



## Rev. Frank Howland Doten

July 16, 1929 - January 31, 2023

Reverend Frank Howland Doten

Frank Doten was born on the south side of Chicago to Frank and Lillie Doten on July 16, 1929. Frank had an older sister, Rose Marie, and an older brother who died in infancy.

A Depression Era child, Frank grew up in a loving family that attended the South Shore Methodist Church where his father served as a church organist and Sunday School Superintendent. Tragically, Frank's dad died of a heart attack when Frank was 16.

About that time Frank began attending South Shore Baptist Church because of the youth group and a young, brilliant pastor named Carl Lundquist. Frank was greatly impacted by Carl Lundquist and soon followed him to Bethel College where Frank majored in history. At Bethel Frank met the love of his life, Virginia (Ginny) Moody, and they married on April 6, 1951. At his last family gathering at Eagle Crest on December 30, Frank made a long speech to 30 family members about Ginny saying, "I still can't believe she said 'Yes' to me! She was and is so beautiful." They were married just shy of 72 years and did life together during all those years.

Following graduation from Bethel Seminary, Frank pastored for over 60 years in various roles including CE Director, Church Planter, Senior Pastor, Interim Pastor, Pastor to BGC (Converge) Missionaries and Visitation Pastor.

Together with Ginny, Frank served churches in Greater Chicago; Iowa City; Boulder, Colorado; Des Moines; St. Paul; Makati, The Philippines; Colorado

Springs, Phoenix; North St. Paul, and Eden Prairie. Frank loved the church of Jesus Christ and served her faithfully.

Frank's sweet spot in ministry was doing pastoral care. He sincerely cared about people and their needs. He also had a deep commitment to missions and missionaries. Churches he pastored supported local and global missionaries and they developed "mission programs." Finally, Frank loved studying the Bible and teaching it in classes and groups. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of the Bible, able to recall verse and reference quickly. He rose before dawn every morning to read his Bible and pray, and he read through the Bible every year.

Frank also loved his family greatly. Together with Ginny, they raised five kids - Carla, Tim, Brian, Steve and Lori. They also have 16 grandkids and 27 great-grandkids; nieces and nephews. Over the years Frank and Ginny have logged thousands of hours watching ballgames and concerts. Frank once remarked, "My most fruitful evangelistic conversations happened in bleachers watching you kids play sports." Frank brought the presence of Jesus everywhere he went with his smile, his interest in others and his ability to ask questions.

Frank was great at getting people to talk about themselves.

Frank also had a robust prayer life. He prayed daily for a long list of family members, friends, missionaries, churches, Bethel, and people in his path. Frank believed God answers prayer so he practiced prayer and loved to include prayer in most every gathering and meeting.

Frank went home to be with Jesus in the early morning of January 31. Even in his final days he did all he could to have a sweet spirit, thanking his nurses and caregivers at St. John's Hospital. Frank is missed already but we rejoice he is with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Visitation Friday, February 3rd from 4-7PM at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, 515 Hwy 96 W., Shoreview.

Memorial Service Saturday, February 4th at 11 AM (visitation from 10-11 AM) at Woodridge Church, 1500 Co Rd 24, Medina, MN.

Interment Roselawn Cemetery, Roseville, MN.

Memorials preferred to READ Ministries, Bethel University or Northwood Church Maple Grove.

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ Frank married us back in June 1987. He was such a blessing. Our prayers are with the family.

Peter and Cheryl Collins - April 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Today is a hard for your family--i have been thinking and praying for you all, especially Ginney. Frank had an amazing impact on our family: led Sharon to the Lord, baptized her, and married us. My faith was not as strong as his when I was struggling with my likely orders to Vietnam, marry now or wait until I returned. He said to marry soon--really good advice, which I took. I did not go to Vietnam, and we enjoyed 18 months at Fort Huachuca, AZ. Blessing on all of you and those special memories. God is so good!!

Dennis & Sharon Shogren - February 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Brian and Family,  
Sorry for your loss, Stay Strong.  
Patty and Tim



Timothy D Neumann - February 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ It is with sorrow and joy I say goodbye to my life long pastor. 65 years ago pastor Doten, his wife Ginny, Carla, and Tim came into my life at at the age of 2 to pastor my family at Cumberland Baptist Church in Mt. Prospect IL. My dad and mom loved pastor Doten and Ginny. Pastor Doten had a love form Jesus that went from the top of his head to the souls of his feet. The last several years I would see pastor Doten and Ginny when I came to Bethel for homecoming. I was able to introduce my wife Cheryl and son Blake to the Doten's. They knew what a treasure Pastor and Ginny were. Pastor Doten leaves a tremendous legacy. He will be missed but his joy is now complete. Pastor Doten is with Jesus our Lord and savior. To GOD be the glory.

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**Gary Peterson** - February 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Frank was a shining example of a Christ Follower. We were among the thousands encouraged by his words and inspired by his example.

Jay and Barb

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**Jay Barnes** - February 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BW

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**Ben West** - February 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Frank was a wonderful influence on my life during my formative high school days. I'd hang around the Doten house with my best friend Brian and often get a challenging question about my faith from this wonderful parent with kind eyes and a loving heart. One day, in front of all my peers - Frank one time asked me " what was the best moment of your week-long bible camp experience? Later, he told me he was proud that I had acknowledged Christ as my savior in front of my friends and told me how important it is to be bold about your faith. Eating a bowl and Ginny's Chili and hanging out with the Doten family - heaven on earth. I am so blessed to know Frank Doten. God speed, my friend.

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**Mr. Jerry Lee Sagehorn** - February 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Frank Doten was one of the most authentic servants of Christ I have ever known. Patriarch of a large Christian family, faithful pastor, world mission leader, prayer warrior caring friend to countless people and more. Frank and his beloved Wife Ginny for 71 years let their lights shine the love of Jesus shine brightly. I am a better person because he was a friend! Barb joins me in expressing sympathy to Ginny and the entire family. And we join all in rejoicing that he is now in his heavenly home.

*"If we live we live to the Lord,*

*If we die we die to the Lord--*

*So, whether we live or whether we die, WE ARE THE LORD'S.*

*With Love, John F. and Barbara  
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RS

“ Wonderful Pastor to me and family took a lot of notes 🙏 for family

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**Rick Shrader** - February 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Pastor Frank was an important person for my dad, Jack Jahnke. Even when Pastor Frank was no longer Dad's "formal" pastor, I had reason to personally reach out to Pastor Frank for help. Not a second of hesitation and he was there to support my dad. I am so very grateful.

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**Sharon Jahnke Montgomery** - February 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Our sincere sympathy.*

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**Mark & Cynthia Eggiman** - February 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Frank was dearly loved when he served as interim pastor at North Haven Church. Peace.*

*Shari Bieber*

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**Shari Bieber** - February 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Dear Ginny and family . . .  
Our family has been touched and blessed by your dear husband and father over many years . . . especially the personal connections, then as our Pastor and many precious times together at Central Baptist. Frank's love over us Jahnke Kids and the faithful friendship with our folks, Jack & Elaine, to this day brings us all great joy and memories. What an example of a loving faithful friend Frank was. You are very much in our thoughts and prayers during this time and the days to follow.*

*Jackie/Steve Thompson, Carol/Duane Johnson, Lynn/Tim Davis,  
Sharon*

*Montgomery, and David/Carol Jahnke.*

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**Jacquelyn (Jahnke) Thommpson** - February 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *A wonderful saint of God who knew suffering, bore burdens of many others, and encouraged this couple in their life and ministry.*

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**Gary and Doris Reynolds** - February 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM