



Bishop Donald E. Fisher

November 6, 1934 - April 21, 2020

Bishop Donald Elmer Fisher, 85, was called home on April 21, 2020 in Cleveland, TN. Bishop Fisher was born in Zephyrhills, FL and grew up in Madison, FL. He became a minister with the Church of God at 18-years-old while living in Colorado and spent the majority of his pastoral work in Florida, with 20 years leading Brandon Church of God and four years leading Dover Church of God before retiring. He dedicated himself to ministering to severely mentally handicapped children, bringing hope to those who others had given up on. He also worked as an accountant and was continually seeking opportunities to learn.

To most, he was lovingly referred to as Pastor Fisher, but to his family, he was simply Donnie, Dad, or Grampsey. He was a man of unwavering faith and integrity, who lived his life behind pulpits and pews and left a legacy of love and service. He adored his sweetheart of 66 years, Nancy Arabella Fisher, lovingly calling out “ARABELLA” when he needed help buttoning a shirt sleeve, finding a lost sock, or needed a glass of sweet tea. His pockets always had a handkerchief to wipe away tears, clean up boo-boos, and wipe the sweat off of his forehead during a particularly spirited sermon (during which his son always viewed with enthusiasm from the front pew.)

He loved to visit the ocean, mountains, and historical sites, and spent hours with laughter flowing from within his deep well of joy. No matter the circumstances, he taught his children and grandchildren to find adventure in the mundane, and to see the best in others despite the cynicism of the world. When he spoke, he had a way of making the world make sense, giving the listener his undivided attention, and he never shied away from sharing words of wisdom. When his mind failed him, his spirit remained strong and he continued to seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance, finding respite in song.

Bishop Fisher leaves behind his wife, Nancy Arabella Fisher with whom he shared four children: Michael D. Fisher; Candis Fisher Bartlett and her husband Thomas; Victoria Fisher Fernandez and her husband Dominic; and Kathie Fisher Transki and her husband David; nine grand-children: Kelly N. Collier and her husband Jarrod; Krista L. Lyons and

her husband Otis; Alyssa N. Fernandez; Matthew D. Transki and his wife Hanna; Jenna A. Bataller and her husband Lee; Nicholas T. Fernandez; Tyler M. Bartlett; Kyle Transki; and Kylie Transki; and four great-grandchildren: Gwendolyn R. Collier; Aeden Knapp; Benjamin E. Collier; and Otis Oliver Lyons; and his sister Neona Fisher Daughtry and her husband Allen, and his brother Victor Eugene "Butch" Fisher and many nieces and nephew.

The Remembrance of Life Memorial Service will be conducted at a later time. The Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services North Ocoee Chapel has charge of the arrangements. You may share your condolences and your memories with the Fisher family at www.jimrushfuneralhomes.com.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Jim Rush Funeral Homes - April 23 at 06:00 PM



“ Beautiful tribute to a wonderful man.

Rev. Jesten Peters - April 24 at 03:02 PM



“ Finest Man of God I have ever met. He lived what he preached.

Darlene Johnson - April 24 at 03:29 PM



“ Beautiful! Thanks for sharing!

Angie & Rg lawhorn - April 24 at 03:34 PM



“ Precious man of God. What a privilege to have known him for many years

Gayle Sherman - April 24 at 03:51 PM



“ Such a wonderful man of God whom we loved, appreciated, and admired greatly! We will never forget this precious man. He had a tremendous impact on many lives. Heaven has gained another soldier of the Cross! Honored that our paths met in this life. Praying for the family! Don and Frances Horton

Don & Frances Horton - April 24 at 05:40 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss, He was a wonderful man of GOD. I remember him from the BRANDON CHURCH OF GOD. IWAS A FRIEND OF JOYCE CHANCY.PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. GOD BLESS YOU ALL

VIRGINIA Tindle Griffin - April 25 at 12:58 PM



“ I did not know your father, but I am sure he was a tremendous man of God. Beautiful video. You are blessed to have so many unforgettable memories. Someday, we shall all meet again, never more to be separated. God bless you.

Rev. Dr. Melvin Harter - April 27 at 05:54 AM



“ Such beautiful memories. He was a great man of God and a wonderful pastor. Sending love and prayers for you all.

Sarah Hull - May 01 at 04:10 PM



“ With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Bishop Donald E. Fisher.





May 02 at 09:56 AM



“ Thank you dear friends for your loving Words. They mean everything to us.

Kathie Fisher Transki - April 25 at 11:21 AM



“ Hey Kathie,
I just saw the post about your dad and I couldn't find any way to get ahold of you. I am so sorry for your loss. I know your heart is broken but just remember that he ran his race and now he's walking with Jesus...healed. You will see him soon! If you need anything, let me know. Love you and your family.

Lori Godwin Robertson - April 26 at 11:41 PM



“ Candy sorry for the loss of your dad,keeping you in prayer.



Idell Irby - April 25 at 10:58 AM



“ It is with great sadness to hear this news. What a man of God he truly was and pastor to pastors! Wiping away the tears I am thinking about how he was my second pastor next to my dad. He always showed me love and patience, cared about everyone with a genuine love. Everyone was someone when they stood next to him.

Sister Fisher, My heart grieves with you but still have that hope to know that this is just temporary separation now but soon we shall see him once again. He is made while standing next to the One he served all these years. I know my mom and dad were right there waiting for him to enter in and show him around Gods great Kingdom!

Kathy, Candi, Vicki, and Mr. Mikie...I know your pain of the loss and how it hurts inside but you too hold fast! One day you all be reunited to see him again and

worship in that amazing place we call home.

We love you all and our prayers are with you all. You all are my family and miss you dearly!

Darren & Joy Combs

Darren Combs - April 25 at 09:11 AM



“ He was my Pastor for several years. He was a wonderful man of God . Gods love poured out of him. He had a kind and gentle spirit. I will never forget him and I know he will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to Sister Fisher and family. Nita (Brown) Partin

Nita Partin - April 25 at 12:33 AM



“ Such a wonderful man of God! Wonderful Uncle he is dancing with the angels now! So sorry for all the families loss! Love you guys dearly xoxo Sharon I loved the two of them together!



Sharon Bowater - April 25 at 12:14 AM



“ My dear Kathie, I am so sorry I never got to meet your Daddy. What an amazing man. My heart goes out to you and your family. Love you!

Mary Nevel - April 24 at 11:06 PM



“ Pastor Fisher always had a smile, a laugh, a kind and encouraging word. He talked the talk and walked the walk. He practiced what he preached. He looked for ways to show his love to others. He had more integrity than anyone else I've ever met. It was a blessing and a privilege to have known him. I know his new address and plan on seeing him again.

Duane Evans - April 24 at 07:45 PM



“ We became friends with the Fishers while they were pastoring the Merritt Island Church of God. Beautiful family. May you feel the comforting arms of Jesus as they are wrapped around you. Love and prayers to you all. The Sanderson's.

Hubert and Doris Sanderson - April 24 at 07:00 PM



“ Never in all the years that I had the privilege of knowing this great man of God did I ever see him without a smile. He knew how to live his life encouraging others. When Ronnie and I began ministry it was Bro Fisher who spoke the confirmation over us, and helped us to be placed in our very first pastorate. He would call to encourage and instruct us along the way. He gave out the interpretation to a message given in tongues at my Dad's funeral which gave me so much comfort. He was not ashamed of the gospel and shared it willingly wherever he could. He even granted us the honor of performing the wedding ceremony of my youngest son and his wife. He and I dedicated a mutual friends baby together and many more memories I could share which was such an honor for me to serve in a ministry capacity with him. My husband and I pastored his Mom and Dad in Madison which gave us the privilege to once again have our lives intermingled together and opportunities to receive his wisdom from the many years of pastoral experience he had to share. Just know dear family that he left u a legacy any one would be proud of and could follow not only for all of u but others. Love u and praying for the comfort of the Holy Spirit to surround u as only He can as u walk through this place.

Rev Marilyn Weeks - April 24 at 03:13 PM



“ 80 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jim Rush Funeral Homes - April 23 at 05:35 PM



“ I love these!

Sharon Bowater - April 25 at 12:10 AM