



Bennie L. Dunn Sr.

April 22, 1941 - February 8, 2018

“A dad is a man who has enough love in his heart for all the lucky people he calls family.”

Bennie Lee Dunn, Sr. was born to Susana Dunn and Harlest Williams on April 22, 1941, in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

A Time to Plant

Bennie was educated in the Wake Forest School District and graduated from Dubois High School. Following graduation, Bennie enlisted in the United States Navy, where he received an Honorable Discharge after 2 years of service. During his time of service, Bennie was stationed in San Diego, California. He relocated to Rockville Centre, New York in 1961, where he worked for Nassau County Department of Public Works as a Common Laborer. After years of dedicated service, he was promoted to Assistant to the Commissioner of Highways and was able to retire from this position with 33 years of tireless service. Bennie was a faithful member of Second Baptist Church for many years and was a member of the Male Chorus. Bennie loved to sing and dance, as well as capture precious moments with his camera or video camera. Always impeccably dressed, Bennie's infectious smile would light up any room. While he enjoyed various hobbies, his passion was landscaping, and Bennie's lawn and gardens were stiff competition for those found in magazines like "Better Homes and Gardens". He was known as

“Pop”, “Dad”, and “Father” to many, as he touched numerous lives through his never-ending kindness and selflessness.

A Time to Love

Bennie married the love of his life, Ellen Eason, on March 25, 2005. Although they married later in life, everyone they encountered believed they were a couple of far more years. Mom and Pop Dunn, as they were affectionately known, touched the lives of many and served as an example of love personified to all. Bennie and Ellen relocated to Dover, Delaware, in 2007, and soon joined Crossroad Christian Church, where he served as a devoted member of the Able Men Ministry.

A Time to Mourn

Bennie went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, surrounded by loved ones, following a brief illness. Bennie is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Susanne. Here to cherish his memory are his devoted wife, his “Sweets”, Ellen Dunn; his children, Yma Burke, Bennie Dunn, Jr., Dana Dunn, Danielle Dunn, Dennis Dunn, Stephanie Dunn-Hollie, Vernon Harris, Jordan Haynes, and Rodney Lucas; several grand and great-grand children; and a host of other family members and friends.

Lovingly Submitted

The Family

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Tribute Wall

DP

“ *Thyrone and I continue to pray for Tawana and Family. May God continue to keep you as you journey through this valley.*

Donna Strong/Thyrone Price - February 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

H. Fields - February 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Hello Tawana,
I send you and your family condolence for the passing of your step father. Please know that I am praying your comfort and strength during this time.
Peace and Blessings to you,
Cheryl*

Cheryl Miller - February 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the pleasant memories of your husband/father/stepfather bring you a sense of peace and make you smile even in the midst of this difficult time.*

Cherree Sanders - February 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ May GOD's peace and comfort be with the Dunn family. My deepest condolence. Gigi

Gigi Jones - February 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ My condolences to you and your family in the loss of your stepfather. Sending prayers to you and your family and may GOD continue to bless each of you.

Mary Ann Thornton - February 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

Nichole Manning-Ashe - February 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Tawana and family - May your memories be filled with smiles more than tears as you mourn the loss of this great man in your life. I am praying for strength for everyone as you face the days, months and years without him.

Sally Schaeffer - February 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Tawana, you and your family are in my thoughts, and the thoughts of everyone here. I know that you will take care of everyone close to you, and that is needed and appreciated.

Gaelin Bryant - February 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ To Tawana and your family: Please accept my condolences and prayers during your time of grief. I hope your wonderful memories of Bennie Dunn will comfort you.

Veronica Crowe - February 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. We send this condolence with the sure hope the Bible provides all of us at difficult times like this. As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). As death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to Almighty God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He promises to remove from this earth FOREVER all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). What a glorious day that will surely be! It's a reality and a sure hope that we can trust in because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2). My wife and I sincerely encourage you to look up and meditate on these noted scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17). You will surely be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope our Grand Creator has in store for us (John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dear Tawana - My heart goes out to you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss.

Rebekkah Halliwell - February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire Dunn family. I have heard what a loving and devoted man Bennie was. I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Judy Gretsch (Tawana's colleague)*

Judy Gretsch - February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *May the GOD of our forefathers bless Mr. Dunn's spirit and his legacy. May GOD visit the family with the peace and serenity that only comes from HIM, during this difficult time. GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble...The LORD of Hosts is with us, the GOD of Jacob is our refuge! (Psalm 46)*

Elder Guy J. Stenson - February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your loss!*

Thomas & Libby Widgeon - February 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences for your recent loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. I have always received comfort from the Bibles' word at Philipians 4:7 which reads “and the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your heart and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus”. I hope you can receive comfort from these words as well. Margo Simmons*

Margo Simmons - February 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ My heartfelt condolences and prayers are with you during your hour of bereavement. Those of us who know the Lord, know that this transition is the greatest reward we can receive. Though our pain be real, our God is a very present help in the time of our troubles. Hold on God's unchanging hand

Reverend Potia Henry - February 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Sorry for your loss of a loved one. Read Isaiah 41:10 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - February 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ We offer our deepest and sincere condolences on the passing of such a great man Mr. Bennie Dunn. We so admired him for his smile, his positive attitude and of course his sharp dress. Always the gentlemen, kind to all and helper he will be missed. Such a warm-hearted faith-filled person we have no doubt that he is with the father. Always keeping in mind 2 Cor. Chapter 5 vs 8. AMEN!

Lloyd & Audria Wheatley - February 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection (Acts 24:15) and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one. - Revelation 21:3,4; John 5:28,29; Luke 23:43. may GOD (Psalms 83:18) grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time. - Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - February 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Family,
Grief can be so hard, may your family find strength in God's promise at (Isaiah 25: 8) that soon “he will swallow up death forever”. You have my deepest sympathy on the loss of Mr. Bennie Dunn Sr.

JoyceA - February 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM