



Mr. Rex Henry Dunlap

December 16, 1933 - June 11, 2024

Rex Henry Dunlap was a lifelong servant of Christ. After a lifetime of running the good race and keeping the faith, Jesus called him to paradise on June 11th, 2024. He was ninety years young.

He was born in Dallas, Texas, to Archie and Gene Dunlap. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, where he excelled in track and earned the nickname “One Lap Dunlap.” His athletic ability was recognized by Southern Methodist University, and they awarded him a full athletic scholarship in track. At SMU, he pursued his talent for design and quest for spiritual knowledge and graduated with a major in Interior Design and a minor in religion. After college, he enlisted in the Navy and earned the rank of LTJG. He served as a navigator for the Naval Hurricane Hunters. After his military service, he started his own interior design firm before joining Bank Building Corporation, where he was the top salesman. He ended his career as president of the company.

At twenty-seven years old, he met the love of his life at his brother’s wedding and immediately declared he was going to marry her. And he was right! The two moved to Jacksonville, Florida, and started a beautiful family. Throughout his life, Rex was a well-known lover of mischief and a good story. He embodied both steadfast wisdom and youthful joy in his every breath.

However, the most important story of Rex’s life began at the age of seventeen at Young Life’s Silver Cliff Ranch in Colorado, where he gave his life to Christ. After that, Rex was forever changed and on fire for the gospel, which influenced all areas of his life. While in the Navy and stationed in Jacksonville, Florida, he lived out his passion for Christ by spreading the word of God in working with high school students. He started a youth group called Best Deal, which was the predecessor to Young Life in the state of Florida. He spent many hours pouring into the lives of high school students. He loved these students and kept in touch with them over the years. In addition to working with young people, he was a dedicated and active member of every church he attended. He was a devoted Sunday School teacher and Elder at Central Presbyterian Church in St Louis, Missouri. Rex continued to lead Bible studies throughout his entire life, encouraging the downtrodden and leading many to Christ along the way.

Of all the awards and accolades he received, Rex would tell you that his greatest

accomplishment was his family. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Rex is survived by his wife of sixty-two years, Joan; his daughter, Paige; son Brad; daughter-in-law Kitty; and two grandchildren, Rex Bradley and Emma—as well as a large extended family that he loved and was loved by. But he is survived even more by his legacy of love and kindness, and by the passion and fervor of a man close to God's own heart. While his commanding presence, caring nature, and discipleship will be deeply missed, his impact will live on in the lives of those he touched. May all who knew him take comfort in knowing that Rex was welcomed into the kingdom with these words, “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matthew 25:23). He will be missed by many, but we will see him again in eternity.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Young Life (<https://giving.younglife.org/inmemoryofRexDunlap>)

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-9300

Previous Events

Visitaton

JUN 24. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Service

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Graveside

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Tribute Wall



“ *Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Rex Henry Dunlap*



Northside Chapel - June 17, 2024 at 03:26 PM

BG

Rex was a confidant, counselor and friend. He could be counted upon to help rightly divide truth, encourage good behavior and have fun; all at the same time. I can close my eyes and hear his laugh and remember his smile. We never got around to building that model boat, nor did we ever get around to sailing together on my life sized one.

Until I see that smile again and together we enjoy his presence forever, I will hold those times described within my heart.

I have little doubt that Pam was among your welcoming committee, but don't trust her directions, Rex, she's only been there a few months herself.

Brad Greer - June 25, 2024 at 09:05 PM

MB

“ *I just found out about Rex's passing a few days ago. Rex was an elder at Central when I lived in St. Louis. He moved to Chesterfield I believe to join the church plant that began closer to where he lived. Central was a big church at the time, around 2,000 people, but Rex knew so many of us. He was always smiling and made an effort to know all of us "younger ones" in the church. When I think back about those days at Central and the size of the church, I was privileged to have someone, especially an elder, know me by name and encourage me. Thank you Rex for the person you were. I so enjoyed reading your obituary and I've glad that you had a long life. One of my friends ran into you in Chesterfield and you told her for me to get into contact again with you, but I missed this opportunity. I'm glad that you could find out that I'm a missionary now and I look forward to seeing you again. I hope to fight the good fight as you did. Thank you for you example of faith and service to Jesus-Christ Thank you for the legacy that you left.*

Malia Bridwell - June 29, 2024 at 09:58 PM

SH

“ *I only knew yall for a short time but I am so grateful I was given that time. No matter what kind of day I had this man would make me smile.*

Shellene Harrell - June 25, 2024 at 09:46 PM

AI

“ Rex was a Godsend for the Beaufort and Small families. He was like a son/brother to the Beauforts and a deeply loved cousin to the Smalls. Rex was a kind and gentle but powerful force and was easily loved by all who knew him. He will be missed!

Art Small IV - June 22, 2024 at 02:35 PM

CN

“ It is difficult to express well how much Rex meant to Sandy and I. He demonstrated and lived the Godly example all men should strive to achieve but rarely do. He was my mentor. How so very fortunate I was. But most importantly he was my dearest friend. Sandy and I will miss him greatly. Yet we are so better off for the impact he had on our lives.

craig and sandy nelson - June 22, 2024 at 01:29 PM

SB

“ Rex was my Young Life leader in Jacksonville. He led me to Christ. He stayed in touch through out the years and we were privileged to visit him and JoAn in St. Louis. He was anxious to see “his kids” again from our high school so we had a get together at my house where he regaled us all with stories of his life and we all shared our memories of his influence in our lives. We were able to have a couple more visits after that. So grateful for this Godly man! Sally Borland

Sally Borland - June 17, 2024 at 01:25 PM

JC

“ My deepest condolences and prayers to the family and to the young life family.

Jeneria Chrispin - June 17, 2024 at 11:17 AM

DH

“ Great guy and raised a great son, who married my daughter Kitty. Best wishes to Brad, page and jo ann.

Dick harkins

dick harkins - June 16, 2024 at 05:58 PM