



## Dr. William Fitzgerald Donny

January 18, 1922 - January 13, 2008

DR. WILLIAM F. DONNY LIBERTY, SC

Dr. William Fitzgerald Donny, 85, of 12 Jackson St., died Sunday, January 13, 2008, at Palmetto Baptist Hospital.

Born in Columbia, SC, he was the son of the late Otto G. and Elizabeth Nash Donny. Dr. Donny earned two degrees from the University of South Carolina and a Doctorate in Education from Indiana University. He was a retired university professor, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa and a booster of the University of South Carolina. He was also of the Methodist faith.

Surviving are his daughters: Nancy Donny, Susan Ruark and husband Davis, and Mary Donny and husband John Horner; grandchildren: Kerry, Daniel, Aaron and Hope Donny-Clark; Lee, Christian, Annelise Ruark; and Elianna and Noelle Horner; great-grandchildren: Ken and Aki Donny-Clark; and friend and caregiver: Johnnie Bryant.

He was predeceased by one brother: Otto Donny and two sisters: Louise Donny Bennett and Anne Donny Lesesne.

A memorial service will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. at The Howze Mortuary Chapel; family and friends are welcome to attend. Burial will be

private.

Memorials may be made to The Gideons International, Travelers Rest Camp, P.O. Box 69, Travelers Rest, SC 29690 or American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, NY 10023-7505.

Condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting [www.thehowzemortuary.com](http://www.thehowzemortuary.com).

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of arrangements. (864)834-8051.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ Nancy Donny, Susan Ruark, Mary Donny---

*I am saddened by the loss of William Fitzgerald Donny, one I always regarded as a good and quiet man; scholar; model father/husband; and, a good neighbor. He embodied the best of the word "gentleman".*

*The world is in dire need of more of him.*

*Pax,*

*jim kalbaugh*

*Asheville, NC##imported-begin##James A. Kalbaugh##imported-end##*

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January 19, 2008 at 02:12 PM



“ Dear Donny Family,

*We were neighbors in Biglerville, PA. Mary, you were my babysitter!*

*My father, Jim, woke up Thursday morning wondering about your family and found news of your father's passing on The State website.*

*"Oh the pain," he said. And we extend our condolences to you all.*

*Dad is currently living in Asheville, NC and I am in Greenville, SC. So close.*

*Our thoughts and prayers of peace and love are with you.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Jane and Jim and family##imported-begin##Jane (Kalbaugh)  
Diamond##imported-end##*

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January 19, 2008 at 08:50 AM



“ Dear Nancy and family,

*We were sorry to see that your dad had passed on. Please know that our prayers are with you during this time. (My dad passed in August, 2006 and fortunately had not been shut-in but for a couple of months, which was hard enough for him. He would have been 82 this month.)*

*Thinking of you all,*

*Diane and Bob Hamilton##imported-begin##Diane Bonnett  
Hamilton##imported-end##*

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January 17, 2008 at 02:42 PM



“ *Cornelia Freeman sends sympathy and caring thoughts with memories of the long association with the cousins of her deceased husband, Robert E. L. Freeman.*

*6207 Exum Drive  
West Columbia, SC 29169###imported-begin##Cornelia  
Freeman###imported-end##*

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January 16, 2008 at 02:21 PM



“ *My thoughts are with all of you and also remember all of the fun times we all had together at Santee and your dad's "big old car" that you were all loaded up in for vacation. He ws a good father to you. Much love, Mary Helen###imported-begin##Mary Helen  
Sinclair###imported-end##*

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January 16, 2008 at 11:06 AM



“ *Knowing you and about you all, I am sure your father was remarkable in many ways and that you are the best of his legacy. I also know that the obituary only suggests how distinguished he was. What a blessed leave taking: well until the end and laughing all the way! Marvelous. (Nancy, I await details of the service knowing what an impression your mother's made on me.) May peace be with you.###imported-begin##Susan Coleman  
Fedor###imported-end##*

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January 16, 2008 at 08:46 AM



“ *Nancy, Susan, and Mary,###imported-begin##Susan Coleman  
Fedor###imported-end##*

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January 16, 2008 at 08:42 AM



“ *Mary,*  
*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*  
*Sherri###imported-begin##Sherri Underwood###imported-end##*

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January 15, 2008 at 10:34 PM