



Dr. Donald Ray Radford

April 25, 1946 - January 26, 2019

Our beloved husband and father Donald Ray, was born April 25, 1946 in Magnolia, AR to the late Rev. and Mrs. W.M. Radford Sr. Donald confessed Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age at St. Luke Baptist Church.

Dr. Radford attended the Columbia School District and graduated in 1964. He also attended Southern Baptist Institute and graduated in 1965. He was later drafted into the Army and was sent to fight in the Vietnam War. After serving his country, he received an honorable discharge from the Army. After being discharged from the military he was employed with various jobs. To name a few; he worked at Southern Extrusion and later employed with Firestone before he began to pastor at several churches.

Dr. Radford later accepted his calling into ministry on April 8th, 1972. He was ordained by his father Rev. W.M. Radford. He began to pastor at Shady Grove M.B.C from 1972-1975, then moved to Clevet Springs M.B.C. from January 1974- September 1987, Mt. Olive M.B.C from September 1987-2012, Cedar Grove M.B.C. for a year and a half, and Jones Chapel for over approximately 10 months as the interim pastor.

He later received his Doctorate of Divinity in May 1999, from the Arkansas Baptist College. He held various positions and taught within the Baptist

Convention and Columbia District Association under the direction of Moderator Dr. Pete Lambert. In his early years, he was an active at F&AM.

Later, in life he married; Brenda Joyce "Baby" on December 21, 2001.

In the early hours on January 26th, Dr. D.R. Radford left his earthly tabernacle, leaving behind his illness of this world to be with his Heavenly Father.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father Rev. & Mrs. W.M. Radford, daughter Jacquelyn Radford, eight brothers, and 4 sisters.

He leaves to cherish his love and memories to: his wife, Brenda McKenzie Radford of eighteen years; one daughter Sharon (Kelvin) Radford Sergeant; Six sons: Wendall (Vernitta) Radford, Donald Ray Radford Jr., Cedric (Shawna) McKenzie, Tyrone (Tekelia) McKenzie, Brian (Courtney) McKenzie, Marcus (Tomeka) McKenzie; special nephew/son James (Melissa) Thomas; one sister Mary Gulley, one brother Reubin Radford, and many other family members and friends who will miss him dearly. There are twenty-five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Celebration of life will be held Friday, February 1st at 11:00 am at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Camden, AR. Burial with military honors to follow at St. Luke Cemetery in Magnolia, AR, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home LLC. of Magnolia, AR. Officiating will be Rev. J.C. Manly and Dr. B.J. Harris eulogist.

Visitation will be held Thursday at the funeral home from 12 Noon-4:30 pm. The body will lie in state Friday morning 10:00 a.m. until service time.

Sign our online guestbook @www.rlreedfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Luke Cemetery

Columbia County Rd. 413
Magnolia, AR

Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Linda Ellis Smith lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Linda Ellis Smith - February 06, 2019 at 01:11 PM

LS

With deepest sympathy from all the Ellis Family RIP

Linda Ellis Smith - February 06, 2019 at 01:14 PM

BT

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Bishop C. L. Thompson - February 02, 2019 at 05:02 PM

TA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Tangie - February 02, 2019 at 08:19 AM

BR

RIP uncle Don love you I pray I see you again ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏
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Betty Radford - February 02, 2019 at 02:11 PM

BR

RIP

Betty Radford - February 02, 2019 at 02:12 PM

MS

“*Mary Shaw lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Mary Shaw - February 01, 2019 at 12:04 AM

RH

“*Rosalind Howell sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Rosalind Howell - January 31, 2019 at 11:36 PM

EC

“*Erica Critton-White sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Erica Critton-White - January 31, 2019 at 06:59 PM

DC

“ *My prayer and condolences to the family of Dr. Donald Ray Radford.*



Dorothy Cooper - January 31, 2019 at 06:25 PM

BJ

“ *Brandi Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Brandi Johnson - January 31, 2019 at 03:39 PM

TP

“ *Trina Perry lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Trina Perry - January 31, 2019 at 02:47 PM

MC

“ *Martha A. Radford Crow lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Martha A. Radford Crow - January 31, 2019 at 01:36 PM

MC

RIP Uncle

Martha A. Radford Crow - January 31, 2019 at 01:37 PM

PP

“ *Pastor And Mrs. Bruce Porchia lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Pastor and Mrs. Bruce Porchia - January 31, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ *Rest in peace, forever in our hearts.*



Ebony McAllister - January 31, 2019 at 02:34 AM

TF

My God Bless you

The Ellis Family - January 31, 2019 at 10:08 PM

LD

“ *Leon Dobbins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Leon Dobbins - January 31, 2019 at 02:14 AM

MM

“ *Margie Warren Moore lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Margie Warren Moore - January 31, 2019 at 01:16 AM

AC

“ *Amanda Clayton-Henderson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Amanda Clayton-Henderson - January 30, 2019 at 11:18 PM

LS

“ *Lee, Hazel. Evante Smith, Rest In Peace!*

Lee Hazel Evante Smith - January 30, 2019 at 10:34 PM

CG

“ *I enjoyed his singing and his preaching tremendously. He was a wonderful pastor at Cedar Grove church. He will be missed. Praying for the family*
Charnita Garland (Lynette Jones)

charnita garland - January 30, 2019 at 10:18 PM

LL

“ *LaTonya Lowe-Bradley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



LaTonya Lowe-Bradley - January 30, 2019 at 07:28 PM

HB

“ *Helen M. Bonner sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



helen m. bonner - January 30, 2019 at 05:56 PM

MB

Comes as an shock, was just told of my Uncle passing, will always remember the 1st time I met him, he was getting out the army, and he took me and my cousin under his wing while we was there for my aunt's funeral, then we shared more time later in life when i visited Magnolia, love to hear him sing and preach, will forever keep Rev. Radford in my heart, we had an good time the last time I was there with my father Willie Radford and aunts, wish I could be there but I just found out , Sending my Love and Prayers for the family

MIn. Thomas & Helen Bonner-Speed - January 30, 2019 at 06:07 PM

MP

“ *Send condolences to the Radford Family. May the God of all comfort strengthen you doing this time of sorry.*

Mary S. Pickings - January 30, 2019 at 04:16 PM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Mary S. Pickings - January 30, 2019 at 04:15 PM

MM

“ *Marvin Mallory lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Marvin Mallory - January 30, 2019 at 01:10 PM

PR

“ *Peggy Rudd lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Peggy Rudd - January 30, 2019 at 01:02 PM

GJ

My condolences to you and your family Brenda. I'm praying for your strength each day. God keep you in his care.

Gloria Johnson - January 31, 2019 at 07:31 PM

OJ

“ To the Radford family I am so sorry for your loss I have known D.R since we where kids.,The Radford family seem like my blood family. much love for all. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE

Olivia johnson - January 30, 2019 at 12:06 PM

DL

“ Dorothy Lowe lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford



Dorothy Lowe - January 30, 2019 at 09:32 AM

TS

“ Teresa Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford



Teresa Smith - January 30, 2019 at 03:52 AM



“ Gloria Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford



Gloria Johnson - January 30, 2019 at 02:06 AM

CA

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to the Radford family we are praying for you all Elder Connell & Catherine Muse*



Catherine1_morris@yahoo.com - January 29, 2019 at 08:24 PM



“ *Sending prayers of healing and comforting hugs for the Radford family.*

Ariana King - January 29, 2019 at 06:53 PM

LC

“ *Lisa M Clark lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Lisa m clark - January 29, 2019 at 05:27 PM

SG

“ *My condolences to the Radford family. May God comfort and keep you all.*
Sylvia Grant



Sylvia Grant - January 29, 2019 at 03:36 PM

KG

“ *Keosha & Patrick Gulley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Keosha & Patrick Gulley - January 29, 2019 at 02:26 PM

BB

“ *Praying for d family*



Becky Watson Biddle - January 29, 2019 at 02:19 PM



“ *Sending sincere condolences to the Radford family. Pastor Radford was my childhood pastor at Mt.Olive and we learned so much from him. He was a dear friend to my grandfather and family. The works that he placed upon this earth will never be forgotten.*

LaTonya C. Hall MEd - January 29, 2019 at 01:04 PM

EP

“ *Evangelist Francene Parham lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Evangelist Francene Parham - January 29, 2019 at 11:46 AM

SE

“ *Shelba Elliott-McCoy lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Shelba Elliott-McCoy - January 29, 2019 at 11:42 AM

DS

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Donald Radford. I loved to hear him preach and sing. He will be missed.*



Dorothy Standoak - January 29, 2019 at 11:32 AM

BE

“ *Betty Elliott lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Betty Elliott - January 29, 2019 at 11:20 AM

VJ

“ *Vevelyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Vevelyn Jackson - January 29, 2019 at 11:14 AM

CW

“ *Carla Williamson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Carla Williamson - January 29, 2019 at 10:48 AM

GT

“ *Gracie W. Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Gracie W. Tucker - January 29, 2019 at 10:38 AM

GT

My prayers are with the entire Radford Family. My fondest memories of Rev. Radford was watching him shine like a star in the pulpit like his father before him. He was a great preacher of the Word. We will miss his presence in our community and the spiritual realm where he touched so many lives. There are lots of great memories we can hold on to, therefore he will always be remembered and in our hearts. Sleep on DR, you are now resting in your Father's arms.

Gracie W. Tucker - January 29, 2019 at 10:47 AM

TE

“ *Tearee Yanette Easter lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Tearee Yanette Easter - January 29, 2019 at 09:27 AM

MD

“ Sharon, Wendell & DJ my prayers are with you as well as the rest of the Radford family. Your dad helped to mold many lives (my siblings & me included). I'm truly blessed to have known him. I wouldn't be where I am in my walk with Christ if it had not been for him training us like he did at Clevel Springs. I want you all to know that not only has heaven gained another angel but so have we. There's comfort in knowing that he doesn't have to suffer heartache nor pain anymore. I love you & I'm praying for your strength.

Meredith Dismuke-Wendell - January 29, 2019 at 09:02 AM

MS

To D. J. and the Radford family we are praying for you in your time of sorrow.

Margie Chappel Standoak - January 30, 2019 at 04:40 AM



“ Betty Chappel-Wright lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford



Betty Chappel-Wright - January 29, 2019 at 06:59 AM



Rip&Love family

Betty Chappel-Wright - January 29, 2019 at 07:00 AM

SC

“ So sorry 4 You'll loss. Praying 4 the Radford Family!!!



Sharon Cole - January 29, 2019 at 03:02 AM

Wanda Gulley

“ Wanda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford



Wanda Gulley - January 29, 2019 at 12:04 AM

LB

“ Loretta Beck sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford



loretta beck - January 28, 2019 at 11:39 PM

RT

“ Praying for the family



Rev. & Mrs. C. L. Tyson - January 28, 2019 at 11:16 PM

ET

“ *Praying for strength and guidance for the family*



Eloise Tyson - January 28, 2019 at 11:13 PM

TR

“ *Tamiko Robinson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Tamiko Robinson - January 28, 2019 at 10:37 PM

DB

“ *Deloris Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Deloris Blackmon - January 28, 2019 at 10:36 PM

SL

“ *Stacy Lowe-Atkins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Stacy Lowe-Atkins - January 28, 2019 at 09:23 PM

VE

“ *Veronica sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Veronica - January 28, 2019 at 08:59 PM

JH

“ *My deepest condolences to the Radford Family, You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Janice Hopson Hill - January 28, 2019 at 08:53 PM



“ *Ramona Fears lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



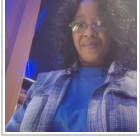
Ramona Fears - January 28, 2019 at 08:41 PM



“ *Lora Wafer Thomas lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Lora Wafer Thomas - January 28, 2019 at 08:19 PM



“ *Sherry Marshall lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Sherry Marshall - January 28, 2019 at 07:49 PM



“ *Robinette Thomas lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Robinette Thomas - January 28, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ *MY CONDOLENCES TO THE RADFORD FAMILY.*

Barbara McBride - January 28, 2019 at 06:00 PM



Our deepest condolences, praying for you All 🙏

Verna Kentle - January 28, 2019 at 07:09 PM



“ *We, the Ford Family, are sending our condolences to the Radford family of Rev. Donald Ray Radford. We are members of the Shady Grove M.B.C., Mt. Holly, AR. Rev. Radford married us on June 24, 1978. 🙏*

sharon ford - January 28, 2019 at 05:57 PM

VI

“ *Velma Irby lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Velma Irby - January 28, 2019 at 05:17 PM

T(

“ *Toccara (Treen)Hyde (Jones) lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Toccara (Treen)Hyde (Jones) - January 28, 2019 at 05:08 PM

IS

“ *Irene Smith lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Irene Smith - January 28, 2019 at 04:22 PM

RH

“ *Regina McCray Henderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Regina McCray Henderson - January 28, 2019 at 04:08 PM

RA

“ *Rev. And Mrs. T.W. Adair sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Rev. and Mrs. T.W. Adair - January 28, 2019 at 04:04 PM

LS

“ *LaCheryl Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



LaCheryl Smith - January 28, 2019 at 02:16 PM

MP

“ *Melody Pace sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Melody Pace - January 28, 2019 at 02:13 PM



“ *Dana Lewis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Dana Lewis - January 28, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ *My prayers are with the family. Dr. Radford followed his father and the call of the Lord and became a powerful minister/ teacher.* ”



Louise Claiborne - January 28, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ *Melvin Madison lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford* ”



Melvin Madison - January 28, 2019 at 12:05 PM



“ *Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford* ”



Dearlean Hughes - January 28, 2019 at 12:08 AM



“ *Sylvia Briggs lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford* ”



Sylvia Briggs - January 27, 2019 at 06:53 PM

JY

“ *Jacqueline Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Jacqueline Yarbrough - January 27, 2019 at 05:00 PM

OR

“ *Ora Watson Radford lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Ora Watson Radford - January 27, 2019 at 01:22 PM

GT

“ *Gracie W. Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Gracie W. Tucker - January 27, 2019 at 10:09 AM

GT

May the peace of God surround you doing this time of emptiness. Knowing your loved one died in the Lord and now is resting in his Saviors care, will give you the strength to face this time of loss. You as a family have many good memories to share with each other. May God forever bless and keep you is my prayer. A friend of the Radford Family, Gracie W. Tucker

Gracie W. Tucker - January 27, 2019 at 10:17 AM

MR

“ *Mrs. Etta Rankin sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Mrs. Etta Rankin - January 27, 2019 at 01:38 AM



“ *Mary Calton Strickland lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Mary Calton Strickland - January 26, 2019 at 01:51 PM

MM

“ *Melvin Madison lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Ray Radford*



Melvin Madison - January 26, 2019 at 08:53 AM

SB

God be the glory and rest in peace Donald Ray Radford

Sylvia Briggs - January 27, 2019 at 06:43 PM

HC

May God grant you comfort and peace during this homegoing celebration. The Calahan Family (Camden, Colorado and Texas)

H. Ed Calahan - January 28, 2019 at 10:54 PM