



Rev. Donald L. Taber, SR

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Rev. Donald Lefferts Taber, Sr. age 86, died peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, November 4, 2012 in his home in Longview, TX. He is preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Edna Taber, and his sister, Jeanne Patterson.

He leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Pauline DeLeeuw Taber; his son, Don Taber, Jr.; his daughters, Virginia Griggs, Cynthia Taber, Sylvia Ramaly, and Patricia Griffin; one daughter-in-law; three sons-in-law; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many close friends. Don had been actively attending Fellowship Bible Church in Longview, TX for over 15 years.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, the son of Paul and Edna Taber, he grew up in Ridgewood, NJ. He was a life-long member of First Baptist Church of Hackensack, NJ, and graduated from Ridgewood High School in 1944, where he ran track, and played trumpet and sousaphone in the marching band. He served in the Naval Air Force from 1944 to 1946, and in the Naval Reserves from 1946 to 1951. From 1946 until 1950, while still in the Reserves, he attended and graduated from Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL with a degree in Physics. It was at Wheaton where he met his wife, Pauline DeLeeuw. They were married on June 4th 1949 while still a student at Wheaton College. After graduation, Donald pursued studies in the Graduate School of Missions at Columbia Bible College in Columbia, SC.

In 1953, Don and Polly and their eldest daughter, Virginia arrived in the Philippines. They faithfully served as missionaries to the tribal people of Northern Luzon for 40 years. They raised their five children there and when they retired in 1993, left behind a legacy of service to the Filipino people that continues to this day.

There will be a time of visitation at Rader Funeral Home, Longview Thursday, November 8, 2012 from 5 pm-8pm then funeral services the next day, Friday, November 9, 2012 at Fellowship Bible Church, Longview starting at 2 pm. Officiating



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will be Pastor Jim Johnson of Fellowship Bible Church. Interment will follow services at Rosewood Park, Longview.



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Anonymous posted:

Aunt Polly, Virginia, Cindy, Sylvia, Patricia, and Don, How sad and surprised we were to hear Uncle Don passed away! We know this is so hard for all of you! But we rejoice that he is now in the presence of his Savior whom he loved so much and served so faithfully! We pray that the Lord's special comfort will be with you in the days and months ahead as you feel the loss of his presence and adjust to his absence. Uncle Don is rejoicing now, and because of that, we can rejoice, too! Perhaps he and Dad are having a "business meeting" for old times sake :-Lifting you all up in prayer, Becki Payton Konuch & family###imported-begin##Becki Konuch###imported-end##

November 7 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Polly and family, We thank God for the memory of your beloved husband, Donald and his faithful missionary service with ABWE. We have alerted our world-wide Senior Ambassador family regarding Don's home going so that many will be praying for God's peace to flood your soul and carry you through these difficult days of adjustment. God bless you, also, Polly for your outstanding work together with your husband for the cause of Christ in the Philippines. In our Savior's Service, Jess Jesse G. Eaton ABWE -- Missionary Care###imported-begin##Jesse Eaton###imported-end##

November 7 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We grieve with you with your loss. We rejoice with you in the hope of resurrection. We shared the information of Don's homegoing with members of the Polec-eo family. Maurecio Polec-eo preceded Don into glory last year. The Polec-eo family imagines them talking together now. God bless.###imported-begin##Kent and Sandra Pool###imported-end##

November 7 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry to hear about Don's death, and even though his time on this earth is finished, he is singing with the angels and the other saints who have gone on ahead. How I wish there could be no death, no sorrow, no sickness, and we do have that to look forward to one day, but until then, we will sorrow, although not as those who have no hope.###imported-begin##Craig and Elaine Kennedy###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

We're so very sorry to hear of Mr. Taber's passing. We're praying for God's comfort for your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Loran & Stephanie Eason##imported-end##

November 6 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Polly & Family: You have been much in our prayer since I talked with you two days ago, POLly. We loved Don and have so many happy memories of time together with him and you. Your "loss" which is very real is Don's great "gain!" Phil. 1:21 We send our love to all of you, Russ & Nancy Ps. 73:23-26; 116:15##imported-begin##Russ & Nancy Ebersole##imported-end##

November 6 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

i have harbored sweet memories of you since shortly after you arrived in hte philippines. i remember your ambulance parked in the driveway of the old doane rest. i remember your hospitality in allowing me to live in your home in baguio while i attended brent school. i'veoften remembered the elaborate train setup you hasd in hte abanao garage. i often wished i had an email address or phone numbetr, so we could keep in touch. i certainly did not recognize you from the photo, but i also have a beard, fuller but shorter.i just celebrated my 33rd anniversary of amrriage to a home missionary daughter i met in seminary.goodbye dear uncle don. you live in a much nicer home, prepared by the same outfit that designed and made the universe. i'm looking forward to joining you in a few.love bobby banning.##imported-begin##Rev. Robert Darrell Banning, Jr.##imported-end##

November 6 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

May God bless and comfort the family. Life is just beginning for Don.##imported-begin##E C Haskell##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

What special times of fellowship we ABWE folk had once a year at our annual conferences - when we could learn of the challenges and blessings of your ministries. We pray for each of you -Polly and all your family, that you will find the grace and comfort of Christ is indeed sufficient for each need. Prayerfully, Bill and Marilyn Stevenson##imported-begin##Dr and Mrs. Wm Stevenson##imported-end##

November 5 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Grandma, I am so sorry for your loss. Grandpa and your influence in my life was more than I could say. Thank you Ted Griggs##imported-begin##ted griggs##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

The death of one's dad husband, grandfather, etc. brings sadness at the loss of his presence and input. My own dad died when I was a young adult, but at any age it is painful. That pain is eased somewhat by the certainty that you'll be reunited in heaven. "Father, may Don's wife, especially, sense being borne up during those hours in the weeks and months ahead when missing Don is felt so keenly."##imported-begin##Marilyn Scraver##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Praying for you. Dotty##imported-begin##Dotty Bonnell##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Sending our love to you and your family. Praying for you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Bob and Pat Henry##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Know of sincere thoughts and prayers for you as you rest in God's Grace. How the sorrow is balanced with Joy at knowing Don is in the presence of the Savior. Be assured of our ongoing support and love for you, as we send the church families greetings.##imported-begin##Pastor Ken Van Loon##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

We pray for God's comfort and peace during these days of sorrow and adjustment. We have admired your faithful ministry in the Philippines and have enjoyed knowing and visiting in China your son Don and his family. May God bless you as you look forward to being reunited up there!##imported-begin##Bob and Barb Adolph##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Sylvia, so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. From what I read, he was a wonderful servant of the Lord and father and husband. Please know Rhonda and I will be praying for you during this difficult time. Mike and Rhonda ThomasMarketplace Chaplains##imported-begin##Mike Thomas##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rev. Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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