



Kenneth Boyd Dennard

October 31, 1949 - April 22, 2021

Rev. Kenneth Boyd Dennard, age 71, passed away Thursday, April 22, 2021. Boyd was born to the late Kenneth and Grace Dennard of Gordon, GA on October 31, 1949. He graduated from Wilkinson County High School in 1967, later attended Asbury and Lindsey Wilson colleges in Kentucky. Then he became employed by Freeport Kaolin and later Englehard Corporation. Being called into full-time music ministry, he attended Mercer University and graduated in 1992 with a double major in Christian Education and Music. He also retired from Putnam County Charter System after ten years of service as a bus driver.

Since 1973, he has served as Choir Director and/or Organist at several churches. He served at the Gordon First United Methodist Church, Eatonton First Baptist Church, Gray United Methodist Church, and was presently serving as Minister of Music and Family Ministries at Eatonton First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Alice Chapman Dennard, sister Jan Fine (Greg), daughters Jolynn Churchwell (Brian), Janey Smith (Robert), Christy Steverson (Robert), Kensley Brown (Bob), 6 grandchildren: Jon Wilfong, Jessica Mercer, Mary Grace and Jackson Steverson, Robby and Riley Brown, 4 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Boyd will always be remembered for having a servant heart. Through music, he shared his love of Christ and others. He touched countless people, young and old. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and leaves

behind a family legacy. In his spare time, he loved to garden and work on his tractors.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 24, 2021, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall at the First United Methodist Church in Eatonton, GA. Funeral Service will be held Sunday, April 25, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in the Great Hall at the First United Methodist Church in Eatonton, GA with Rev. David Woffard officiating. Burial will follow at Macon Memorial Park in Macon, GA.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to Eatonton First United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Macon Memorial Park

3969 Mercer University Dr.
Macon, GA 31204

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eatonton First United Methodist Church
103 W Magnolia St
Eatonton, GA 31024

Service

APR **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Eatonton, GA 31024

Burial

APR **25** (ET)

Macon Memorial Park
3969 Mercer University Dr.
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Tribute Wall

VZ

“*Mary Alice, Keith had a patient from Eatonton who told him about Boyd's passing. I am so sorry. I will always remember the Concert he and Keith did at First Baptist. I don't know which one of them had the most fun. Please know that you are in my prayers. Sending love from all the Zimmerman's.*

Vonnie Zimmerman - June 11, 2021 at 10:06 PM

JC

“*Mary Alice, I just read of Mr. Boyd passing. I am so terribly sorry for your loss. He was such a good man and I know there are no words I nor anyone else could ever say to ease what you are going through. I am here and would love to offer my time and friendship anytime you want or need it. He was such a pleasure to be around and his talent was indeed heaven sent. May God continue to bless and keep you. Call me anytime!*

Jennifer Carawan - May 27, 2021 at 11:14 PM

SR

“*Mary Alice, you and your family are in my prayers. Boyd was a Christian example and many were blessed by his leadership and talent. He used his talent to share his faith. Sian Rogers*

Sian Rogers - April 27, 2021 at 06:41 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Service



Williams Funeral Home - Eatonton - April 26, 2021 at 05:47 PM

SP

“ I sang with Christmas on The Avenue for many years with Boyd and all the Choirs and he was so patient and kind and talented. It was such a joy to sing with him. I'm so very sad that we lost him but he is directing the Heavenly Choir now! Praying for you and your family Mary Alice..may you find peace in Jesus..

Susan Paulin - April 25, 2021 at 07:41 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of Boyd's passing. My son and his Family are very active in First Methodist. Boyd always made sure he came and spoke with me when I came to visit their church. He will truly be missed by so many people. To his Family and Church Family and friends may got be with you all during this difficult time.
Bonnie Schubert

Bonnie Schubert - April 25, 2021 at 06:42 PM

CW

“ *Mr. Boyd was a great, wonderful mentor to me. He fostered my musical talents and gave me the confidence to perform in front of others and audition for the UGA Redcoat Band (and make it!). He taught me piano, handbells, and how to play in a small ensemble for the church. His Christmas cantata's were amazing, and I am honored to have been a part of them. I will miss him deeply. I shared a photo of him playing piano at my wedding March 2007. I have all of his family in my thoughts and prayers.*

-Chase West

Chase West - April 25, 2021 at 02:05 PM

BS

“ *Mary Alice, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Boyd and I share many happy childhood and young adult memories. You have both been a blessing in my life. Love, Becky Dennard Stewart*

Becky Stewart - April 25, 2021 at 01:45 PM

CW

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Chase West - April 25, 2021 at 01:24 PM

JW

“ Ms. Mary Alice, Christy, Kensley, and the rest of the family: my thoughts and prayers are with you. Mr. Dennard was a caring, talented, and kind hearted man. He touched so many lives in the churches he served and the community he lived in. He will greatly missed. I know he has joined in with the angel chorus and is making Heaven a more musical paradise. May you all find peace during this difficult time. Jessica D. Weems

Jessica Weems - April 25, 2021 at 11:32 AM

BO

“ Christy and family I am so sorry for your loss. I know you will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with y'all

Barbara Overton - April 25, 2021 at 07:33 AM

JP

“ Mary Alice, you and Mr Boyd was such a good friend to me and my family when we lived in Eatonton. He is the reason Cliff has been so successful in his Music career. He was a good friend , teacher and mentor to Cliff. He will always live in our hearts and memories forever! So sorry for your loss.

jackie pate - April 24, 2021 at 05:34 PM

EB

“ *Mary Alice & Family - We were shocked to learn the very sad news & have been praying for ALL of his family. Boyd was such a kind, loving and talented Christian man! He will be missed in many ways by so many people. His many years of service to Gordon United Methodist Church were appreciated very much. He was so talented & his music blessed us for many years at GUMC. (His registration selections are still in our organ's memory!) God be with each family member during the difficult days ahead. Love & prayers, Ethel & Gerald*



Ethel Beck - April 24, 2021 at 02:13 PM

SO

“ *We were so sad to hear about Boyd. We both have fond memories of him and his Daddy while Billy worked at the Red and White. Prayers for all of you during the difficult days ahead.*
Billy & Sheryl Outler

Sheryl Outler - April 24, 2021 at 01:29 PM

PM

“ He was truly a most kind, wonderful man. He made a positive impact on everyone he encountered. He did not know and the family will never know the extent of his influence. When I think of Boyd, my mind's eye goes to his infectious, mischievous smile and that sweet chuckle. I felt such love and respect for him; someone I could depend on for support and guidance. Boyd saw EFUMC through some very rough times and was always a steadfast leader. There was a period of time in our church that Boyd and Mary Alice were the only reasons Dennis and I did not leave and go to another congregation. We refused to let anything take that relationship away; they would see us through and be there at the other end. There is no way to express the feeling of loss! As much as my heart aches, I know it is even worse for the family. I wish there was something I could offer to ease your pain. I will offer my prayers and I am available should I be needed.
In heartfelt Christian love, Peggy McWhorter

Peggy T McWhorter - April 24, 2021 at 10:58 AM

PB

“ This was a horrible shock and our deepest condolences go out to Boyd's family. Both he and Mary Alice were a presence that drew us to the church initially. It has always been a joy and comfort to listen to Boyd play, sing and direct the choirs, and he will be sorely missed. Again our hearts go out to Mary Alice and the entire Dennard family.
Pam and Curt Baumann

Pam Baumann - April 24, 2021 at 10:30 AM

CH

“ Please accept our deepest condolences.
Charles Jackson and family

Celeste J Harkins - April 24, 2021 at 07:03 AM

RL

“ I remember well the day Boyd and Mary Alice joined our ministry at First Methodist. He was my right arm, my counselor, and my friend through all the days of my six years as pastor. We’ve stayed in touch and I am so grateful for all the ways he has blessed me. My love to Boyd and all the family. He’s at home in the arms of his Lord.
— . Rev. Peggy Little

Rev Peggy Little - April 24, 2021 at 06:32 AM

MA

“ 10 files added to the album Memories Album



Marge - April 23, 2021 at 10:50 PM

KH

“ GOD gave Rev Boyd a gift that very few people on earth had. He took that gift @ blessed thousands of people with it. His love for others was as . great as his gift of music. He made a big difference in my life with his kindness and advice. To the great family , my prayers are with you @ thank you for sharing him with us. GOD BE WITH YOU. Karl Hieber

Karl Hieber - April 23, 2021 at 09:51 PM

LT

“ I am so sorry! Some of my earliest memories are of your family when we lived near each other in Gordon and I was always so happy and felt such love when I was at your house. Boyd was such a gentle, kind person. I know your grief and I feel it with you. I hope you can feel my love for you all and that it may bring you some small amount of comfort.

Laurie Lavender Tharpe - April 23, 2021 at 05:49 PM

VI

“ Mary Alice, I am so sorry to hear about Boyd. I will always remember singing in the choir at the Baptist church and the wonderful programs for Christmas and Easter. Boyd was such an inspiration to everyone and this town will not be the same without him. The angels will be ready for him to lead them in song. Vicki Ivey

Vicki Ivey - April 23, 2021 at 05:33 PM

MR

“ Within my heart sings a melody. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the choir. Your patience and kindness will be treasured and missed. Forever blessed.
Marydale

Marydale Reeves - April 23, 2021 at 04:49 PM

SB

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of his passing. He was such a kind man and I know the family is heartbroken. I pray for Gods peace and comfort to surround you all. Love you friends!

Suzanne Brooks - April 23, 2021 at 03:53 PM

TM

“ Words cannot express the sadness in my heart when I heard of Mr. Boyd's passing this week. He was my favorite choir director and a good, Godly friend. He touched our lives in so many ways and will be very missed by our whole family.

Tempie, Randy & Dalton McMahan

Tempie McMahan - April 23, 2021 at 02:54 PM

 David Wofford

“ Boyd, we love you very much and will miss you. You have made a lifelong impact on me. I am so blessed to have served God beside you. Thank you for your witness of faith in Christ.

David Wofford - April 23, 2021 at 02:41 PM

JB

“ I'm so sorry for you all. I loved Boyd and he was an awesome friend. He would do anything for anyone. This is a substantial loss and without a doubt I know he is in a far better place than we are! He left behind a legacy! We love you all and will be praying for you in this time.

Jamey Brown - April 23, 2021 at 02:11 PM

PR

“ Mary Alice, I am so sorry to learn of your husband's death. I have read everyone's memories and comments. He sounds like a truly gifted individual and a wonderful person
Please accept my condolences and know we are praying for you and your family
Patsy Gordon Rece

Patsy Gordon Rece - April 23, 2021 at 12:37 PM

BA

“*Mary Alice, Christy and Kensley, We are so sorry to hear of Boyd’s passing. He was a wonderful godly man, a great role model and a great friend to us. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you and give you peace as only He can during this time. We love you all.*

Brenda, Anna Clair and Andy

Brenda Aldridge - April 23, 2021 at 11:20 AM

BM

“*Boyd’s music ministry at First Methodist was inspiring. Some of us joined the choir just because he was such a joy to work with on Christmas on the Avenue, which won’t be the same without him. His preludes were magnificent-many times leaving us with goose bumps.*

He played at my son’s wedding and officiated and sang at my mother’s memorial service for which I was so thankful. He meant a lot to my mother while he served at First Baptist. She loved participating in the Keenagers with him.

He will be truly missed by all of us.

Barbara Martin - April 23, 2021 at 10:54 AM

JH

“*No one has every played the organ as well as Mr. Boyd did. His service, love, and his music will live long in the hearts of many. Mary Alice, & family, sending you love and prayers during your loss.*

julie holder - April 23, 2021 at 09:45 AM

GA

“*To the Dennard Family I am very sorry for your loss. Praying for your Family.*

Greg Adams - April 22, 2021 at 10:54 PM

TS

“ *Sadden me to hear this. Mr Boyd tried to teach me piano. He was a good teacher and a good man, thank you rest in piece*

Terry Smith - April 22, 2021 at 07:30 PM

SC

“ *Boyd was such a nice man and will be missed by many. Our prayers go out to his family. Steve and Elaine Carnes*

Steven G Carnes - April 22, 2021 at 07:20 PM

CD

“ *Mary Alice, I was stunned and saddened to hear of Boyd's passing. I was so appreciative of him coming to sing at Richard's service. I am speechless. I pray that God will bring you and your family comfort and peace in the days ahead.*

Cindy Dennard - April 22, 2021 at 07:11 PM

IV

“ *Boyd made such an impact on my life. His whole family has actually. This is the nicest man I've ever known. He pushed my music by allowing me to share my skills of playing the trumpet in church. He continued while I was in college. I actually took lessons starting off playing from his daughter. When my grandparents passed he was there and even preached at one of the ceremony. He will truly be missed and I know he's touched millions.*



ivy - April 22, 2021 at 06:55 PM

DW

“ Sorry, I meant to say *"Words cannot express how shocked and saddened by the sudden death of such a gifted person.*

Donna West - April 22, 2021 at 04:55 PM

DW

“ *Work cannot express how shocked and saddened by the sudden death of such a gifted person. Boyd had a love of music and had a wonder music ministry. Everyone loved to hear him play either the organ or the piano.*

He will be truly missed by his beloved choir family, and the church as a whole.

My sincere condolences to Mary Alice the all his family. He was so proud of all of them.

Donna West - April 22, 2021 at 04:51 PM