



Harold Ray Hancock

May 7, 1937 - January 9, 2023

Harold Hancock passed peacefully from this life Monday morning January 9, 2023, after a 20-year battle with Parkinson's disease. He had lost his ability to do many things he wanted to do. The hardest loss was his ability to walk and sing. We can now rejoice that he is walking and singing a new song in heaven.

Harold was born in Cullman County, Alabama on May 7, 1937 to Thomas Albert and Lilly Hancock. He grew up on a farm, growing cotton and later raising chickens for a local poultry processing company. After high school, he worked in Washington, D.C. for the FBI. While there, he felt God's call to the ministry and left Washington working for State Farm Insurance in Birmingham then enrolling at Howard College, now Samford University, to study for the ministry. He soon felt the Lord leading him to music ministry and enrolled in the music department. Soon after arriving at Howard, he met the love of his life, Helen Lee, in a Sociology class. They married March 29, 1959.

Harold felt the Lord leading him to the mission field early in their marriage. Helen did not initially receive that calling but did later and they were appointed by the International Mission Board in 1969 and went to Korea in early 1970. They returned to the US in 1980. At that time, Harold became minister of music at Capital Heights Baptist church in Montgomery for eight years, then went to First Baptist Church, Montgomery as minister of missions and media for the next 19 years. Music was his training, but missions was his first love. Those years at First Baptist were the most rewarding of his ministry.

He is pre-deceased by his parents, Thomas Albert & and Lilly Hancock, brothers Frank, Tom, and Sherrell, and daughter Lynda Taylor. He is survived by his wife Helen, son Bryan (Allison), grandchildren Russell Hancock, Catherine Richardson (Schuck), Jenna Carlisle (Will), Holly Hancock, Ashton Davis (Jordan), Lily Taylor, and two great-grandchildren Carson Davis, and Ahna Jade Davis.

Harold loved his Lord with all his heart and longed to be with Him. He also loved his family dearly!

We want to thank all the caregivers at Columbia Cottage who have cared for him so well the past few months. We also want to thank Krystal Whitman and Brittany Riggs who cared for him at home.

The family will have a private burial on Saturday morning, January 14 officiated by Chris Jones. Visitation will be at 12:30PM at First Baptist Church, Montgomery with a hymn sing in the sanctuary starting at 1:00 PM. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary beginning at 2:00PM, officiated by Jay Wolf.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Harold's memory to the First Baptist Foundation for the Harold and Helen Hancock Mission Fund, 305 South Perry Street, Montgomery, AL 36104 or give online at www.montgomeryfbc.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Montgomery
305 S. Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

Celebration of Life

JAN 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Helen, my heart breaks for you and your family. Harold was a blessing to many. I pray for you and your family. Love you. Gayle Lee McAlister.*

Gayle McAlister - January 14, 2023 at 11:14 PM

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“ *Our sincerest sympathy to Helen and all of the family. The Hancocks have lived next door to us the last few years and we have loved and admired them both. Harold's visits were always fun and uplifting. His tenacious spirit will be missed!*
James and Nita Durant

Nita Durant - January 13, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Ray Hancock.*



January 12, 2023 at 05:44 AM

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“ Lee and I remember Harold and Helen’s years of service in Korea with great respect and admiration. Harold became quite popular with the young Korean soldiers in their isolated camps in the northeast part of the country as he sang in the services and helped to deliver basketballs and soccer balls. He was also instrumental in developing both a great adult choir as well as a touring children’s choir at one of the large churches in Seoul. He used the great gifts for music that God had given in marvelous ways!

Norma Nichols - January 11, 2023 at 06:59 PM

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We will miss Harold, but I know he is rejoicing in Heaven as he sings to the Lord himself. Meantime we pray God will bless Helen and the other family members with great comfort and peace as they adjust to life without his earthly presence!

Norma Nichols - January 11, 2023 at 07:04 PM

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HAROLD WAS ONE ON THE "BEAR BRYANT'S" OF MY CHRISTIAN WALK. JOINED OUR POUNDSTONE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS UPON RETIREMENT FROM FBC AND IMMEDIATELY CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH "GOOD" TO IT. WE MISSED HIM VERY MUCH WHEN THEY MOVED TO B'HAM... HAROLD WAS A TRUE CHRISTIAN FRIEND TO ME AND WAS LOVED BY EVERYONE.... FOR SOME REASON HE NEVER ASKED ME TO SING WITH HIM!!!! "SCOOTER DYESS"

SCOOTER - January 12, 2023 at 11:56 AM