



William Hugo Parkman

December 11, 1919 - November 20, 2012

Mr. Hugo Parkman of Palmetto, Georgia, died peacefully in his sleep at home early Tuesday morning, November 20, 2012. Hugo was dedicated to his wife Doris, their family, and service to God. Hugo was the younger son and last survivor of the five children of William Henry and Stella Parkman. He is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Doris McKoy Parkman, their six children, Dan Parkman (Nancy), Leawood, Kansas, Susan Shillito (Bob), St. Louis, Missouri, Henry Parkman (Diane), Decatur, Georgia, Leslie Roe (Brian), Herndon, Virginia, Laura Pfister (Carl), Suwanee, Georgia, and Olivia Fordham (Rob), Snellville, Georgia, fifteen grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Two grandchildren preceded Hugo in death. Hugo was born December 11, 1919, in Langdale (n/k/a Valley), Alabama. Active in the Boy Scouts, Hugo attended the 1937 National Scout Jamboree in Washington, D.C. At the Jamboree, Hugo attended the fifth Major League Baseball All-Star game, where President Roosevelt threw out the first ball. Hugo received his Eagle Scout Badge in 1938, graduated from high school, then enrolled at Alabama Polytechnic Institute (n/k/a Auburn University), where he majored in business administration. In 1942, Hugo graduated from college and enlisted in the United States Navy. He served in the Seabees in the Solomon Islands, South Pacific. He then applied for and received a commission as Ensign. After attending Communications School at Harvard University, Hugo volunteered for submarine duty. He was ordered to report to the USS Finback, where Hugo served as communications officer. Among other duties in the Pacific Ocean,

the Finback submariners rescued American pilots shot down by Japanese aviators. One of these Navy pilots was George Bush, who later served his country in many roles, including Vice-President and President of the United States. One of Hugo's greatest pleasures was the relationship he and President Bush developed years later and the memories they shared of the two weeks they spent together on the small submarine in the Pacific Ocean. Near the end of World War II Hugo concluded his Navy service while on Admiral Nimitz's staff at Pearl Harbor. Hugo returned to Alabama and went into business, first developing a residential subdivision, then a motor hotel court on US Highway 29, the main highway between Atlanta and Montgomery. Hugo's sister Hewlett introduced him to her good friend Doris McKoy. Hugo and Doris quickly realized that they were meant for each other, fell in love, got married on December 31, 1946, and started a home together in Langdale, Alabama. Hugo became active in the Alabama Brotherhood and his interest in foreign missions grew. In 1956 Hugo visited the Baptist mission field for two weeks in Mexico, which made a big impression on him. Soon after, Hugo learned of service opportunities for men with business training and experience. He and Doris felt God's calling and were then appointed to serve as foreign missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. In December 1957, Hugo and his family moved to Manila, Philippines, where he assumed his new role as Business Manager of the Philippine Baptist Mission. His duties included acting as liaison between the Mission and the Philippine government, acting as purchasing agent for needs of missionaries, churches, the hospital and seminary, and handling travel arrangements for missionaries and official visitors. Soon after arriving in Manila, Hugo and Doris started a church in their home. That church grew and, 53 years later, is still thriving in the bank district in Makati, Philippines. After acting as Business Manager in Manila for 25 years, Hugo completed his mission service as Director of the Luzon Baptist Camp in Bataan, Philippines. In 1984, Hugo and Doris retired from their service as Baptist missionaries, and moved to Decatur, Georgia, where they became active in the First Baptist Church of Decatur. They moved

to Palmetto, Georgia in 2005, and since then have been active in the Palmetto Baptist Church. Viewing will be between 5 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 24, at the Parrott Funeral Home, 8355 Senoia Road, Fairburn, Georgia. A memorial service will be held at Palmetto Baptist Church on Sunday, November 25, 2012, at 2 p.m. A graveside service will be held at 12:30 p.m., Monday, November 26, 2012, at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering through local Baptist churches or online at the International Mission Board website. Those wishing may sign the on line guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory, 770-964-4800.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 7:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CP

“ To know Hugo was to be drawn to Christ. When I looked into his eyes, I saw Jesus. He is the only man I know who could have led me to receive Christ without saying a word! Hugo, my Father-in-Law, is the most precious gift I've ever received. Yours as well, I'm sure! When I reflect back on the day the Lord picked me up 700 miles away (May 4, 1980), and placed me with the most loving, patient, respectful, selfless, sweetest, gracious, stalwart disciple of Jesus Christ the world will ever know (besides his wife, Doris), I begin to realize that this priceless, unmerited gift of knowing and growing with Hugo Parkman could only have occurred through the merciful intervention of a sovereign God, with whom Hugo now resides and intercedes with on our behalf - just as he did in daily prayer when he was with us in Langdale, the Philippines, Decatur, Stone Mountain, and Palmetto. Hugo's prayers for his daughter (Laura) and I - often with Doris and local church friends - produced blessed, tangible miracles in our lives. I truly love this man. I long to greet Hugo once again with a heartfelt, heavenly hug as we gloriously reunite with all our loved ones already with Hugo.

Carl Pfister - September 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Sweet Doris,
You have been on my heart so much lately and now I know why. I am so sorry for your loss. I can't imagine when you have loved someone for 66 years, what a loss you must feel. You have always been such an encouragement to me and I love you. I pray that the God of all comfort is with you through the loss of Hugo. Love Nancy

Nancy Naylor - December 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“*Let not your hearts be troubled - ye believe in God - believe also in Me.*” Jn 14.

Dear Doris and children and grands and greats - your Hugo is alive in our hearts and in God's presence! Rejoice, and be glad therein. Hugo and you, Doris, gave your best years ministering and providing for hundreds of co-servant missionaries. Thank you, and God bless you.

When the word came, it took our breaths away. We (Nettie Gammage, Doris and Todd) locked arms together and prayed. And cried a little. Then tried calling, but naturally your phone was busy with important matters and special calls. Chaplain Buddy and Sherry Gregg came over that night and we all, plus the Stellas from Korea, shared sweet memories of Hugo and Doris Parkman.

Todd and Doris Hamilton - November 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“*Having met the Parkmans in 2005, when they moved to Palmetto, Ga. it was an instant friendship, based upon a common love for Jesus.*

I am indebted to both Hugo and Doris for teaching me to be patient and wait upon god, trusting His timing.

They both are wonderful examples of what a true believer in Christ should be.

Hugo will be greatly missed.

Buddy and Jeannine Waldron - November 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“*All the Philippine MK's were blessed to know you as "Uncle Hugo" and we will miss you. Thank you for investing in our lives!*

David Nash - November 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *May your loving memories comfort you in the days ahead. Rev.21:4*

Kathleen - November 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Thankful we were able to visit with you this summer. We have many good memories of Hugo and his service. I know he will be missed. Will and Darlene*

William & Darlene Gopffarth - November 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ *How I loved this special uncle of mine. Uncle Hugo and Aunt Doris so special to my family. Uncle Hugo will be missed by so many. A wonderful Christian man who entered Heaven so peacefully in his sleep. Prayers are with each and everyone.*

Hannah Bryant Hudson - November 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Doris,
You and Hugo had a great impact on our lives as missionaries.,
thank you and God bless you.
Charles and Dottie*

Charles brock - November 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ The staff of Palmetto Baptist Church will truly miss our friend, Hugo Parkman. What a legacy he leaves in many areas of the country, but none more important than the legacy he leaves at Palmetto Baptist Church. We believe God welcomed him home with the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant!" We will miss you very much at PBC, but we know you are now "home with your heavenly Father."

Judy Long, Palmetto Baptist Church - November 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Hugo Parkman was a true Christian, a gentle giant, and an American hero. His death marks the passing of a legend.

Jimmy and Amanda Orr - November 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM