



Reverend J. Harvey Dixon

October 6, 1930 - May 5, 2022

Reverend John Harvey Dixon of Salisbury and pastor of Faith Community Church, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 5, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born near Sudlersville, Maryland on October 6, 1930, a son of the late Jessie Rodney Dixon and Myrtle Jackson Dixon and stepson of Margaret Burris Dixon.

He graduated from Millington High School in Millington, Maryland in 1947. He completed a college ministerial program through the Holiness Christian Church of the USA (1950-1955) and was ordained in June 1955. He was an active pastor of the Holiness Christian Church for 14 years and held several conference positions during this time. He became the pastor of Faith Community Church in 1966 and has continued this ministry to the present time.

Harvey's Christian commitment to the Lord started with him working actively in church along with the fire department, beginning in Millington and later with the Salisbury Fire Department. Fire Chief Freddie Williams contacted Rev. Dixon and asked if he and his wife, Theresa, would consider flying to Ft. Worth, Texas to meet with a few men that were interested in starting a National Chaplains Association which would study major incidents. This meeting developed into the present-day Federation of Fire Chaplains which today is an international group. Rev. Dixon served as the first director for the Mid-Atlantic Region including the states of the US and DC that border the

Atlantic Ocean. All three 9-11 incidents were in his region.

He served as Salisbury Fire Department Chaplain, Wicomico County Fire Chaplain, Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Association Chaplain and served 5 years as Chief Chaplain for the State of Maryland's Fire Service, which included over 350 fire departments.

Rev. Dixon also felt the need for a Peninsula Regional Medical Center Chaplains program here in Salisbury while serving as president of the Wicomico Ministerial Association. Today, TidalHealth Peninsula Regional has a chaplain's program paid for and working at the suggestion and promotion of Rev. Dixon. Mr. Richard Henson caught the vision and generously offered the seed money to fund this initial project.

Rev. Dixon and his wife, Theresa, also started Holy Land tours making them easy, reasonable and attainable for many people. These tours lasted over a period of about 15 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Pearl Dixon; two sons, David and his wife, Grace of Frankford, DE; Joseph and his wife, Annette of Delmar, DE; three daughters, Dorcas Morrow and her husband, Skip of Circleville, Ohio; Gloria Snyder and her husband, Skip of Delmar, Lois Ruark and her husband, Gary of Delmar; two step-children, Linda Ruland and her husband, Terry of Ft. Worth, Texas and Alan Powell and his close friend, Crystal Borelli of Salisbury; eight grandchildren, John Dixon, Zandra Sauers, Stephanie Gibson, Beth Smalley, Joel Dixon, Michael Dixon, Joseph Eure, and Kasey Ruland; eleven great-grandchildren; a brother, Norman Dixon and his wife, Lynn of Goldsboro, MD; and many other relatives, an extended church family, numerous city, county, and state fire department friends along with many friends of the National Fire Chaplains Association.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Theresa Dixon; a brother, Clifton Dixon; a grandson, Kyle Dixon; stepbrothers, Paul, and William Dixon; a stepsister, Mildred Gruhol; and sisters-in-law, Elda Dixon, Mildred Lambert, Nola Peterson, and Betty Dixon.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 11:00 am at Faith

Community Church in Salisbury. There will be a visitation on Friday, May 13, 2022, from 5 to 8:00 pm and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Interment will follow at Wicomico Memorial Park in Salisbury.

In memory of Rev. Dixon, contributions may be sent to Faith Community Church, 219 N. Division Street, Salisbury, MD 21801 or to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Wicomico Memorial Park

721 Snow Hill Road
Salisbury, MD 21802

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Faith Community Church
219 N. Division Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Community Church
219 N. Division Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Reverend J. Harvey Dixon*



Short Funeral Home - May 11, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ *Reverend J. Harvey Dixon*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



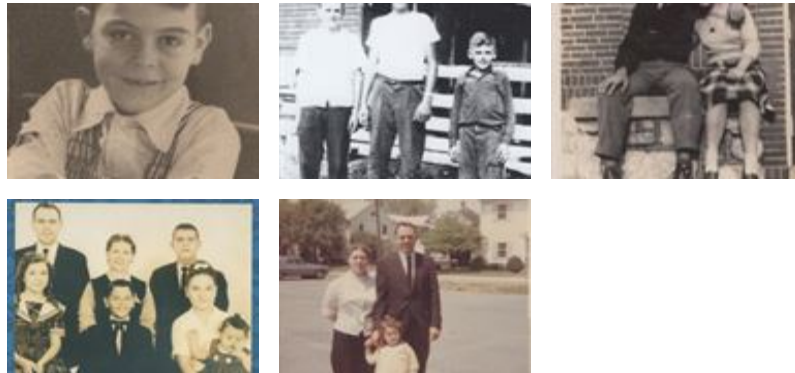
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reverend J. Harvey Dixon.*



May 13, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ 96 files added to the album Life Tributes



Short Funeral Home - May 11, 2022 at 03:12 PM

GC

“ Guy & Susie (Sue) Comegys lit a candle in memory of Reverend J. Harvey Dixon



Guy & Susie (Sue) Comegys - May 09, 2022 at 09:33 PM

RT

“ Thank you, my dear friend, for your many years of ministry service to the Lord and to our community. "Well done, good and faithful servant." See you at the table. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pearl and with your beloved family.

Rev. Howard Travers - May 08, 2022 at 07:52 PM

SC

“ Memories of a sweet, kind man as well as a wonderful neighbor from many years ago (60's). RIP Rev. Dixon. Prayers to his family.

Sharon (Townsend) Colson - May 08, 2022 at 07:35 PM

GH

“ Gary & Shirley Harrison lit a candle in memory of Reverend J. Harvey Dixon



Gary & Shirley Harrison - May 08, 2022 at 01:16 PM

DE

“ Harvey was always a kind person and always smiling. Our thoughts and prayers are with with you and your family.



Dan and Tammy Eure - May 08, 2022 at 08:48 AM

JO

Pearl, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family.

Joyce Jordan

Joyce - May 10, 2022 at 01:19 PM

BC

I grew up knowing Rev. Dixon for many years with my mother and the Holiness Christian Church, but time and various other reasons have made me lose contact with him. He was a wonderful man and minister, RIP Barbara {Brosey} Correia.

Barbara Correia - May 12, 2022 at 01:35 PM