



William Dailey

June 25, 1934 - February 27, 2019

PLEASE NOTE: THE MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD MARCH 23.

William Dailey (Doc, Bill) age 84, of Charlotte joined the heavenly choir on Wednesday, February, 27, in the presence of his loving family.

He was born on June 25, 1934 in Cañon City, Colorado. Bill had a long and varied music career. He served for six years in the US Army Chorus at Ft. Myer, VA. He has taught at Texas Wesleyan, various public schools in New York City, CPCC and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where in 1971 he received the NCNB Teacher of Excellence Award. He was most proud of his innovative and dynamic music appreciation curriculum that emphasized music listening skills and encouraged students to open their ears and hearts to all styles of music. From 1969-1972 he played viola in the Charlotte Symphony. For twelve years he was music director of Carolina Voices which presents "The Singing Christmas Tree". As a composer and arranger, Bill has over thirty choir anthems published. He has also had considerable experience in the field of jazz, as conductor, singer, pianist, bassist, trombonist, and drummer. Bill received his PhD in Music from Catholic University (Washington, DC.) While in Charlotte, Bill founded The New Wine Singers and the Tribes And Nations Choir. If you were fortunate to hear Bill with The Holiday Singers, you can expect a holiday joke or two to be mixed in. His legacy and love will be carried in the hearts and voices of students and

colleagues.

Bill is survived by his lovely and talented wife Eleanor (born 1934), their four children and their spouses; Bruce (Donna), Gwen (Ian), Chris (Lanor) and Scott (Kate); twelve grandchildren (preceded in death by a grandson, Jonathan Dailey) and five great grandchildren. Bill and Eleanor's fruitful marriage began in 1958 and they served together as music ministers at several churches, including: Arlington Methodist (VA), Handley United Methodist Church (TX), Westminster Presbyterian, Plaza Presbyterian, Resurrection Lutheran, Sugar Creek Presbyterian and Emmanuel Presbyterian.

Please join us in celebrating his life at the memorial service at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 2940 Commonwealth Ave. on Saturday, March 23, at 2:00 pm, with visitation beginning at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Go To The Nations at www.gotonations.org or donations can also be made at www.eagleswingsstudio.com/donate

Bill's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for him and for them. To share memories, photos and condolences, please visit Bill's online memorial at www.LoweNeddoFuneralHome.com or call 704-545-3553.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

MAR **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Resurrection Lutheran Church
2940 Commonwealth Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28205
<https://www.reschurchclt.org/>

Celebration of Life Service

MAR **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Charlotte, NC 28205
<https://www.reschurchclt.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *William Dailey*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *William Dailey*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *I had the honor of participating in Doc's choirs at UNCC back in the late 70's. I remember a soft-spoken, deeply caring man with a razor-sharp wit and a total command of musicology and performance. As a friend of Gwen's I had the pleasure of dining in his home with his delightful family. May their grief pass quickly, while the memories last forever.*

Mark McKinney - March 22, 2019 at 02:05 PM



“ *I always loved the communion liturgy that Bill composed for Resurrection. It always touched my heart deeply and was my favorite part of our worship service. I loved playing the piano for services in the chapel and singing in special choirs. Bill and Eleanor have a special place in my heart.*

Angela Ghent - March 21, 2019 at 08:08 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of William Dailey.*



March 21, 2019 at 12:47 PM



“ *I cannot recall a time that Dr. Dailey and the Dailey family were not considered part of my family. So many great memories, from New Wine to backyard volleyball and badminton to a Colorado trip that included Dr Dailey's futile (but humorous) attempt to teach an average young trumpeter how to play jazz. Dr. Dailey was always filled with kindness and gentleness and infectious joy. Glad he is with his Savior, sad he is gone from here.*

Mark Smith - March 18, 2019 at 09:30 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Marcia C Francis - March 17, 2019 at 08:09 AM

TW

“ 2 files added to the album *New Wine Singers*



Tim Wentz - March 12, 2019 at 07:21 PM

Marcia
Francis

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Marcia Francis - March 12, 2019 at 02:22 PM

JB

“ *What a gentle and loving man. I treasure my moments with Bill and Eleanor.*

Jack Beasley

Jack Beasley - March 10, 2019 at 11:41 AM

MF

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Bill Miller's message on Facebook:
I haven't said I cannot believe how I've improved after only one year of experience as a church conductor and after six months of conducting in college. It seems to me that my music in the present appears to be leading into the future. This is significant because after 15 years, night's conduct I am convinced that my students through music is actually beginning. I do not mean to disparage the past for there are truly wonderful memories that have given me beyond my wildest dreams. Bill D. I am just "bubbling" enough to actually believe.

Marcia Francis - March 07, 2019 at 05:41 PM

DM

“ Deborah Kauffman Mishoe lit a candle in memory of William Dailey



Deborah Kauffman Mishoe - March 07, 2019 at 11:51 AM

SC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



S. David Carriker - March 07, 2019 at 04:23 AM

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S. David Carriker - March 07, 2019 at 04:22 AM

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S. David Carriker - March 07, 2019 at 04:20 AM

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S. David Carriker - March 07, 2019 at 04:18 AM

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S. David Carriker - March 07, 2019 at 04:17 AM

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S. David Carriker - March 07, 2019 at 04:10 AM

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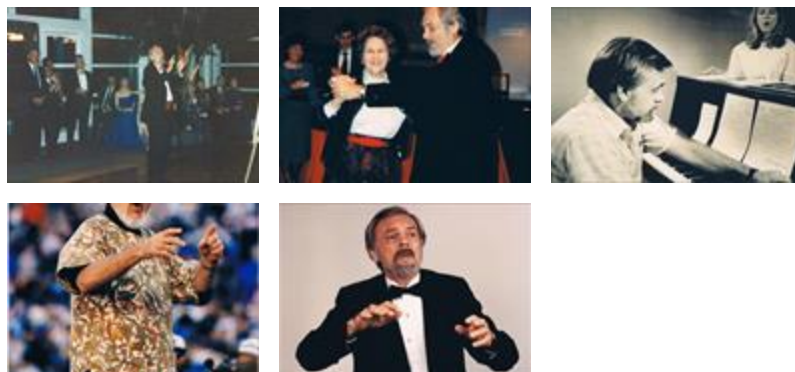
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Gwen Berger - March 06, 2019 at 06:15 PM

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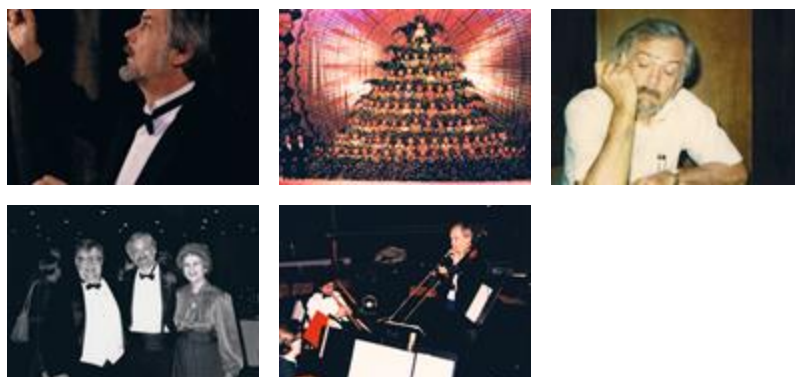
“ 5 files added to the album *B. Dailey*



Gwen Berger - March 06, 2019 at 06:13 PM

GB

“ 10 files added to the album *B. Dailey*



Gwen Berger - March 06, 2019 at 06:10 PM



“ *I will be eternally grateful for having the pleasure of knowing Dr. Dailey. He spoke so much life into me. It's so hard to put into words, but he embodied a spirit I have never seen in any other human. I grieved deeply when I heard of his passing, but also rejoiced greatly that he is heaven dancing and singing with Jesus! I only wish I could have known him longer here on earth. I can't wait to see him in heaven one day!*❤️



Rachel Olinick - March 06, 2019 at 02:37 PM

TW

“ *Bill Dailey had a major impact on my life in music, drama and life. I entered the UNCC music department as a very shy, timid guy who loved music and drama and slowly realized the potential and power of the Spirit of our Lord within the music. It amazed me how Bill could create a spiritual story from a small part of a piece he wrote or from another composer. Bill could make the music so powerful and yet so simple in its presentation. Thank you Jesus for allowing me to sing and work with Bill Dailey through all these years. I look forward to seeing Bill, Deborah, Sharyn, so many in my family, and many others in Heaven. I don't know where my life would have ended up if Bill Dailey had not been part of my life. Thank you Jesus for allowing Bill to be a part of my life and help me learn of the power, the love, the forgiveness, the majesty, and the creativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. To God be the Glory. Great things He has done.*

Tim Wentz - March 05, 2019 at 09:35 PM

PG

“ *Dr. Dailey was a wonderful and loving man! I had the honor of singing with him for many years and studying under him at UNCC. Sung with the angels! You will be missed. Prayers for Eleanor and family.*

PAM GREENWOOD

Pam Greenwood - March 05, 2019 at 08:14 PM

DS

“ *Dear Eleanor and family,*

I was sadden to hear of Mr. Bill's passing, he was truly one of a kind and I enjoyed working with him in the Music Department. He will be missed!! May God keep you and your family in his hands! Rest In Peace Mr. Bill.



Denise

Denise Shropshire - March 05, 2019 at 05:00 PM

TT

“ *What wonderful memories I have of Dr. Dailey. May you find comfort in knowing he is at God's presence. With deepest sympathy and prayers.*

Torrie Jones Thompson



Torrie Thompson - March 05, 2019 at 04:32 PM

BL

“ God's peace and comfort to the family at this time. I had the joy of knowing Dr. Dailey while at UNCC ('73 grad). His passion for music was only surpassed by his love for the Lord, his family and concern and care for the students he met. I was a business major who happened to love music and decided to take a chorus class. That was one of the best decisions I ever made. After meeting "Doc", I ended up completing all of my elective credit hours in the music department.

We presented many of his compositions through the chorus and "The New Wine Singers". "Sing now and rejoice little children, you are now inheritors of Glory.....And overwhelming victory is ours through our Blessed Lord and Savior"--Dailey.

I thank God for the way Bill touch my life and so many others.

Barry Lefler

Barry Lefler - March 05, 2019 at 08:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Dailey.



March 05, 2019 at 07:45 AM

DS

“ *What a wonderful human being! Doc is one of those people that you're so glad you knew. His love for the Lord, his wife and family, us, his friends was always evident. That smile, that hug...just nobody like him. A joy to sing for, the excellence he pulled out of the choir at Resurrection, what a blessing to have been part of. Praying for you, his family.*

Debbie Stairs - March 05, 2019 at 05:10 AM

MJ

“ *A very special season in my life was praise and worship led by Dr. Daily at Resurrection—sung from the red hymnals. I know the Saints will be gathering to celebrate his life. My condolences to the family. Mindy (Wilson) Johnson*

Mindy Johnson - March 05, 2019 at 01:43 AM

HH

“ *We love your music that you played at sugaw creek church you will be missed from Heather Herrmann and Charles Cobb*



heather herrmann - March 04, 2019 at 10:04 PM

VD

“ *I met Dr. Dailey, first as a singer and then as Executive Director of the Charlotte Choral Society (now Carolina Voices). Doc was an amazing, loving, generous, quirky, witty, and Godly man with true wisdom, yet the unbridled joy of a child. Heaven has gained a person of the highest order. Thank you Bill, and thanks to the Dailey family for sharing him with so many! My deepest sympathy to each of you, and his extended family & friends.*

Vince Delap - March 04, 2019 at 09:19 PM

ST

“ Sue Thornton lit a candle in memory of William Dailey



sue thornton - March 04, 2019 at 05:58 PM

ST

“ Bill was one of the most extraordinary persons I have ever met. He was talented in so many respects. I loved it when he would play piano. I loved his musical compositions. Especially Refuge. He was such a superb director, he could somehow enable his musicians and singers to perform beyond their best. His kindness was unsurpassed.

Bill had a tremendous on me spiritually. Bill was the “ real deal” , he walked his talk. He used words far less often his actions. I loved him. I will always carry Bill in my heart.

sue thornton - March 04, 2019 at 05:55 PM

AC

“ I sang with the choral society for twenty something years. Dr. Daily was the director when I started. I remember one time on the singing Christmas tree we were singing the Ave Maria. and Dr. Daily just stopped directing with his arms and did it with just his look. It was one of the most moving times on the tree. He put his all into the music and therefore we did too. Alice Caldwell 2nd Alto section. Angel on the tree in 1986.

Alice Caldwell - March 03, 2019 at 07:25 PM

BB

“ Scott, My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your mother during this trying time. I knew him as a fine musician and more importantly a fine human being . I enjoyed our brief conversations before and after your lessons and his interest in your improvements. Take care and know the pain you feel now is because of the love you have for him. Bob Blalock

bob blalock - March 03, 2019 at 11:37 AM



Wow, thanks so much Bob for your warm words. He wrote several horn parts for me to play in the Singing Christmas Tree after college and I was able to take my horn out of retirement and play under his direction!

Scott Dailey - March 04, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ Oh, Doc, How sorely you will be missed. As my mentor for many years, no one will ever take the place of your dynamic love of music and composition. The best years of my life were spent singing at UNCC with you and the wonderful students there, and following that, any time you got a group together to sing. I learned so much from you about music, life, and friendship. I will never forget you and your total dedication to the art of music. Rest well, thou good and faithful servant. Will see you by and by.

*Kathy Ward Alexander,
Charlotte*

Kathy Alexander - March 03, 2019 at 09:50 AM

RD

“ *What a sweet and extraordinarily talented man. I sang in his choir at UNCC in the early-mid 1970's and played bass in a Christian choir group that toured the south one summer. He communicated joy in music at every opportunity. One of the most talented musicians I've ever known.*

Robert Dulin

Robert Dulin - March 03, 2019 at 08:33 AM

TT

“ *There are no words to express what Bill Dailey gave to ALL of us! His love of music, his love of life, of family, of people from ALL walks of life. My life has been so greatly enriched by all that I learn from Doc. The sheer volume of music he exposed us to, the variety and the beauty of it takes my breath away when I think on it. What an educator! What a man! What a HEART!!! He was an angel that walked the earth and now he is watching over us all from heaven above. Thank you Doc for EVERYTHING!!! His legacy will live on in all of us who were blessed to receive the education of his musical gifts that he so generously shared. You will be missed!*



With love and appreciation to BOTH Bill and Eleanor I extend my heartfelt condolences to Eleanor and Bill's family. He was one in a million!!

*Tracy Roach Blume (Thompson)
Myrtle Beach, SC*

Tracy Blume Thompson - March 01, 2019 at 08:29 AM

CV

Dr. Dailey's music soothed and lifted us. His warm personality engaged us. He will be missed!

Carla Vitez - March 06, 2019 at 06:24 AM

DM

I met Bill many years ago and had the good fortune to play in the orchestra of the Singing Christmas Tree which was then under his direction. When I needed a mentor for choral directing, I knew where to turn! Weekly we met. Bill not only provided a wealth of information -- he was a source of inspiration. I will always remember and give thanks for our times of meeting.

Deborah Kauffman Mishoe - March 07, 2019 at 12:07 PM