

Rev. William Funk

JANUARY 3, 2016

It is with heavy hearts that our family says goodbye, for now, to our Dad, Grandpa and Great-grandpa as he has gone to be with the Lord he loves.

Born in 1920 in Lowe Farm Manitoba, he passed peacefully into His presence January 3, 2016 at the age of 95 years after a short illness.



Predeceased by wife Martha, granddaughter Kaelyn and two siblings, Hilda Peters and Jake.

Survived by his four children: Norm (Shirley) their two children, Lisa (Cam) Barnard and daughters Sarah and Rachel, Charles (Lyndsey) and children, Matheus and Stella.

Mel (Sharon) daughters Lara (Jeff) Breuls and children Joshua, Zachary and Elizabeth. Kirsten (David) Bradshaw and children Emma, Sydney, Grace, Ezra and Zoe. Sharalee (Andy) Voth and girls Chloe and Kiara.

Bruce (Jane) and children Corrie (Casey) Funk and Ryan (Jenni) and children Mahailia and Merric.

Dawn (Aaron) Vlahovich and daughter Brianna Enns and great-granddaughter Paige.

Also survived by brother Menno (Darlene) and two sisters Trudy Lehrer and Evangeline (John) Neufeld and many nieces and nephews.

Bill began his ministry with the Baptist General Conference in Selkirk, Manitoba in 1956, moved with his family to Vancouver in 1964 and pastored churches in British Columbia for many years, retiring from an associate ministry at Delbrook Baptist Church in North Vancouver in 1995 at the age of 75 years.

He never tired of life and living and was putting up Christmas lights the week prior to hospitalization. He loved his family beyond words. He loved his Saviour with every fibre of his being to the very end.

He also leaves behind countless friends all around this province and beyond.

He was easy to love and it is so hard to let him go.

The family is so grateful to the staff at ARH's Emergency (Dr.Shaw), CCU, medical and Palliative Care Units for the exceptional care he received these past weeks.

Memorial service to be held at: Abbotsford Baptist Church, 33651 Busby Road, Abbotsford on January 12, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. Alternatives Funeral and Cremation Services in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers donations to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association would be his choice [@billygraham.ca](http://billygraham.ca)

You are invited to leave a personal message of condolence for the family.

Messages of Condolence

He was loved dearly by our family. He will truly be missed. Our prayers go to all the family members

— **Doug & Dianna Kirkwood**

Always faithful. Always true. My pastor and my friend. Looking forward to you showing me around heaven in a sporty car.

— **Sandy Macleod**

Bill is remembered with great affection and appreciation. We started our friendship when he was our Pastor. We continued as servants together in ministry over that last 50+ years.

He leaves a wonderful legacy of gracious, godly servanthood.

May God pour His comfort and healing grace into each life of his dear family.

— **Roger and Vicki McClelland,**

From the time I started as a young child at the baptist church until I was a grown woman, I'll never forget the compassionate words from this wonderful man of God. I will miss his great wisdom, his kind heart, and compassionate message of God's redemption to all. I know he is up in heaven singing with the angels right now. My condolences to his family, from mine.

— **Donna Elliott and Family**

We have such wonderful memories of our years spent at Abbotsford Baptist Church (1976-81) under Pastor Bill's leadership. We spent many hours in prayer with him as we sought direction in entering the ministry. What a generous and gentle man he was. Our loss here on earth is heaven's gain. He has left and unforgettable legacy.

— **Vic and Darlene Rahn**

Have many fond memories of our summers together. He always had breakfast ready for us at 8 a.m., we read the Daily Bread and prayed together before we planned our fun filled days! He was a perfect example of a life devoted to loving service to the Lord and to others. Will be greatly missed but we shall meet again. Condolences to the family. Bob & Enid Phoenix

— **Bob & Enid Phoenix**

I'll always thank God for the many good times of fellowship pastor Bill and I have shared. Always we ended our uplifting conversations with prayer. His enthusiasm for life and for doing the work of God--whether it was visiting a shut-in or preaching a sermon--has inspired me to give my best.

— **Helen Grace Lescheid**

It was our pleasure and honour to have had the opportunity to know and help Pastor Funk over the years. We will miss our monthly visits with him. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Barbara and Charmaine

— **Barbara & Charmaine, Day's Home Care**

we are so thankful to God for allowing Pastor Bill to be part of our lives more so the last ten yrs as he would phone and ask if borcsh might be on as he was coming to Agassiz to visit at Cheam home. often talked about how we could be related, as my grandmother was aFunk from around the same area. many good memories. Hi Dawn sorry didnt get a chance talk with you today God Bless all.love

— **Doug&Tina Shogren**

Mel, Norm and Bruce,

I am very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was a great man who loved the Lord and was very willing to do so many things for so many people. He was a very close friend of my Dad (Oscar) and I know you will all truly miss him.

May God comfort you all at this time.

— **Lynda Nemeth (nee Bystrom)**

It will be weird not having him there for dinner every weekend :(He was an awesome great grandpa, he means a lot to our family

— **Sarah Barnard**



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