



Dr. Allen H. Dace

June 12, 1933 - June 16, 2011

Visitation for Dr. Allen H. Dace, 78, of Bourbonnais, will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, and from 10 a.m. Wednesday at the College Church of the Nazarene, north campus, 897 W. 6000N Road in Bourbonnais, until the 11 a.m. funeral services. Entombment will be in All Saints Cemetery Chapel, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to the Ministers Scholarship at Olivet Nazarene University for the education of new ministers. He died Thursday (June 16, 2011) at Miller Center in Kankakee. Dr. Dace retired from the Illinois District Church of the Nazarene Aug. 14, 2003. During his 50 years of ministry, he pastored in Illinois, Kansas, Colorado and Michigan. He was a pastor for 35 years before becoming district superintendent for the New Mexico District, where he served for five years. He then served 10 years for the Illinois District. He was most recently involved with grief support groups in the area. He was also on staff at the College Church of the Nazarene, where he was a member. He was born June 12, 1933, in Salem, the son of Wilbur and Polly Chitwood Dace. He enjoyed golfing, reading, snowmobiling, fishing, riding waverunners and parasailing. Surviving are his wife, the former Virginia L. Pace, of Bourbonnais, whom he married Aug. 29, 1953, in Dexter, Mo.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Joy and Steve Jones, of Holland, Mich., and Cathy Dace, of Bourbonnais; four grandchildren, Lori and Ryan Kuehl, of Bourbonnais, Trevor Dace, of South Korea, Tiffany Dace, of Bradley, and Ian and Katherine Jones, of Grayson, Ky.; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Juanita

Hanns, of Bicknell, Ind., Paula and Bob Cozdad, of Centralia, and Irene and Leonard Harville, of Odin. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and four sisters.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **21**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
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Visitation

JUN **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene- North Campus
897 W. 6000 N. Rd.
Bourbonnais, IL

Funeral Service

JUN 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene- North Campus
897 W. 6000 N. Rd.
Bourbonnais, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Allen H. Dace*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *I will never forget Dr. Dace's visits to my home in Wichita after one of his Sunday night service, and I responded to his call to the altar and accepted Christ into my life. Over the years I thought of him many times. At the time I was a Police Officer with the Wichita PD, and I remember one day that he came by and I was in my backyard attempting to till my garden on a cold February day and the ground was frozen solid, Bro. Dace was wearing a long dress coat and he was all smiles and encouraging. I hope to meet him in heaven and let him know how his visits and encouragements went with me throughout my life. May God through Jesus Christ be with all. Don Wallace Phoenix AZ.*

Don Wallace - December 12, 2013 at 10:18 AM

CF

“ Virginia, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I don't get the paper, so missed the visitation. I came to love you and Rev. Dace when I attended a grief class after my husband passed. Dale Wine encouraged me to attend, and I was glad I did. Rev.Dace's approach to grief helped me so much. He was so understanding.

Cheryl Frerichs

Cheryl Frerichs - July 02, 2011 at 11:04 PM

SF

“ Virginia, I am so glad to have met you and your husband. At a time myself of losses and loneliness, you two reached out to me. Thank you very much for your kindnesses and had to extend to You my condolences. Knew him very briefly, but what a very nice man.

Sandy F. - Manteno

Sandy Freeman - June 23, 2011 at 11:02 AM

BC

“ I have many good memories of Reverend Dace, Mrs. Dace, Joy and Kathy at Wichita Westside, especially during my middle and high school years. Blessings to you especially during this difficult time. Jesus is Lord!

Beverly (Cox) Claridge (now living in Invercargill, New Zealand)

Beverly Claridge - June 22, 2011 at 05:48 PM

LS

“ Virginia, and family we are so sorry for your loss, but we know Bro. Dace is rejoicing with Jesus. We are so happy we got to be with you two at Fern's birthday party in Tulsa. Fern introduced us to Christ and you two were our father and mother in Christ.. The '70's were good days at Wichita Westside. Thanks to you all, our entire family are a part of God's Kingdom.

*Love and prayers from
Larry & Pat Schaffer and family*

larry schaffer - June 22, 2011 at 05:16 PM

TU

“ I remember the 75th Anniversary of Wichita West Side and the love that emanated from Brother and Sister Dace's faces as they shared with all of us. The number of people also began hugging their necks and telling them how grateful they were for the guidance they received as young couples and the number of their children and grandchildren who had been influenced by that loving ministry. My family has been blessed by that heritage. May God continue to bless and keep your family until you are all once again reunited in the Kingdom of our Heavenly Father.

Dennis & Teresa Ulrich

Teresa Ulrich - June 22, 2011 at 12:52 PM

CE

“ Virginia, Joy, and Kathy I am so very sorry for your loss. Jim and I had every intention to leave this morning to make it to the visitation but we weren't able to do it. I hate that because I wanted to be there for you. Allen and your whole family are special to me, you welcomed me with open arms when I married into the family and that means so much. May God bless you in the days to come. I love you.

Carla Ellis

Carla Ellis - June 21, 2011 at 08:17 PM



“ I met Alan and Virginia at church while attending North Campus., but came to know him when, the first time I had met Dr. Dace was when he had visited me in the hospital. He always seems to know when I had appeared in the Emergency Room and there was Dr. Dace to pray again for God's Grace to intercede for me. The one memory that stands out even today is the time I was hit head-on by another car. It was the day after Christmas when the staff from the Church was unable to come to the hospital because of the bad weather but Dr. Dace made it before the ambulance arrived. It had taken over an hour to get me out of the car and to the hospital. He stayed until my parents arrived, had pray with us and left. It was this quiet strength, dignity and respect for others that made him who he was as a genuine Christian man. Dr. Dace will be missed by many here on earth but I know that heaven is rejoicing!



Faith Hawley - June 21, 2011 at 04:20 PM

EH

“ Kathy and I have the warmest and most fond memories of our years together with Dr. and Mrs. Dace in Flint, Michigan. As very young pastors, in an assignment way over our heads, the Dace's graciously befriended us and became a constant source of encouragement and inspiration. I am honored to have known and considered Dr. Allen Dace a friend. He will forever be lodged in my memory as a tower of strength, dignity and class, but most of all, I revered him and respected him as one of the truly genuine and authentic Christian men I've had the privilege of knowing.

Dr. Edward H. Heck

Edward H. Heck - June 21, 2011 at 02:35 PM

PC

“ My deepest sympathy to Virginia and family. I met Allen (and Virginia) when he led a grief support group attended by myself and several family members. What a loving couple and great ministers of the Lord. I will never forget the kindness and concern they bestowed upon my elderly grandmother who attended with us. Their compassion went far beyond "grief support." My thoughts and prayers are with you Virginia and may you be blessed with the same comfort that you have provided to so many others!

Patricia Cavender - June 20, 2011 at 11:04 PM

DS

“ While pastoring Flint Central, Dr. Dace was of great comfort to my mom when Dad passed away. They thought a lot of their pastor and he was such a comfort to my mother during that time. Now, they're all reuniting in Heaven! My sympathy to Virginia and the extended family. May God give you special blessings as you go through this transition in life.

*Dawn (Schraegle) Schoene
Park Ridge, IL*

Dawn (Schraegle) Schoene - June 20, 2011 at 05:07 PM

PP

“ I met Allen when I worked with pastoral care at Riverside Hospital. What a wonderful, caring man! He was always so kind to me, and always took the time to ask about my family. I was truly blessed to know him!

Paula Perzee

Paula Perzee - June 20, 2011 at 01:33 PM

MF

“ My thoughts are with you Virginia and family. Uncle Allen has been there my entire life, caring for our Mom and our family and making sure that we all knew the Daces and what a wonderful family they are. He was definitely someone very special to our Mom and our family and I am saddened that such a pillar of the Dace family is gone. I will always remember the love and care he showed to all of the family and the fun times we had at the Dace reunions. I'm so grateful that because of his efforts, I was able to meet and learn to love the Daces and have wonderful memories of the the times we laughed and cried together. He was an awesome Uncle and loved by us all!

Marianne (Ellis) Freeman - Jewell's Daughter

Marianne (Ellis) Freeman - June 20, 2011 at 11:29 AM

SW

Pastor Dace was a wonderful man who helped me thru some very difficult times. I will be forever thankful that I knew him. Thank you for all of your kind words

Sandra Walker - June 21, 2011 at 04:31 PM

KL

“ Was so saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Dace. He helped our family immensely when my father-in-law passed away in 2006, and gave us such comfort with his words and prayers. Even though he didn't know my father-in-law, his words and actions at the memorial service made it sound as if he did. He made it so personal, involving all the grandchildren. I kept in touch with Dr. Dace through email when my brother-in-law was diagnosed with cancer two years later. Dr. Dace prayed for our family throughout the next two years as the disease progressed and ultimately took my brother-in-law's life. Dr. Dace made such an impression on me with his caring, gentle manner. I will never forget him. What a fine example of a Christian and a gentleman. Sincerest condolences from the Lambert family.

Kathy Lambert - June 20, 2011 at 09:21 AM

JJ

“ Favorite Memory #2: When Dad married Steve and me. He was quite pleased to perform the ceremony for us but also a little emotional and nervous (as you might guess). When it came to the ring exchange, I was to repeat after him; then he rattled off the entire paragraph. I looked at him, tilted my head and said, "Daaddy". At which point he started over with just the phrases. Actually, I think that was the first time I saw my Dad nervous--his hands were shaking.

Joy Jones - June 20, 2011 at 07:04 AM

LH

“ Oh where do you start when GOD puts such a wonderful man in your path? Allen Dace was always such a caring and compassionate person. He truly emulated GOD in everything he did. He did the best job with my husband and I while doing our pre-marriage counseling, he made our day everything it should have been. He was there for our family when my father-in-law passed away... he performed my sister-in-laws wedding ceremony... He was a GREAT MAN! Virginia, we are so sorry for your loss... we know that the Lord blessed us the day we met Allen, and I am sure many people feel the same way. Our prayers are with you and we know that Allen is now watching all of us from above.



Lori and Richard Hill - June 19, 2011 at 09:58 PM

SN

“ Susan Nooks lit a candle in memory of Dr. Allen H. Dace



susan nooks - June 19, 2011 at 04:56 PM

BG

“ When I was in junior high, Pastor Dace had me and several of my friends do some yard work for him as a means for youth group fundraising. He and his wife were incredibly nice to us and took us out to lunch afterward. Years later, he always greeted me in church by name and took genuine interest in what I had to say. He will be missed.

Brian Ginn - June 18, 2011 at 11:07 PM

RH

“ My favorite memory is when Allen Dace came up to the altar and pray with me. I also remember he came up to me before and after services and tell me good morning. I will miss him a lot. Ryan Hall

Ryan Hall - June 18, 2011 at 05:41 PM

JJ

“ Memory #1: The day Dad baptized me. It was extra special because he was so pleased with me. However, when we went on family vacations, instead of dunking each other in the swimming pool, we baptized each other. So when it was the real thing, I just relaxed, let me feet float up to the top along with my billowing dress (yes, dresses were mandatory in those days). So the sincerity of the moment was replaced with a tiny grin and a twinkle in his eye that only I could see. I think he was thankful I didn't turn around and say, "Your turn!" Love ya! Joy

Joy Jones - June 18, 2011 at 04:11 PM

CT

“ Cheryl Taube lit a candle in memory of Dr. Allen H. Dace



Cheryl Taube - June 18, 2011 at 09:59 AM

JW

“ Junior E. Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Allen H. Dace



Junior E. Williams - June 18, 2011 at 09:28 AM

JW

“ Allen will be greatly missed, He was a great mentor and friend. I will miss our coffee breaks and our fellowship. He was one of a kind. A great man of God, and a loyal servant. I met Allen through his Grief support group, and will always look up to him. Miss you Allen. Your snow removal man Junior (Jr) Williams

Junior E. Williams - June 18, 2011 at 09:26 AM

MC

“ Uncle Allen was the jewel in our "grandma Polly's" crown! A Godly servant who always enjoyed a good laugh, loved beyond reason, and had a good word for everyone. I always knew he was praying for his extended family, and such a comforter in my times of need. I remember the first time Allen brought Virginia home to meet the family, they stayed in our home. With the shuffling of sleeping accommodations Virginia and I shared the sun porch. We knew she was a keeper when she survived meeting grandpa Dace, and the astonishing number of people in a family of 12 children. Allen would drive miles out of his way on a trip to visit with a family member. I will miss him. Margaret Ann Dace Cullins

Margaret Ann Dace Cullins - June 18, 2011 at 12:18 AM

CP

“ Rev. Dace, will truly be missed by the Rush Memorial Church Family COTN. Many wonderful memories of a long standing relationship with this man of God. God bless the family in their time of bereavement.

*Rush Memorial Church Family
Elder Carl E. Pinkston, Pastor*

Carl E. Pinkston - June 17, 2011 at 10:55 PM

Lori
Kuehl

“ Oh, so many memories to share of my wonderful, special Grandfather. Great man of God, who had an influence over many people. I miss him greatly, but will see him soon.

Lori Kuehl - June 17, 2011 at 08:08 PM

PJ

“ My favorite memory of Allen was when he officiated at the wedding of his older daughter and my baby brother, Steve; he reminisced about the time he and Virginia learned their first baby was on the way. He said they named their little girl for the overwhelming sentiment they felt at that time: Joy. His sincere emotion was very moving, and the story emphasized what a strong, loving family was joining ours. I know his calm, loving presence will be missed by many, many people.



Paula Jones - June 17, 2011 at 07:41 PM

KJ

“ Grandpa Dace always made me feel part of the family. Didn't matter that I was a granddaughter by marriage. I remember the first Christmas play/dinner that I was invited to. I had been dating Ian 10 months by that point, and he and Granny invited me....and they hadn't even met me yet. You will be greatly missed. Love you. See you when we see you.



Katherine Jones - June 17, 2011 at 03:00 PM

KS

“ *Pastor Dace will be greatly missed. What a wonderful caring man.*

God Bless him and his family.



Kevin and Judy Sims - June 17, 2011 at 02:05 PM



“ *Warm thoughts, big hugs, and lots of love for Virginia Dace and Family. Allen is truly a man of great faith who has touched so many lives. It was through College Church that I came to know Allen and Virginia personally. Allen is very well known for his words of wisdom, oodles of patience, and endless love. Over the years, he walked with individuals and families while they grieved the loss of loved ones. I am forever grateful for having known Allen and for everlasting prayers through my grief journey.*

“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.”

Lisa Kuntz - June 17, 2011 at 12:02 PM

BB

“ *Bill, Laura And Elizabeth Bebout lit a candle in memory of Dr. Allen H. Dace*



Bill, Laura and Elizabeth Bebout - June 17, 2011 at 08:25 AM

BB

To the family of Dr Dace will be missed. He was the one man who helped my family get through my daughter's and mother in laws passing. he was always there when we needed someone to talk to. He will be missed. Tiffany my heart goes out to you and your family. We will keep you and the family in our prayers.

Bill,Laura and Elizabeth Bebout - June 17, 2011 at 08:28 AM

SS

“ *Rev. Dace will be greatly missed. I enjoyed working with him. Rest in Peace, my friend.*

Sara Beth Soucie - June 16, 2011 at 04:27 PM

TF

We have lost a very dear and precious friend and heaven gained a dear and faithful saint. His passion for those far from God was his mantra and his life was an example that called people to follow his example as he followed the example of Christ! Our love and prayers to Virginia and the whole family.

We do not say, "GOODBYE", but rather, "See you in a little while!"

Tim & Vicky Gates, Orlando, FL - June 17, 2011 at 11:28 AM