



## Don V. Bumgarner

February 24, 1919 - March 15, 2013

Rev. Don V. Bumgarner of Huntsville, Arkansas, passed away on March 15, 2013 at the age of 94 at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Don was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred R. (Unruh) Bumgarner, who died on June 14, 2008, one brother, Virgil H. Bumgarner, and one sister, Bethel M. Acuff. Donald Van Bumgarner was born in Corwin, Kansas on February 24, 1919 to Frank and D. Mary Pasley Bumgarner. He graduated from Attica High School (Attica, Kansas) in 1937. He received a BA in Sociology with a minor in Music from Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas in 1942. During his college stay, from 1938-1942, he was a member of the men's college quartet that toured the country. He attended United Theological (Bonebrake) Seminary in Dayton, Ohio from 1944-1947 earning a Masters of Divinity in 1947. He married Mildred Ruth Unruh on June 1, 1943 in Newton, Kansas and enjoyed 65 years of marriage with the woman he loved prior to Mildred's death in 2008. He served the God he loved 30 years in the ministry including: 2 years (1940-1942) at Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) Church in Burns, Kansas while he was in college. 2 years (1942-1944) at First Baptist Church in Sharon, Kansas while he cared for his family farm due to illness of his parents and while his brother, Virgil, served in WW II. 3 years (1944-1947) at EUB Church in Castine, Ohio during Seminary. 5 years (1947-1952) at EUB Church in Richland, Kansas. 11 years (1952-1963) at EUB Church in Parsons, Kansas. At this time in his ministry he was a member of the conference men's quartet called the Singing Parsons that toured

Kansas. 11 years (1963-1974) at Salem United Methodist Church in Newton, Kansas. In 1974, he retired for 40 years to the farm he loved, his "heaven on earth", south of Huntsville, Arkansas. During his retirement he farmed and cared for his mother, brother and sister. He was an active member of the Huntsville United Methodist Church in his retirement. He is survived by 5 children: Kenneth Baumgarner of Sydney, Australia; Keith Bumgarner, Betty (and husband Carlton) Butler and Don W. Bumgarner, all of Huntsville, Arkansas; and Bruce (and wife Jackie) Bumgarner of Plano, Texas. He is survived by 10 grandchildren: Philip (and wife Marjo) Scherrer, Elizabeth Scherrer, Carolyne Dal Bianco, Kevin (and wife Melissa) Montgomery, Krystal (and husband Sean) Pierce, Jessica (and husband Chris) Lashley, Brian ( and wife Robin) Butler, Courtney (and husband Brett) Webster, Amanda Bumgarner, and Aaron Bumgarner. He is survived by 10 great grandchildren: Joshua Scherrer, Joseph Scherrer, Phoebe Scherrer, Zane Dal Bianco, Allen Pierce, Bennett Tiner, Blake Butler, Bresyn Webster, Cameron Montgomery, and Caleb Montgomery. A Visitation will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 from 5:00 P. M. to 7:00 P. M. at Brashears Funeral Home, Huntsville, Arkansas. Those that wish can also send messages may do so at [brashearsfuneralhome.net](http://brashearsfuneralhome.net). A family graveside burial service will be held on March 21, 2013 at the Aurora Cemetery, Aurora, Arkansas, Pastor Allen Crum officiating. Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers can be sent to Huntsville United Methodist Church memorial fund, Post Office Box 1377, Huntsville, Arkansas 72740-1377. A memorial celebration for the lives of Don and Mildred Bumgarner will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2013 from 2-5 pm at the Carroll Electric Community Room in Huntsville, Arkansas.

# Tribute Wall

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*“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Don. He was a fine man with a good heart. I enjoyed the Bumgarner family. Bruce played high school football for me and was an outstanding lineman during the mid-seventies at Huntsville. He enjoyed the support of a fine family. Don and his late wife, Mildred, were always there to support him. Our world is a little worse off without Don Bumgarner in it.*

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**Tommy Tice** - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BH

*“ We are saddened for your loss. Our hearts will always have a special place for Don. Our prayers and thoughts go out to your family.*

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**Brent & Betty Jo Hargis** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

*“ I have many fond memories do Don and Mildred and family. Tim also mentioned being in Sunday School and youth fellowship with Bruce. My sympathy to all of you. I know you too have many fond memories to ease the pain of your loss.*

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**Jane hershberger** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AH

*“ So sorry for your loss. Didn't know him real well but He was a very blessed man with some awesome kids,grandkids, and great grandkids. May your memories be great & your tears be few.*

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**Alicia Harris** - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Your dad did the marriage ceremony for my son Justin and his wife Karen in his front yard about 11 years ago it was a beautiful setting for a country wedding we will never forget your parent's generosity and kindness to our family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow. Heaven gained another Angel.  
The McElhaney Family

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**DeAnna McElhaney** - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Much love to all the Bumgarner family. To Ken, Keith, Donnie, Betty & Bruce I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad. He was a great man with a big heart and soul and a much loved Grandpa to us all. Blessings and love to everyone in the family....Carolynne

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**Carolynne** - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ To the family of Big Don, I give you my deepest and dearest sympathies. I loved Big Don very much. He always took time for me and was there for me in my darkest hour. I will never forget his voice belting out a favorite hymn with such gusto and love for his Lord. I will never forget Big Don and I will miss his bear hugs very much.  
Big Don, Your Home!!

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**Debbie Haynes** - March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Our prayers are with the family-thur the school and church we became good freinds- great couple!!!! he will be missed.

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**Glenn and Shirley Frick** - March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ So sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Mike and Diane Atwell** - March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I was so sorry to read of Pastor Don's passing, but know that your Mom and Dad are now once again sharing their wonderful love. My parents (Jack and Delores Proctor) felt so blessed to have Don and Mildred as their dear friends and loved to reminisce about all their wonderful times spent together, through the years. Now the friends are all back together again. Prayers are being sent to all of the family.

*With sympathy. Susan Proctor-Spencer*

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**Susan Proctor-Spencer** - March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Don you have my condolences and prayers at the loss of your father. May the Lord hold each of you in His loving arms. He will never leave you nor forsake you.

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**Alvin Herrington** - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Your mom was my 6th grade teacher back in 1982. She was an angel. I had not heard of her passing till I read your father's obituary. I am a 4th grade teacher and think of her often. My favorite memory of her was when a classmate decided to put my coat on his head. He tied it up tight around his face. Your mom said, "You look like ET with that on your head." We thought she was coolest teacher ever. She talked about her family with great love--- I'm sure she was standing at the gates with a beautiful smile waiting on your dad. Please know that I am praying for you all during this time.

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**Kelly Hudgins Powell** - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM