



Pastor David W. Rickert

December 5, 1942 - April 18, 2023

And then one day, I'll cross that river. I'll fight life's final war with pain. And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns, ("Because He Lives," Bill and Gloria Gaither).

David William Rickert, 80, of Conway, SC, departed this life and was greeted by His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 18, 2023.

David was the son of the late William and Dorothy Rickert and was born in Philadelphia, PA, on December 5, 1942. Born to Christian parents, David came to know Christ as Savior at a young age. In July 1966, David married Doris Ott and they faithfully served the Lord together for 56 years.

In 1970, they moved to Pittsboro, NC, to begin their first ministry as house parents for boys at Pittsboro Christian Home. In 1973, David and Doris moved to Conway where they joined in the ministry at Bethany Bible Chapel. It was during this time that Dave began serving at various camps and even enjoyed frequently ministering to the believers in Spanish Wells, Bahamas.

In 1982, the Rickert family moved to Winston-Salem, NC, where they served the Lord for almost ten years at Parkway Chapel. Sensing the Lord's leading, the Rickerts returned to Conway in 1991, where David pastored at Bethany Bible Chapel until stepping back in 2019.

David was blessed with a unique gift. People understood his clear preaching and presentation of the Gospel and appreciated the genuine care shown from his frequent visits. He greatly enjoyed delivering the Our Daily Bread devotional booklets to many people in Horry County. David's "motto" was, "Preach, pray, and plug away!" which he did until the day the Lord called him home.

The people of Bethany, Conway, and Horry County will miss David greatly. Time and eternity will reveal the Lord's gracious fruits of David's faithful labors.

David is survived by his faithful and loving wife of 56 years, Doris Rickert. Also surviving are their children, Jeff (Kara) Rickert, Beverly (Paul) Brooks, and Doug (Kathryn) Rickert. Fourteen grandchildren and one great-grandson also survive to continue the legacy of David. Also surviving are a brother, Paul Rickert, and sister, Jane (Bill) Hulshizer.

It can be truly said of David that he fought the good fight, he finished his course, he kept the faith.

Visitation will be held at Bethany Bible Chapel, 1668 Four Mile Road, Conway, SC, on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 12:00-2:00 PM. A memorial service will be held immediately following at 2:00 PM. Burial will follow at Lakeside Cemetery.

The service will also be streamed online with Facebook Live by Bethany Bible Chapel.

Memorials may be sent to Three Springs Ministries, 874 Linck Hill Road, Morris, PA 16938 or at www.threespringsministries.org

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

401 Lakewood Drive
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethany Bible Chapel
1668 Four Mile Road
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 369-7729

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor David W. Rickert.*



April 22, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Dear Doris, Jeff, Beverly and Doug
You are in our prayers. What a great blessing it was to have Dave in my life. You have no idea what an influence Dave had on me as a young Christian man. What a reunion is going on with all the Bethany Bible Chapel brothers right now!
Blessings to your beautiful family,
Joel and Jane Gladden*

Joel Gladden - April 22, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *We are continuing to pray for you all. Dean & Kristia*

Kristia Fletcher - April 21, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *To Doris, Jeff, Beverly, Doug and the whole Rickert family, I'm so sorry for your lost and hurt you feel right now. Heaven has received a great man that has touched so many with the great gift that the Lord bless him with. We were truly blessed to know him. You have a great family and no doubt will see him again one day. May God bless all of you always, Love, Mike Slater*

Mike Slater - April 21, 2023 at 10:42 AM

CD

Great & faithful servant of the Lord Jesus, who impacted my life & my family's lives more than words could ever express! His wife, Mrs. Doris was/ still is such a dedicated soulmate to him & such a blessing to so many (including all our family)!! He will be missed greatly by all who loved him (& were "loved back" by him). Praying esp. for you, Mrs. Doris, but also for Jeff & Kara & your girls, for Bev & Paul & your 5 guys, (& spouses of the two), & the newest "little man", & for Doug & Kathryn & your 7 blessings from the Lord. Rejoicing with you all that Dave is enjoying & worshipping his blessed Savior "face to face in all His glory," & look forward to that day (maybe very soon) when we, who, have also trusted the Lord Jesus as Savior too, will see Him " by & by"!!

Chris Dean - April 21, 2023 at 11:33 AM

RW

“ *One day when we meet again. I met Dave and Dorris Doug and Jeff along long time. Sorry for your loss. You just gained a wonderful guardian angel. Let prayers be with you and your family.*



ricky wise - April 21, 2023 at 12:29 AM

KM

“ *Pastor, teacher, friend and brother in Christ. I look forward to seeing Dave again. Many blessings to his family and friends!*

KENNY MCNEILL - April 20, 2023 at 10:07 PM



“ *To al of the sweet family,
Rest assured that the family has a guardian
angel to watch over them forever! Preacher
David’s legacy will be with everyone in
Conway for every situation we have to
encounter. Sending love to everyone* ❤️❤️
Dorothy, Danny Dunn & family



Dorothy Jordan Dunn - April 20, 2023 at 08:33 PM

ND

“ *What a wonderful man of God. Dave and Doris will always hold a
special place in my heart. From working together at Greenwood
Hills and Three Springs, he was always a great leader and friend.
He definitely had a pastor’s heart. He will be greatly missed. Thanks
to Doris and his family for sharing him with us.*

Nancy Lancaster Doyle - April 20, 2023 at 06:49 PM

JM

“ *Hebrews 12 speaks of a "great cloud of witnesses," and Dave (and
Doris), are among that great cloud of present-day witnesses
surrounding the lives of Deanne and I. From day ONE of the
formation of Three Springs Ministries, Dave was among our best
"cheerleaders." Encouraging. Praying. Giving. Checking-in. The
example of faithful, consistent, heart-felt love...for Jesus and
people...will continue to speak volumes in the decades to come.*

Jeff and Deanne Rush - Three Springs Min - April 20, 2023 at 03:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor David W. Rickert.*



April 20, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ *Pastor Dave, a True SOULDIER of the CROSS. His Shield, the HOLY BIBLE. His priorities always firm through his Faith. Our day will also come when we stand before GOD, in the light of his amazing Grace. Pastor Dave will be there, smiling and nodding his head. Sad yet Happy I feel for Mrs. Doris and family.*



Curtis Kullnat - April 20, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ *Dave and Doris were instrumental in supporting my ministry from the very beginning during their time in W-S before returning to Conway. Without his friendship and example it would have been much more difficult for me to have gotten on the field and stayed there. Death will be vanquished as the final enemy, but Jesus is ultimately victorious!*

David Leistrum - April 20, 2023 at 01:57 AM



“ *My cousin Dave was always so special. I remember many family dinners and of course darts in the basement. God bless Doris and all his wonderful children during this difficult time. my prayers - susan mann o'connell*

Susan O'Connell - April 19, 2023 at 11:56 PM

MB

“ *Marsha Byrd lit a candle in memory of Pastor David W. Rickert*



Marsha Byrd - April 19, 2023 at 11:22 PM

MB

Our family was saddened at the news of Dave Rickert's passing. He was a special pastor who was able to preach and teach in a way that reached people of all ages. We attended Parkway Chapel in Winston-Salem. He took time to shepherd his flock and teach us to be better disciples of Jesus through Evangelism Explosion. His desire was for all people to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love. My older children were involved in the youth group with Beverly and Jeff. My younger children still talk about VBS where Dave's father delivered the nightly message by drawing a line and adding more detail as he talked until the picture showed the main point of the message. Doris was a kind and compassionate friend to my family in a very difficult time. This family has faith, love and the God given hope of one day being reunited with the husband and father that they love and will greatly miss as will the many people whose life he touched. God bless you all. May precious memories flood your souls and bring you strength, comfort and peace. Dewayne, Marsha, Andrea, Brad, Wendy, Debi and Angel Byrd.

Marsha Byrd - April 20, 2023 at 12:22 AM

BC

“ *Believers Bible Chapel purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Pastor David W. Rickert.*



Believers Bible Chapel - April 19, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pastor David W. Rickert.*



April 19, 2023 at 05:49 PM

RL

“ *So sorry to learn of Pastor Rickerts passing. He was truly a man of God and loved to share the good news. He was faithful to deliver The Bread of life. We were almost shut-in and looked forward to his visits. We learned to love him. Prayers for all his loving family, God bless you all.*

Ralph/Virginia Lawrimore - April 19, 2023 at 05:47 PM

DG

“ As a Mother of three of his parishioners and their families which have grown now, I can say thank you to Dave and Doris for the Love, Kindness and Leadership they gave to my children and grandchildren. Dave will be missed by us all. He did visit Steve and me from time to time and it was always a pleasure. I know Heaven will be more blessed with his presence, and since my David is there, I hope they will rejoice with each other from time to time. My David wanted Mr. Dave to preach his eulogy, but Mr. Dave was sick at that time and couldn't. Maybe they will find solace with each other at times. I pray for the family left behind, knowing all the while they will be seeing their husband and father again as God's word says. May God continue to Bless You All during this time of loss. Dee Giannamore

Dee Giannamore - April 19, 2023 at 02:42 PM

KJ

“ To the Rickert family,

We are saddened by the earthly loss of this gentle soul, who was incredibly genuine and who loved Christ first and others right in line. His upbeat personality, that was authentically from his heart and aligned with God's Word stands out to this day. I remember as we left the Conway area (back in 1998) shortly after joining the Chapel, it hurt knowing that we would not be there to be under his shepherding care, preaching, and fellowship ... that Kim would not be playing softball with these brothers ... that we would not get to grow to know Doris. Pastor Dave had this impact on our lives and he is why we joined the Chapel. As we left (employment) he had such a wonderful and understanding line: "you are going to the perfect position, it's just in the wrong location". I smiled as he finished saying this. While to live is Christ, to die is gain is true (and our brother has greatly gained), the void is present and we will be in prayer for the family and rejoice with the family over the fact that Dave is still alive. Phil. 1:3 does speak accurately of Pastor Dave.

With love,

Kim and Lisa Jenerette

Kim Jenerette - April 19, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor David W. Rickert.



April 19, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor David W. Rickert.*



April 19, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Dear Doris, Jeff, Beverly, and Doug - I am among thousands whose lives were blessed deeply by your beloved husband and father. Our friendship began at Greenwood Hills, where Dave encouraged me as a young man. Then our collaborations continued at Three Springs Farm ... every time we were together was a joy, and our years of friendship leave a flood of good, good memories. Gracious, steady, kind, generous, forgiving, solid, upbeat, and genuine ... these are words that come to mind when I think of Dave. Doris, these words describe you so beautifully as well, and you and Dave have been such a great team, with you adding extra joy and laughter at every turn.*

Recalling Paul's words in Philippians 1:3, I will always thank God on every remembrance of this good man who lived so well, and of your whole family ... always putting love of God and neighbor first, following the words and way of Jesus. Grace and I send deep love to each of you.

Brian D McLaren - April 19, 2023 at 08:22 AM

TS

“ Doris and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dave played such an important role in our lives. His messages were always based on the Bible and straight from his heart. We will be in heaven one day because of all he did to lead us to Christ. He helped grow our faith and always loved us. You both served the Lord with all your Heart. He will be missed. Heavens Gain!!!!



Tammy & Billy Skipper - April 19, 2023 at 08:19 AM

RP

“ Such a wonderful man of God. I met him first when in the sixth grade. He was a gentle giant. Our neighbor would take us to Bethany for Happy Time, a summer vacation Bible Club ministry. Later years I attended a few times at Bethany on 701S and then on Four Mile road. Heaven is a little sweeter now. Bless you Mrs. Doris.

Roger Paul - April 19, 2023 at 08:05 AM

LG

“ Will always remember working with brother Dave's at MTYC over the years and his speaking. He was always a blessing and true encourager.
May the Lord give comfort to you his family in the coming days.
Lin Gerringer
Lenoir, NC

Lin Gerringer - April 19, 2023 at 07:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor David W. Rickert.*



April 18, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ *Dear Doris, Jeff, Bev, and Doug, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. What a bittersweet occasion! Although you will miss Dave greatly, he is now with the Lord and Savior he served - he has seen the Lord's face! I have many wonderful memories of Dave and your whole family which I treasure and thank the Lord for. Love to all of you, Ginna Fishburne Patterson*

Ginna F. Patterson - April 18, 2023 at 08:12 PM



“ *Paul and Euzina Prince children purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Pastor David W. Rickert.*



Paul and Euzina Prince children - April 18, 2023 at 07:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor David W. Rickert.*



April 18, 2023 at 06:45 PM