



Doris Marie Austin

June 1, 1922 - October 4, 2015

Doris Marie Austin went home to heaven Sunday morning October 4, 2015.

Doris was born to the late Fred and Madeline (Mueller) Aspin on June 1, 1922 in Saint Paul, MN. She graduated from high school and later attended night school at Moody Bible Institute. Doris married the late Keith Austin of St. Paul, MN in June of 1943.

In 1946 Keith and Doris were called to Ecuador as missionaries with Gospel Missionary Union. Doris and Keith left family and friends, taking their six month old daughter Judith to the jungles of Ecuador, where they began serving among the indigenous Shaur people. In the early 1950s they moved to a small town on the edge of the jungle to serve as teachers and mentors in a Bible school preparing young people for the ministry. They later moved to Quito when Keith was appointed Field Director for the mission. In 1969 they moved to Miami, FL where they continued to serve with GMU.

After losing her husband Keith in 1970, Doris returned to Ecuador with her young son Mike. Doris was a much loved Bible teacher and mentor to many women in her Bible classes in Ecuador. She also served as mission secretary, guest house hostess and teacher at the Alliance Academy.

Doris retired from the mission in 1989, at which time she and her son Mike

moved to Dayton. Doris was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. She also served as a volunteer at the Women's Care Center in Dayton.

Doris was preceded in death by her beloved husband Keith as well as her three brothers and a sister. Her four children survive her: Judith Austin of Dayton, Carol (Bob) Snell of Magnolia, TX, David (Jane) Austin of Dayton, and Mike Austin of Dayton, her four grandchildren Bethany (Jamie) Smith, Lorissa (John) Cannon, Mike (Mahshid) Snell and Joshua (Rachel) Snell as well as 6 great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Doris will be held Tuesday evening at 7:00pm at the Westminster Presbyterian Church with Rev. Carter Johnson officiating. She will be laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Her family will receive friends at the church after 5:00pm Tuesday.

Please share your memories of Doris on her online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

Memorial gifts may be given Avant or Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ I only just found out that this wonderful lady passed in October. She was such a lovely person, my dad's oldest sister. Love you Aunt Doris!

Jana Lee Aspin - June 13, 2016 at 02:16 PM

RD

“ I met doña Dorisa upon arriving at the Instituto Bíblico Bereano in Shell Mera, Ecuador. I was only 21 years old and a new believer in Christ. I had the privilege to take several classes from her, but; like many of the other students, enjoyed calling her "mamá Dorisa." I am grateful to have know her and for the manner in which she touched my life. Well done thou good and faithful servant, doña Dorisa.

Richard Dixon - November 28, 2015 at 09:08 PM

CQ

“ "The life of Doris is a clear demonstration of God's grace in this world. Her consecration to God and commitment to her family and ministry left a deep imprint in the lives of many Ecuadorians, including our family. She leaves a great example of a faithful and dedicated servant until the end. ¡A Dios sea la Gloria!
We know she is in heaven where Christ was preparing a place for her. We pray that each of her children will be filled with the comfort and peace of God in this time of loss."
CESAR and LUZ

CESAR Quiroz - October 08, 2015 at 05:41 AM

KH

“ We are privileged to have known this dear saint. She corrected and improved our prayer letters when we were in Ecuador. We remember with thankful hearts her Godly wisdom and her prayers for us.

Keith & Olivia Heppner

Keith & Olivia Heppner - October 07, 2015 at 09:29 AM

LK

“ Randy & I will miss sweet Doris. We got to know her well when she would come to KC for conference. She was an especially encouraging note writer to me. She would always write notes on the bills she would send to me...I will miss those notes - a lot!! Linda K

Linkda Kniep - October 06, 2015 at 10:00 AM

ED

“ I enjoyed getting to know Doris in Ecuador and appreciated her straight talk and wise counsel. She was a special blessing to me during my early years of ministry 1978-1998. I thank God that He allowed our paths to cross. Our thoughts are with all the your family members at this time of loss. Love and Prayers Ev and Jan Dow

Everett Y Janet Dow - October 06, 2015 at 09:15 AM

PK

“ Dear Judy, Carol, (Bob) David (Jane) and Mike, I am so very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing..She was a great friend and endowed with a special kind of wisdom, a real blessing to all who knew her. Just looking at her picture brings back so many memories. I know that you will all miss her very much. Seems to me that she was the last of my contacts to the years spent in Ecuador. May the Lord give you peace and comfort in knowing that you will see her again. Love and my prayers for you these days. Pat Klassen

Patricia Klassen - October 05, 2015 at 10:33 PM

BS

“ I will always remember "Aunt Doris" for being a grammar expert and always being ready to give a hand by proofreading our prayer letters. It was always a joy in these later years to receive hand written letters of encouragement...she always liked that personal touch. Love to all the Austin /Snell family. Our prayers are with you.
Bob and Janice Stuck

Bob Stuck - October 05, 2015 at 07:52 PM

YF

“ Your Loving WoodsEdge Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Doris Marie Austin.



Your Loving WoodsEdge Family - October 05, 2015 at 01:40 PM

AT

“ I met Miss Doris shortly after starting Bryan College. I had grown up knowing David, Jane, Bethany, and Lorissa. My mother and I adored Miss Doris. She would give my mother such good advice and pray with her often. Thank you David and Jane for inviting us into your circle so long ago. Miss Doris was such a powerful force. She will be missed.

Alison Taylor - October 05, 2015 at 01:28 PM

PL

“*Heaven gained a saint Sunday morning. We will miss Doris, the prayer warrior, and her infectious smile. I don't know of another woman who made prayer her life's work. Who will God raise up to take her place? We NEED another "Doris" in Dayton.*

*To the family: What a blessing it was for you to share your mom with us. May God comfort you and hold you close. We love you all.
Phil and Darlene Lestmann*

Phil and Darlene Lestmann - October 05, 2015 at 08:05 AM



“*Cindi Knappen lit a candle in memory of Doris Marie Austin*



Cindi Knappen - October 04, 2015 at 08:35 PM

HB

“*Helen Blanks lit a candle in memory of Doris Marie Austin*



Helen Blanks - October 04, 2015 at 07:03 PM