



## Charlie Mitchel Dunn

March 22, 2013

Charlie Mitchel Dunn, age 91, died at his home in Auburtnon on Friday, March 22, 2013. He was preceded in death by his parents Cecil Patton and Essie Reeves Dunn, 2 sisters, Gladys Hancock and Elizabeth "Billy" Hawkins, by a daughter, Judy Danford, and by 3 great grandchildren, Andrew Jones and Hannah and Emma Nyegaard. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Irene Hawkins Dunn, a son, David (Trisha) Dunn; 5 grandchildren, Dawn (Steven) Jones, Tara (Lucas) Nyegaard, Chuck (Christy) Danford, Jennie Dunn and Katie Dunn. Mr. Dunn was born in Statesville in 1922 but moved to Auburtnon as a child where he was raised. After serving 2 years in the U.S. Army during WWII he earned degrees from MTSU, University of Tennessee and Alabama School of Religion. He taught industrial arts at Marshall County High School before joining the State of Tennessee Department of Education. He served as Assistant Commissioner of Education (Vocational Division) under Governors Ellington, Clement, Dunn and McWherter and Commissioner J. Howard Warf. Under his tenure the Area Vocational Technical Schools (Technology Centers) were instituted. He was also a skilled woodworker.

Mr. Dunn was one of the founding board members of Middle Tennessee Christian school in Murfreesboro. He served as a Bible teacher and elder at The Minerva Drive Church of Christ for many years. The Dunns were among the original members of Minerva Drive. He was a good husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Visitation with the family will be from 1:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M on Sunday, March 24, 2013 at Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home. A chapel service will be 3:00 P.M. Sunday, March 24, 2013 at Jennings and Ayers with Ron Harper and John Fortner officiating. Burial will follow at Donnell Cemetery in Auburtnon, TN. Active pallbearers will be Ken Turney, Roger Turney, Steve Hawkins, Charles Danford, Dan Hancock, Mike Hawkins, Mark Hawkins, Stan Hawkins, Don Hawkins, Lucas Nyegaard, Stephen Jones, and Darby Palmer. Please leave online condolences at [www.jenningsandayers.com](http://www.jenningsandayers.com) Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home, 820 S. Church St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. 615-893-2422

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# Events

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**MAR** **Burial**

**24**

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Donnell Cemetery  
Auburntown, TN, US, 37016

**MAR** **Funeral Service**

**03:00PM**

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Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home  
820 South Church Street, Murfreesboro, TN, US, 37130

# Comments

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“ Ms. Irene, David, Trish and family,  
I learned of Mr. Dunn's passing only on Monday, Mar. 25 and am greatly saddened by his loss. I extend my condolences to all your family. Mitchel Dunn was an invaluable asset to our Auburntown Historical Society and was serving on the Board of Directors at the time of his death. He has provided guidance and inspiration to this group since its inception in 2006. I sincerely hope the family understands his passion for the missions of the society and I'm sure you all know well of his love of history. Mitchel loved his community of Auburntown and all those within it who called it home. His life is an inspiration to us all. His efforts to improve education in our state should long be remembered. I join with the multitude of those who will greatly miss the association with such a fine man. Thank you for sharing your husband, father, and grandfather with his beloved community. Our lives have been enriched because of his dedicated service to his fellow man. May he rest in peace in his heavenly home which he so deserves.

**Danny Nichols - Pulaski, TN - Friend** - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My heart goes out to the family of Charlie Dunn. I was a former student of Mr. Dunn at Marshall Co. High and later an employee at the Tenn. Dept of Voc./ Tech Education in Nashville. He was the one who supplied me with not only the necessary training to perform my Voc. Skills but the opportunity to use them to make a good living later in life. Charlie was a kind, compassionate and very knowledgeable man not only in his chosen field but in the life skills he taught his students.  
I will forever be indebted to you Mr. Charlie. You were there for me when I needed you most. I am now 73 years old and live in Murfreesboro, TN.  
I will forever be indebted to you "Mr. Charlie"  
Your friend and former student,  
Jim Jobe

**James N. Jobe - Murfreesboro, TN - former student** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Irene, David and Family, We were so sorry to hear about Mitchel. We are in Florida at the present time and cannot be with you all. We did want you to know that we love you and you are in our prayers. You have all been very dear to us for many years. Mitchell was a one of a kind. We have both learned so much from his teachings and life examples. But he was much fun also and we will cherish the memories we have of him, We weep with you and also rejoice knowing that he is truly in a better place. We love all of you. Kitty and ClydeLLU5G

**Clyde and Kitty Bush - Woodbury - Friend** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was fortunate to have supper in Mr. Dunn's home on a few occasions as a friend of his daughter Judy. He and Mrs. Dunn were so accepting of a young teenager. My condolences to Judy and her family in their loss.

**Ron Ferrell - Savannah, GA - friend of daughter Judy** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mitchell and I started school together in the first grade at Auburn Grammar School. There are only two of us left of the starting class -- me and Lillie Dale Willard. I would go home with Mitchell from time to time and spend the night with him when we were school mates..  
He was one of the contractors that built our home in 1948 -- which I still occupy. He and I have been life-long friends and I cherish this relationship and the fond memories of his life.

**Winfred Gaither - Auburntown, TN - Friend** - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM