



## Donald Wayne Bishop

November 9, 1941 - December 7, 2015

Donald Wayne Bishop, 74, of Madison completed his journey and went home to be with Jesus on December 7, 2015 after a very brief illness. He was born November 9, 1941 in Miami, FL to the late JD Bishop and Harriet Melton Bishop Fitzgerald. As a young boy, his family moved to Greenville, FL and has remained in Madison County for his entire life. He graduated from Greenville High School. In 1963, he met and married Doris Bass. The two were inseparable and provided a Godly example of marriage for almost 52 years. In 1964, Donald and Doris became charter members of Faith Baptist Church, becoming the 3rd and 4th members. He continued as an active member and deacon until his death.

Donald was a machinist by trade and worked most of his career at the Madison Metal Plant. He retired from Stanadyne in Tallahassee in 2007. Donald was a hard worker, but what defined the man was his love for Jesus, his wife, children, grandchildren, and his extended family and friends. A quiet man, but a man that made a difference through a life time of serving others with his time, talent, and treasure.

Donald is survived by his wife of almost 52 years, Doris Bishop. His daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Jeff Bayless of Valdosta, GA. His son and daughter-in-law, Don and Allison Bishop of Perry, FL. Six grandsons, Brad, Blaine, Brett, and Benjamin Bayless, Austin and Dawson Bishop. One granddaughter, Dena Bishop. One sister, Pasty and Archie Davis, a brother, Douglas Bishop, brother and sister-in-laws, Edgar and Vera Bass, Buddy and

Virginia Murphy, and Lucille Osborne. Three step brothers Jimmy and Rita Fitzgerald, Steve and Babs Fitzgerald, and Donnie Fitzgerald. He also had many nephews, nieces, cousins, family, and friends.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 10th from 5-7pm and the funeral will be Friday, December 11th at 11am at Beggs Funeral Home. Burial will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Madison, FL.

Flowers may be sent; or in honor of his love of his church, donations may be made to the Memorial Fund at Faith Baptist Church, 1135 US 90, Madison, FL 32340.

Beggs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, 850-973-2258. You may send your condolences to the family by visiting [www.beggsfuneral.com](http://www.beggsfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family,  
My heart breaks to learn of Donald's passing. He was a wonderful classmate and friend. I will miss him. I pray for peace and comfort for you.  
Love and God bless,  
Suzanne Strupp Eno

Suzanne Eno - December 12, 2015 at 08:45 PM

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“ Doris, you and your family are in my prayers. Donald was one of the best and kindest people I have ever known. I will be unable to attend the services today, but you will all be in my thoughts. God bless.

Nita Woodard - December 11, 2015 at 12:07 PM

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“ Dear Doris and Family,  
I was so saddened to learn of Donald's passing. He was my Mother's Deacon at Faith Baptist and always found time to visit and check on her. This comes so soon after your Mother's death, and I want you to know that everyone extends sympathy and Christian love to you and your Family.  
In His Name,  
Rosalind Hutchinson Huggins



Rosalind Huggins - December 10, 2015 at 07:23 PM