



John Douglas "Doug" Borden

April 11, 1932 - March 27, 2015

John Douglas "Doug" Borden went to his heavenly home on Friday, March 27, 2015, after a tiring illness. Doug was prepared for his journey, only leaving his loved ones made it bittersweet. He was 82 years old.

Doug was born in 1932 in Anniston, AL. The son of a milkman, Doug would often recount his days spent helping his father make deliveries. After high school, Doug attended Jacksonville State University, receiving a degree in music and later a masters degree in administration. While still in college, Doug joined the Air Force and was stationed in Rapid City, South Dakota, where he played the trumpet in the Air Force band. After discharging from the military and graduating college, Doug moved his family to Piedmont. There, he was band director for many years before moving to the classroom to teach history until his retirement. Under his direction, the high school band played a different show every Friday night football game, all choreographed by Doug. Doug touched countless young lives during his tenure at Piedmont, and undoubtedly those former students would echo the same. Numerous former students have recounted how Mr. Borden was a fair and knowledgeable teacher, and was often remembered as one of their "favorites".

Doug was also deeply involved in his church, the First Baptist Church of Piedmont. He was ordained a deacon there in 1959, served as Interim Minister of Music on numerous occasions, and was a faithful member of the

choir. After retiring from teaching, Doug and his wife, Joy, began their own photography business, shooting many weddings and special occasion events. Both being retired school teachers, the Bordens seldom went anywhere without seeing their former students. Even after retiring from professional photography, Doug continued to take pictures at sporting events and the like, especially if one of his treasured grandchildren were involved. Photography was perhaps Doug's greatest passion. Doug was also an avid gun collector, skeet shooter, hunter and bow shooter, having won numerous awards in bow shooting competitions. Plus, Doug was a keen motorcycle rider and enthusiast, even enjoying his prized Can-am Spyder well into his 80's.

Doug leaves behind his loving wife of 61 years, Joy Ferguson Borden. Sweethearts since the 6th grade, Doug and Joy were by each other's side for over seven decades. As a youngster, he would take three different buses just to attend school with Joy. Doug and Joy also had the opportunity to travel all over the country during their marriage, especially during their summer breaks. Anyone who had the privilege of knowing Doug knew that he was completely devoted to Joy. Doug and Joy truly enjoyed a real life love story.

Also left behind are Doug's two beloved daughters, Felecia Borden Steward (Mike) and Susan Borden Trammell (Jimmy). Doug also has five grandchildren who were the apples of his eye, Jeremy Steward, Brandon Steward (Stephanie), Ashley Steward Singleton (Ben), Jordyn Trammell and Jameson Trammell. Doug leaves his cherished great grandchildren, Abbey Steward and Avery Steward behind, as well. Doug was the best father and grandfather anyone could ask for. Wherever Doug's grandchildren were, Doug wasn't far behind.

Doug also leaves his brother, Harlan Borden, and his sisters Elizabeth Borden Brown and Nina Borden Price.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents, John S. Borden and Eunice Gray

Borden, as well as his sister, Dorothy Borden Couch.

Doug was a devout Christian and devoted family man. He was a kind and humble man, and loved by many. He didn't merely just go through life, he engaged with it, always learning and growing and trying new things, no matter what age he was. He looked at each day as a gift, and he lived every single day to its greatest potential. He touched countless lives just by living his. To know him truly was to love him.

The family would like to thank the many, many friends for all the visits, well wishes and prayers. The family would also like to especially thank the entire staff of the Piedmont Health Care Center for being so caring and so supportive during this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Piedmont in Doug's memory.

Funeral services for John Douglas Borden will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2015, at Thompson Funeral Home with Bro. Michael Ingram officiating. Pall Bearers are Mike Steward, Jeremy Steward, Brandon Steward, Ben Singleton, Jimmy Trammell and Jameson Trammell. Honorary pall bearers are Danny Pointer, Ken Grissom, Gordon Kirby, Johnny Amberson, and Terry Moore. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will follow at Piedmont Memory Gardens.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I have fond memories of Glee Club with Mr. Borden. He was a wonderful music and voice teacher. I really learned a lot in his class. May God rest his soul. Joe Daniel, class of 1964.

Joseph (Joe) Daniel - June 20, 2018 at 04:08 PM

CT

“ My deepest sympathy to the Bordon family in your loss. I feel privileged to have been a band student and taught by Mr. Borden and marched in "his" band. Some of my best memories of my youth was all due to Mr. Borden. He was more than music teacher to his students, he was a man that made one feel wanted and needed in his music venue. Rest in peace Mr. Borden. I feel certain you are a great addition to Gods' heavenly choir.

Carol Travis-Butler - June 20, 2018 at 04:08 PM

GH

“ my deepest sympathy to the Borden family...I have the fondest memories of being a member of the Girl's Chorus during high school...I am forever grateful to Mr. Borden for that...I hope he forgave us for the "desk" episode...

Gail Harris - June 20, 2018 at 04:08 PM

JP

“ I enjoyed having Mr. Borden for band through my middle school and high school years until he decided to quit teaching it. He was a very fine man and always enjoyed talking with him.

Jimmie Parker - June 20, 2018 at 04:08 PM

EB

“ I have very fond memories of Mr. Borden. He was a great teacher, musician, mentor, and fellow Sunday School class member.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

He will be greatly missed.

Eddie Blackwelder, Th.D.

Eddie Blackwelder - June 20, 2018 at 04:08 PM

LD

“ To the Borden family , My deepest condolences in the loss of your Husband , Father, Grandfather , & friend . My thoughts & Prayers will be with all of you in the coming days, weeks , months & years to come . May Gods peace surround you at all times . Greg & Linda Donaldson .

Linda Donaldson - June 20, 2018 at 04:08 PM

DM

“ What a loss. He was a true Southern Gentleman. This good man earned much respect.

As Gen. George S. Patton once said- Do not mourn because this good man has died, rejoice because this good man lived.

Don Minton

student and lifelong friend

Don Minton - June 20, 2018 at 04:08 PM

JW

“ John Douglas Borden was a man of many talents and skills. His musical gifts and photographic abilities were readily apparent. What made Mr. Borden a role model for me was neither of these, but the way he related to other people. It was a great learning experience for me being in our high school Glee Club. Mr. B also made that a lot of fun and so enjoyable for every member. I also witnessed the success of our band program under his leadership. Doug Borden was a positive influence on the lives of thousands of young people. Doug's service was not confined to his career in secondary education. It was a pleasure being in the First Baptist Adult Choir with him. Whether directing or being a member Mr. Borden was a man you could always depend on. He loved and served his Lord with his musical gifts, being an active deacon, and always a living testimony of a Christian life. Mr. Borden was a man of diverse interests other than music and photography. He enjoyed living to include his firearms, bow shooting, and motorcycles. More than anything he was a family man a loving husband, a caring and supportive grandfather. John Douglas Borden lived a life of selfless service: to his country, students, church, and family. He will be missed and never replaced men like him are far too few. Jim Wilson
Piedmont High School Class of 1964

Jim Wilson - June 20, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ Our deepest condolences in the loss of this precious soul. I loved him my whole life. He was the best man I know. God truly got an angel. Love to you all. What a privilege to have known this precious family as friends and family. Donna and Derrel Jordan

June 20, 2018 at 04:08 PM

JD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.*

Jimmy Doyal - June 20, 2018 at 04:08 PM

AG

“ *Condolences on losing your loved one. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who love us, give you everlasting comfort and good hope. 2 Thessalonians 2:16,17*

Allan G. - June 20, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ *To the family - May you be comforted by the peace of God as you reflect on the many fond memories and look forward to happier times.*

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