



Richard Bish

January 14, 1934 - August 18, 2010

Richard Hayes Bish of Chestertown, MD went to Heaven to be reunited with his beloved wife Sandy on Wednesday, August 18, 2010. He was 76.

Richard H. Bish was born January 14, 1934 in Tarentum, PA the son of the late Ralph Eugene Bish and Dorothy Wiemer Bish. Mr. Bish was a 1951 graduate of Harbrack High School in PA. After high school, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard. After an honorable discharge he went on to attend Purdue, the University of Indiana and then took classes at Notre Dame while he worked as an engineer for the Bendix Corp. On Feb. 19, 1955 Mr. Bish married his late wife Sandra Lee Bish . At the age of 33, Mr. Bish was called into ministry. He graduated from Indiana Baptist College on June 1, 1971 with his degree in Pastoral Theology and in 1973 he also received a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Cum Laude and an Advanced Teacher Certificate. He moved back to PA in 1975 where he Pastored at the Missionary Bible Baptist Church for 23 years. In 1989 Richard received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Indiana Baptist College. In 1998 he moved to Downingtown,PA and taught at North East Baptist School of Theology. In 2002 he moved to Chestertown, MD. Dr. Bish was instrumental in starting 4 Christian Schools, taught at 3 different colleges, enjoyed hunting, and coaching boys and girls' basketball. He was most passionate about being a fisher of men as well being a fisherman. Dr. Bish's passion for the ministry is evidenced by all of the lives that he has touched. He loved God and spent his time, money, and talents

working for the Lord. Dr. Bish poured his life into the lives of others. His influence will last through the ages in the lives of those he touched. This old fisherman has finally laid down his rod in exchange for a crown of gold.

He was the father of Curtis Hayes Bish , David Allan Bish, Jennifer Lee Snyder and Timothy Andrew Bish and Linda Gangemella. He was also like a father to Jeanette Bish, Christine Bish, Jimmy Snyder and Michael Gangemella. Dr. Bish was also had 3 grandchildren, Benjamin Joseph Bish , Kaylene Clark, Daniel Isaac Snyder, one great grandchild, Tessa Morgan Myers, and three brothers, Kenneth Wilson Bish and wife Virginia of Branson, Missouri, Ralph Eugene Bish and wife Anna of Freeport, PA, and James Joseph Leri and wife Diane of Colorado. His family will miss the warmth of his smile and his contagious sense of humor. Every waitress in the U.S. is now safe from his jokes about whether or not he could pay with Hawaiian Money. He left his family a legacy of love, service to God, and the ability to laugh through all of life's trials. We look forward to joking around with him again in Heaven. We love you, Dad.

A visitation will be held Sunday, August 22, 2010 from 6-8 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home 130 Speer Rd. Chestertown, MD. Also from 10-11am Monday morning prior to the service. Services will be held Monday, August 23, 2010 at 11am at the Chestertown Baptist Church 401 Morgnec Rd. Chestertown, MD.

Interment will be held in Crumpton Cemetery in Crumpton, MD following the service.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be sent to Atlantic Coast Baptist College, Laurel, DE or Guiding Light Christian Academy, Sudlersville, MD.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chestertown Baptist Church
401 Morgnec Road
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Bish*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Richard Bish*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richard Bish*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Richard Bish*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *What a man of God.##imported-begin##Dr. Bill Gilmore##imported-end##*

August 25, 2010 at 03:44 PM



“ *to the Bish famly
we are so sorry to hear the loss of your
father. he was a wonderful person and
friend. We learned so much of the bible
from his teaching at missionary bible
church. May keep you in his good grace.*

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and family##imported-begin##mr&mrs EDWARD
YINGLING##imported-end##*

August 23, 2010 at 09:32 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Pastor. He touched my life in many
ways and I won't forget what I learned from him. Be blessed and
remember the great times you had with him.##imported-
begin##Angie Martz##imported-end##*

August 23, 2010 at 09:05 PM



“ *Dearest Bish Family - Pastor Bish was a wonderful person who
devoted his life to serving others while here on earth, and shine with
the light of God to all who knew him. our thoughts and prayers are
with you during this time.##imported-begin##Sara Ann
Smith##imported-end##*

August 23, 2010 at 02:47 PM



“ Pastor Bish was indeed a very special person. He took the time to care for people. And was always looking for an opportunity to serve others. What I remember most about him was his caring smile and genuine handshake. In 1977 he married my parents Pastor Fred and Sharon Laughman at Missionary Bible Church in Hanover, PA. He was remembered in our family as my parents home pastor. He also promised my parents that he would look out for me, while attending Northeast Baptist School of Theology in 1999. I thank the Lord for bringing him into our lives, and for the blessing that he was to us as well as to so many others.##imported-begin##Alisia Cutts##imported-end##

August 22, 2010 at 11:11 PM



“ We were honored to have had the opportunity to have to listen to him preach, and to have known through Light House Baptist Church. He was admired by all and will be deeply missed.##imported-begin##D. & Francis Claar##imported-end##

August 22, 2010 at 10:19 PM



“ Dr. Bish arranged for the rental of the church building which we later purchased and is now the permanent home of Sandy Lake Baptist Church. He touched many lives in NW PA. So very sad, and so very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Pastor Tom Henricks##imported-end##

August 22, 2010 at 04:44 PM



“ I meat Dr. Bish at Capitol Batist Instute.He will be greatly missed.He was always ready to ans. your questions and had scripture verse to back up his ans. He always had good jokes too.##imported-begin##Joyce August##imported-end##

August 22, 2010 at 04:16 PM



“ What an amazing man who touched my life and the lives of so many others! I have so many wonderful memories of my Pastor. He will be missed greatly.##imported-begin##Adria Bankert##imported-end##

August 22, 2010 at 12:29 PM



“ JENNIFER AND FAMILY SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS .PASTOR AND SANDY MEANT SO MUCH TO ME AND MY FAMILY.GOD BE WITH.BLESS YOU AND YOURS AT THIS TIME.##imported-begin##helen williams[redden]##imported-end##

August 21, 2010 at 08:43 PM



“ Jennifer & Family,

It was just about two weeks ago we were just laughing about that Hawaiian money story. We are so sorry for your loss.

You are in our Prayers.

The Wright's##imported-begin##Sonia Wright##imported-end##

August 21, 2010 at 01:10 PM