much for your friendship. I am so grateful to have had you as a pastor at Northside. I'll never forget when performed my baptism so many years ago. Thank you for showing me the glory of God and being my friend.



Sierra Connor - July 21, 2018 at 09:00 PM



“ I'm still gobsmacked that Jerry's no longer here; he was a really good friend and I will miss him. I am thankful he knew Jesus as Lord and Savior and constantly pointed people to Christ.

Marie Halstead,
Suffolk, VA

Marie - July 20, 2018 at 11:08 PM



“ Rachel Stafford lit a candle in memory of Rev'd Jerome Roger "Jerry" Dodson III



Rachel Stafford - July 20, 2018 at 10:09 PM



“ To Angela and the Dodson Family

My heart is broken for you all. Jerry was the best. I am so grateful that I got to see him last June (and talk with Angela via speaker phone). My life is better because of knowing him. I will miss his wit and his friendship for the rest of my life. I pray that you all will find peace and comfort in memories, knowing that he is free of all that brought pain. We'll see him in the next world. God bless each of you.

Rachel Stafford
Concord, NC

Rachel Stafford - July 20, 2018 at 10:08 PM



“ To Roger, Polly, and All the Dodson Family,
We had the blessing of being assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from 1978-1979. The good Lord knew that we needed a lesson on just what His missionaries do and we could not have found a better place to do just that. It was with profound joy that we discovered that Roger, Polly and kids lived up in the highlands at the Wycliffe Base Camp, which we visited. What a joy to be half way around the world and find folks from Greensboro. I am from Asheboro and my wife is from High Point.

As we read all these comments about Rev. Dodson we couldn't help but realize how his parents raised him in The Lord and how much of a reflection of his parents he was.

You have our prayers and we know that in Christ we shall meet him again on the other side.

Sidney and Rene Nance
Woodbridge, VA

Sidney and Rene Nance - July 20, 2018 at 02:11 PM



“ Angela, I am so sorry to hear about Jerry's death. His wit, intelligence, perseverance and love of you, God, His Word and His Kingdom made him a great man! How greatly he will be missed by us all. Your Jerry always seemed to be able to sense when "this" Jerry was struggling or under attack; he was quick to offer exactly the right words of encouragement or humor. Know that my prayers and the prayers of Covenant are with you.

Jerry Klemm
Pastor, Covenant PCA, Palm Bay, Fl

Rev. Jerry Klemm - July 18, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ Jerry and Angela are dear, dear lovers of Jesus and faithful servants of His. How well Mary and I remember when they hosted us in their home while at RTS in Orlando. Their special love for our disabled daughter, Jessica, is vividly remembered and deeply cherished.

Praying for you, Angela, and taking great consolation in the strong hope of the Gospel. How grateful we are for such an anchor in such storms! How much we wish we could jump in the car and race up to Quincy tomorrow morning . . .

Mike Beates, for Mary, Jessica, and our family

Mike Beates - July 18, 2018 at 03:17 PM



“ Jerry was (and is) a delightful man of quick wit and genuine care for others. I enjoyed working with him at Ligonier for several years.

I'm the clerk of Central Florida Presbytery and have forwarded this information on to his friends here who are in the PCA. I regret that the service is tomorrow and that doesn't give much time to get up there, but I know we would all love to see Angela and rejoice in God's kindness at giving us Jerry.

As his favorite music group, Daniel Amos, would say, he has found his sanctuary.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXU0niHZ_AY

Robert Barnes - July 18, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ Oh our sweet Jer-Bear has left us to be with our Lord and Savior! For those left behind we are better for knowing him and sad for his absence! He was so fun to work with! He made being a Nurse Review at Christian Care a joyful place!

Angela- mine and Troy's prayers are with you my dear! May the love and comfort of our precious Jesus be yours in the minutes you find need.



Deanna Adams - July 18, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Robin Brown - July 18, 2018 at 08:44 AM



“ Angie was his soul mate

Robin Brown - July 18, 2018 at 08:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev'd Jerome Roger "Jerry" Dodson III.





“ Jerry was a wonderful nurse and friend, always uplifting in both his smile & words he shared
When David & I married years ago Jerry offered to video our wedding with a camera borrowed from Marilyn
He was always thinking of others and it was no surprise the paths he chose as pastor and nurse



Debbie Gray - July 18, 2018 at 04:31 AM



“ Jerry and I work together at Moses Cone hospital. He was such a joy to be around. So full of life and happiness. He was loved by many and his patients love him. He would pray with his patients and comfort them. My husband and I enjoy spending time with Angie and him. He had a great love for his wife. He love her with all his heart. So glad he was a part of my life. Love and prayers to Angie and his family.



Melanie A Shacklett - July 17, 2018 at 10:56 PM



“ Jerry is my first cousin and I had not seen him in many years, but I have special memories of all of us cousins being together as kids at our grandparents house. My heart is with my Dodson cousins and sweet Aunt Polly and Uncle Roger. Love to you all. Nancy Ruth

Nancy White Holloway - July 17, 2018 at 08:16 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Jerry. I worked with him on the Heart Unit at Moses Cone in Greensboro. He was a caring person and a wonderful nurse. He had a great sense of humor. It sounds like he had a full life and touched a lot of people with his ministry. All the family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant you peace and comfort in the days ahead as you remember someone so special.

Jean Mabe (RN, Retired) - July 17, 2018 at 05:40 PM



“ We dated in college. I will always cherish the time I had with him. I remember his sense of humor, his intelligence (and his banjo!) He had a deep and abiding love for Angela, which I greatly respected. Also, I have never seen a man who loved his brother as much as Jerry did. Paul had a very special place in Jerry's heart. Jerry was greatly loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Linda Pratt Rives - July 17, 2018 at 03:03 PM



“ Margaret Thompson Williamson lit a candle in memory of Rev'd Jerome Roger "Jerry" Dodson III



Margaret Thompson Williamson - July 17, 2018 at 02:04 PM



“ Margaret Holland Thompson Williamson, because Jerry would complain that they used only three names.

Margaret - July 17, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rev'd Jerome Roger "Jerry" Dodson III.





“ Dear Angie and family I am at a loss for words. Jerry was loved by so many people and his wit along with his sense of humor will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and I hope you can receive comfort from all your precious memories and in knowing he is now with the Lord. Sincerely Robin Jenkins Brown and family



Robin Brown - July 17, 2018 at 01:38 PM



“ Made for each other

Robin Brown - July 18, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ Jerry was one in a million! I'm thankful for his friendship, humor, compassion, and love for others. The family, loved ones, and friends with a hole in their hearts will remain in my prayers. Rest well, my brother, you finished the race well.

Christina Monnig - July 17, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ I only knew Jerry through Facebook but I considered him a friend. His wit, compassion and great love for the Lord shone through. He will be missed. Prayers for his family.

Andrea Schwertley - July 17, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ Jerry was a wonderful friend. Prayers for family and Ms. Angela



Beulah Coblentz - July 17, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ Jerry was a dear friend and brother. I look forward to seeing him on the other side. Rest in the peace of Our Lord, brother.



Thomas Owens - July 17, 2018 at 12:01 PM



“ Lannetta Coultas lit a candle in memory of Rev'd Jerome Roger "Jerry" Dodson III



Lannetta Coultas - July 17, 2018 at 11:43 AM