



Dale Winton Stonecipher

March 7, 2018

Dale Winton Stonecipher

97, passed peacefully into the arms of his Savior on Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

Raised in Magnolia, Arkansas, Dale served in the US Coast Guard during WWII (1942-1946), and upon discharge earned a Master's Degree from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Following a successful competition at Metropolitan auditions, he wanted to pursue an Operatic career, but a budding family diverted him ultimately to St. Petersburg, FL in 1959, where he and his loving wife, Eileen, who predeceased him in 1995, raised their three children Mary Elizabeth Cunningham (Larry), Paul David (Sharon), and Rebecca Jane Frank (Don).

He actively shared his considerable musical talents with scores of High School students, where he founded the Gondoliers at Northeast H.S. (also directing at Lakewood, Clearwater, & Boca Ciega High Schools) as well as Church Choirs at Allendale Methodist, Christ United Methodist, Trinity Presbyterian, & Free Methodist.

In addition to his children, Dale is survived by his wife, Ouida, 7 grandchildren Jennifer Moffitt (Adam), Aimee Horstman (Jason), Katie Tacia (Steve), Adam Cunningham (Stephanie), Nathan Stonecipher (Sara), David Stonecipher (Erin), Peter Stonecipher (Allison), and 12 great grandchildren: Emelyn & Elliot Moffitt, Mackenzie & Cole Horstman, Caleb, Conner, & Eiley Tacia, Veta, Eva, Sophia, & Eliana Cunningham, and Grant

Stonecipher.

A man of faith; his upbringing by his father, an itinerant, circuit-riding preacher, grounded him well over the years in the literal, inspired word of God which by grace has reunited him with his beloved family that have gone on before him.

Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Dale Winton Stonecipher uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Janet Barnhardt Hickey - Student posted a condolence What a remarkable man. He is one of my teachers that had the most impact on me and my life. He will truly be missed.*

Janet Barnhardt Hickey - Student - June 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Deborah S. - Med Asst @ Dr Tang's posted a condolence I will miss Dale so much, He shared stories of his family and his students, and his life growing up in Arkansas. I loved to listen to him and cared deeply for him. I know he is happy and with his beloved wife Eileen, whom he spoke about all the time, I loved him and I will always remember him. I want to wish his family my deepest condolence's. Keep singing my friend, RIP>*

Deborah S. - Med Asst @ Dr Tang's - March 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda Nash - former CHS student posted a condolence Always insightful - Mr. Stonecipher graced us at Clearwster High . His music classes were a learning experience and sonic landscape. Once I had a headache in class and he had me listen to Brahms. He said this music stopped all his headaches. He was beloved by all of his students and I became a better musician because of him.*

Linda Nash - former CHS student - March 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Aristotle "Ari" Damaskos - Former Student posted a condolence After coaxing by friends, to join the Chorus, when I transferred to CHS in 1975, I had the honor to sing in the Pop-ensemble Windsong and the Concert Choir with Mr. Stonecipher. He was a man of faith, principle and a good friend to his students, challenging us in many ways. I will never forget him using the word "neurotic." To this day, every Christmas when the carols come on the radio I recall fondly and with love, my time in Windsong singing those same songs all over Clearwater, with Mr. Stonecipher. My your memory be eternal. 'Well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of your Lord.' Matthew 25:21

Aristotle "Ari" Damaskos - Former Student - March 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Kim Borowicz - student posted a condolence Mr. Stonecipher was my chorus teacher at Clearwater High School. He created a lasting impact on my life in high school and from there on. He was one of my favorite teachers and truly loved teaching choir. He was inspiring and disciplined. Rest in peace friend.

Kim Borowicz - student - March 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Karen Wornicki - NEHS Student posted a condolence Mr. Stonecipher was our Choir Director at Northeast High School in the Sixties. He loved and challenged his students to be their best. I loved his perfectionism and his formal good manners. He was a true gentleman. My thoughts and prayers to the family.

Karen Wornicki - NEHS Student - March 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Linda (Garland) Dodson - former student posted a condolence Mr. Stonecipher was our choral director at Boca Ciega HS for just our senior year, and he made changes, many of them unpopular, but he got us to sing in a way we never had before. He was demanding but kind. As "cool" teenagers, we thought some of his ways odd, but looking back I realize what a gentle soul and brilliant musician he was. I was his accompanist that year and am proud to have played for him. Rest in peace, dear man. You have earned your glory.

Linda (Garland) Dodson - former student - March 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Lisa Blyshak Thomas - Former student posted a condolence Mr Stonecipher was my high school choir teacher at Clearwater High School. It was such a joy being one of his students. His true love of music was clear. He was a strong man of faith who was loved by his students. I will never forget him. My deepest condolences to his family in the loss of this wonderful man.

Lisa Blyshak Thomas - Former student - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ E. H. Bud Wortendyke - NEHS Student posted a condolence Mr Stonecipher was my voice teacher, choir director & mentor. He was passionate in his love of music, his students and his savior. Every Christmas his gift to our class was to sing to us, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy", which ended "and we didn't know who you was". As one gentleman to another I have no doubt that as you transcend into the next phase of your existence that you will certainly "know who he is". Love to your family as we celebrate your life.

E. H. Bud Wortendyke - NEHS Student - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Wendy Peterson - Former student posted a condolence I had the honor of studying under the direction of this great man during very formidable years at Clearwater High. He inspired me and pushed me to go beyond my comfort level in playing the piano for the chorus. I looked forward to every Christmas when, as our present, he would sing “Danny Boy” for us. Thoughts and prayers are with his family at this tender time.

Wendy Peterson - Former student - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Sandy Lazar-Bergstrom - old neighborhood friend posted a condolence Dear Mary, My condolences to you and your family for the loss of your father. I have fond memories of him. God bless you during these sad times.

Sandy Lazar-Bergstrom - old neighborhood friend - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ David Martin - Former Student posted a condolence Mr. Stonecipher was my chorus teacher at Clearwater too and although I only spent one year in chorus, I still remember his great passion towards music. The drills we did to enunciate our words as we sang I will never forget. What a great life of 97 years. Prayers to the entire family.

David Martin - Former Student - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Cynthia May - Former student posted a condolence As my director when I sang in his Northeast High School choral program, the Gondoliers, and the Allendale Methodist Church choir, Dale Stonecipher had a profound impact on my life by nurturing my interest in and love of quality music, which has provided me immeasurable joy since then. My deepest condolences to his family on their loss.

Cynthia May - Former student - March 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Pam (Spencer) Harrington - Former student posted a condolence Mr. Stonecipher was one of those fine teachers who have a lasting influence on their students' lives. I am so grateful to have had him as my choir director, mentor, and friend, both at Northeast High School and Allendale Methodist Church. Music has given so much joy to my life, and I owe that to the nurturance of Mr. Stonecipher. May he rest in his well deserved peace, and may all his family be comforted with God's love and the love from others.

Pam (Spencer) Harrington - Former student - March 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Joyce Litten - Rebecca @Northeast High posted a condolence We send our love and condolences to the Stonecipher family. May God be with you through this trying time.

Joyce Litten - Rebecca @Northeast High - March 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jim and Sue Sipe - friends posted a condolence Our condolences to Ouida and the entire family. We have many happy musical memories with Dale.

Jim and Sue Sipe - friends - March 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Amy Rennie - Friend posted a condolence My condolences to the entire family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.*

Amy Rennie - Friend - March 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM