



Dr. Clarence Bass

December 4, 1922 - July 2, 2021

Age 98, of Roseville, formerly of Saint Paul

Died Friday, July 2, 2021, surrounded by his family, by whom he was most dearly loved. They all knew the feeling was 100% mutual.

Born December 4, 1922, in Louisburg, North Carolina, as a child Clarence placed his faith in Christ Jesus as his Savior. That faith became the guiding factor of his life, and he began preaching the gospel as a teenager and has been preaching and teaching ever since. He served in the US Coast Guard during WWII. He received a BA and two MA degrees from Wheaton College and a Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh. Clarence had a passion to share his love of and knowledge of theology, and in 1955, he began his 33-year career as professor of theology at Bethel Seminary.

He authored books and scholarly papers on theology, was a visiting professor at several seminaries around the world, and influenced generations of students and pastors in theology, social ethics, and mission outreach. He had an unending and driving passion for world missions and served as the chairman of the Board of World Missions of the Baptist General Conference (now Converge) for 12 years. As a tour leader (Inspirational Tours), he was awarded the ITN Quarto Mondo award for travel to over $\frac{1}{4}$ the world's 195 nations. He was known for his giant heart for the underprivileged and was one of the founding members of Community Dental Care, a 501(c)(3) clinic that treats disadvantaged patients, serving on its Board of Directors for over 15 years. His love for and extensive experience in traveling led him to volunteer

at Travelers Assistance at the MSP airport for over 20 years. He found great satisfaction in helping international travelers navigate their way in a foreign atmosphere. He was greatly loved by former students, missionaries, colleagues, and friends around the world.

Clarence married his wonderful wife/soulmate Doris (nee Schneider) June 18, 1950. They were blessed with nearly 50 years until her death in 1999.

Clarence was also preceded in death by five siblings, William Bass, Louise Wood, Thomas Bass, Charles Bass, and James Bass. He is survived by two sisters, Virginia Bradsher and Francis Hite; two children, Carolyn Bass and David (Joanne) Bass; six grandchildren, Nichole (Dole) McVeigh, Michele (Wangrai) Ngonamai, Monica Bass, Daniel Bass, Natalea (Benjamin) Peck, Katharine Bass; and four great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Friday, July 16 from 4-8 PM at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL Funeral Home (536 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul). The funeral service will be Saturday, July 17 at 11 AM at Central Baptist Church (420 Roy St. N., St. Paul) with refreshments following. Live stream available at CentralBaptistChurch.com. Internment at a later date at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church Foundation.

Tribute Wall

CV

“ I was so sorry to hear that Dr. Bass passed away and we missed the Celebration of Life. He was my father's best friend when they served together in the Coast Guard. I believe he led my dad to the Lord. He officiated my parents' wedding in Wheaton, IL while he was a student there in 1949. He officiated our own wedding in 1981. He gave me encouragement when I decided to attend Bethel Seminary in 2003. He gave the message at my dad's funeral in 2008, and requested that we send him a copy of a recording of my dad singing so he could have it played at his own funeral. I have a box of pictures my dad took while he was in the Coast Guard, and Dr. Bass appears in many of them. Even our home movies have recorded Doris and Clarence as newlyweds when they stayed at our cabin in Outing, MN. I also cherish the visits we spent with the Bass family at their cabin in Cross Lake. My dad loved and admired Dr. Bass more than practically anyone he ever talked about., and I am sure they are enjoying one another's companionship once again in the Father's Glory. Peace to you, Carolyn and David and family.

Corliss Vadner - October 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ In loving memory of Clarence Bass, Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. I was a volunteer and a staff member with Travelers Assistance - MSP Airport Foundation since 2005. It was both a privilege and lesson to work with Clarence as he educated all of us in his advocacy of support for numerous principles. May he rest in peace.

Judith Brant - July 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ I fondly remember Clarence from his days volunteering at the airport. He had a commanding, yet engaging presence. We got into quite an argument once about the Charles Bridge, which he emphatically asserted is in Budapest. I just as strongly countered that, having visited Hungary with my Budapest-born husband, I knew it certainly was not. Sometime later, he apologized about the error.

I was told he had marvelous gardens at his home, which he tended fondly.

Rest well, Clarence. Peace to your family.

Victoria Fodor - July 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dave, we were just talking about him and remembering past times with him. Now we look forward to the reunion!!! Love you all.

Dr. Gary Dice - July 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ I grew up next to Dr. Bass in Crosslake! After Doris passed, I bought their property and built my home there. Next door was my family cabin. They were glorious years of fun, adventure, and learning from Dr. Bass. Fishing and skiing with Dave. Being watched carefully by Doris & Caroline! I remember my mother making us go inside our cabin when he mowed his yard,the grass, the rocks, small trees, - anything that he could push his mower over. I remember Brer Rabbit, Woolly the Lamb, Chippy the Chipmunk, etc.! Dr.Bass helped us onto his roofs to hideout then pelt Sterling Johnson's girls with water balloons when they came to raid on us. His amazing mustard based steak marinade, grilling steaks for his investment club, which included Wyman Malmsten. God Bless you Dr. Bass! And thank you for all your blessings!



Harlan V Johnson - July 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM