



Rev. Bob Dixon

February 4, 1933 - April 10, 2021

A memorial service will be held at 3PM on Saturday July 10, 2021 at the 1st Methodist Church in Thomasville. Archie Bob Dixon passed away at Archbold Memorial Hospital on April 10th 2021. He is the son of the late Bernard and Pearl Dixon. Mr. Dixon was valedictorian of his high school class of 1951. He's studied at Emory of Oxford, Emory at Valdosta, Candler School of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta and received the Master of Christian Education degree. He served 65 years of ministry in the Methodist Church as Diaconal Minister of Christian Education serving churches in Montgomery, Alabama; Albany, Ga, Macon, GA; Savannah, GA; Atlanta, GA and Thomasville, GA. He became an ordained minister after retirement in 1999 and continued to serve part time until 2019. He served on numerous committees at the local, state, national and global level of the United Methodist Church. His passion was the ministry for older adults where he created an older/ retired adult ministry group in each church he served. He was an Eagle Scout and the first recipient of the God and Country award in Georgia. Being well known for his artistic abilities, Landmarks Inc. and Archbold Hospital of Thomasville commissioned him to draw two major series of Georgia Plantations and historic buildings. In 1987 he was invited to the White House to present a watercolor of the Mister Lincoln rose to first Lady Nancy Reagan in honor of the designation of the Rose as the National Flower. In 1988 he was commissioned by Georgia Citizens for the Arts to paint and present a watercolor painting of the Georgia state flower, The Cherokee Rose, and presented the painting to Gov. Joe Frank Harris. In 1991 a print of the Cherokee Rose painting raised over \$70,000 for Georgia Rotary Student Program. The Georgia District #6900 of Rotary International also commissioned prints of this painting as a gift for citizens of Japan, Australia, and Germany. In 1989 he was commissioned to paint the Queen Elizabeth Rose that was presented to Queen Elizabeth II for the Buckingham Palace Collection. In 1993 he was awarded Georgia Rotary Student Program Will Watt fellow award and the Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year. He illustrated 7 books and presented solo art shows in Tallahassee, FL, Columbus, Thomasville, Fitzgerald, Macon and Albany, Ga. "I paint for my own enjoyment and because of a spark within me that drives me to the process. For me, this is that creative image of God in which we were all created. I let the subject dictate the medium and make

extensive use of my camera. The process is a visual investigation of nature, be it a flower, trees, or a landscape. When the image comes into focus I always catch my breath at what I see. As I begin the process of painting, I believe the elements of nature are signatures of God and my desire in painting them is to help others read the signatures.”- A. Bob Dixon. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth Betty Dixon; children, Robin Dixon Strong of Tacoma, WA, James Jeffrey Dixon of Tallahassee, FL, Laura Kyle Dixon Burton of Thomasville, GA, and Dennis Nolan of Tallahassee, FL; 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren and sister Bernardene Dixon Lesbirel of Crystal River, FL. There are no services planned at this time. A Celebration of his life will be held when considered safe. Contributions may be made to The First United Methodist Church older adult ministry, 425 North Broad Street, Thomasville, Ga 31792. Family and friends are invited to visit his online tribute at allenfh.com.

Events

JUL **Memorial Service** 03:00PM
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First Methodist Church
425 N Broad St, Thomasville, GA, US

Comments



“ Laurie Gunter purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Rev. Bob Dixon.



Laurie Gunter - July 02 at 02:02 PM



“ Shellie lit a candle in memory of Rev. Bob Dixon



shellie - April 20 at 11:18 AM



“ I work for then Commercial Bank and now Synovus. I am so proud to have hanging in my office the painting Bob did for Commercial Bank showing not only his beautiful rose but the history of our wonderful bank. Not only is this hanging in my office it is in my home as well. Bob will always be remembered and loved by so many lives that he touched in his life time. He certainly touched mine.

shellie - April 20 at 11:17 AM



“ Bob was one of the kindest individuals I have ever had the privilege to know & to call my friend. Bob & Betty were our neighbors for several years on Washington Street which is where we first got to know them. He was always a blessing to our family. Mr Bob will be missed by many.

Karen Smith - April 19 at 08:24 PM



“ As others have said, Bob was a fine Christian man and so loved. He was special to my family and will be missed. Sending love to Betty and the family.
Tricia & Clayton Blanton and Louise Golden

Tricia Blanton - April 19 at 02:25 PM



“ Losing a beloved husband and father is heartbreaking and I know the Lord's peace that passes understanding will sustain you. Sending you my love and support. Bob was a very special man. Charlesy

Charlesy J Davis - April 15 at 06:53 PM



“ Charlesy Davis purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Rev. Bob Dixon.



Charlesy Davis - April 15 at 06:50 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you in this difficult time. Bob, was one of the finest, kindness, talented, Christian gentleman. He ministered to so many people through his years in Christian Education.
In Christ, Joel and Joyce Dent, Dublin, GA

Joel and Joyce Dent - April 15 at 12:27 PM



“ We send our sympathy, love and prayers during this time of loss. We cherish many fond memories of you and Bob.
Love,
Jimmy and Sandra Pennell

Jimmy and Sandra Pennell - April 13 at 09:25 PM



“ Bob Dixon was our YOUTH DIRECTOR and counselor at MYF at FUMC ALBANY when we were in grade school. He was always a kind and caring person. Please know his impact on Methodism will always be a part of our lives. His was a life well lived.

Judy Holman Deriso - April 13 at 08:51 PM



“ As a member of Bob Dixon's youth group at FMC Albany, I have have many fond memories that have remained a part of my life to this day. What an inspiration and spiritual leader! Thank you, Bob!

Franklin Newman - April 13 at 08:34 PM



“ Ann and I were fortunate to have Bob as our youth leader at Vineville Methodist Church while in high school. We enjoyed the relationship even further when Bob would bring older adult groups to Epworth By The Sea. He was a Godly man in all respects and will be greatly missed. Joel and Ann Willis

Joel Willis - April 13 at 08:09 PM



“ What a bright light of Methodist Christian Education. He illuminated so many paths for many people on their journeys.

Jim Womack - April 14 at 01:41 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear the news of Bob's death. Bob was truly one of the kindest, most caring people that I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Betty, please know that you and your family are in my prayers. God bless. Jim

Rev. Jim Smith - April 13 at 02:30 PM



“ Bob Dixon was a wonderful Christian servant. He was a wonderful help with the youth when I had the privilege to work with him. Our whole family will miss him. Betty, Kyle, Robin and Jeff, we will keep you in our prayers.

Margaret and Ed Simmons - April 13 at 07:51 AM



“ I am honored to have known Bob. I have one of his paintings that my mom gave me. He was such a wonderful person. My prayers are with his family.

suzanne Bond - April 12 at 11:17 PM



“ Bob was the most effective Christian educator I ever knew. And he was my first ministry mentor . I was a seminary student, serving part-time at the Vineville United Methodist Church with he and Fredrick Wilson, I am eternally grateful for the contribution Bob made to my early life in ministry. Jim Jackson, Houston, Texas

Jim Jackson - April 12 at 10:58 PM



“ Bob was such a gentle soul. I loved working with him at MedBank. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rebecca Brook - April 12 at 10:44 PM



“ I'm grateful for the opportunity to have known and worked with Bob. Betty, you and your family are in our prayers during these days of sorrow.

With our Love,
Ronnie and Carmine Wills

Ronnie Wills - April 12 at 09:26 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of Rev. Dixon's passing. He was always such a kind man. I enjoyed getting to know him in my years of working at Clanton Malphus Hodges Vet. Hospital. Please accept my condolences in the passing of your loved one. May God comfort you all during your time of loss.

Sharon Johnson

Sharon Johnson - April 12 at 08:56 PM



“ So sad to hear about A Bob as we called him! Such a great man to work with during our youth counselor days at FUMC. He was a wonderful influence to us as youth counselors and to 100s of youth also. Such a talented man! Our thoughts and prayers to Bettye, Kyle, Jeff, and Robin! RIP A Bob

Kendall and Brenda Addington

Kendall & Brenda Addington - April 12 at 08:42 PM



“ Bob was such a blessing to everyone. He never met a stranger! His genuine kindness and warm smile will always be remembered. Thoughts and prayers to Betty and the family. Sam & Betsy Hughes



Sam & Betsy Hughes - April 12 at 08:31 PM



“ Bob was a key ingredient at our Tuesday luncheons with several of his friends before the Covid-19 stopped our gathering. A great friend and mentor at the Lawson Neel MedBank. Never an unkind word about anything. A great man of God and a great talent. John Ogburn

john W ogburn - April 12 at 08:28 PM



“ A very special man. He will be missed.

Lecrecia A Wilson - April 12 at 08:03 PM



“ I had the pleasure to work with Mr. Bob during my Rose Festivals. I have always admired him.
A very special man has left us for his heavenly home.

Cissy(Sharon) Hester Lowe - April 12 at 07:10 PM



“ Bob was a delightful and talented person. Jerry and I were honored to call him our friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Betty and the family.

Marta Jones Turner - April 12 at 05:33 PM



“ I worked with Bob as part time secretary ,helping Nita Gelvin at FUMC in the late eighties. Bob was one of the kindest and nicest men I have ever known. My prayers are with his wife and family at this time.

hazel keyton - April 12 at 04:39 PM



“ Bob was a wonderfully kind man. We will miss him! Love to Betty and the family.

Jeff & Donita Hinckley - April 12 at 08:40 AM



“ Praying for family and friends.
Tracy and Wanda Walker Brown

Wanda Brown - April 12 at 07:15 AM



“ He will be thoughtly missed by all people who knew him! GOD SPEED, and R.I.P. You have done your work here on earth, time for your rest! Please say hi to my dad and folks when you get into Heaven. They will probably be right at those pearly gates ready to greet you as you pass through. Good bye, and Good night, my friend.



Melanie and Barry Blow - April 12 at 06:15 AM



“ I will miss my great friend and his paintings he did for thomasville condolences to u mrs. Betty and family

brian bauer (neighbor) - April 11 at 08:05 PM



“ Betty and family my thoughts and prayers are with you as you walk through this time of lost of your dear love one.Bob. He was a joy to know and how will I remember your time here at Albany Firstai know Betty how your heart hurts because you have lost part of it. now becasue I lost my Paul of 65 year on March 9,2021..I am walking that road with you and know my heart is holding you close. Will keep you in my prayers.

Nan Jones - April 12 at 10:25 PM



“ I would not be in the ministry today if it was not for the confidence Bob would give me when I would take a drama workshop from him at Epworth by the Sea as a teen. I have always held him in a special place in my heart.

David Johnson

DAVID JOHNSON - April 16 at 03:50 PM



“ I just learned of Bob's death! He was a dear man and I always will remember the many good times we had on Keenager trips at TUMC! Rest In Peace with the Lord, dear friend.Paradise is yours! Norma Clement Dix

Norma Dix - May 15 at 08:14 AM