

Rev. Dr. Donnie R. Woods Sr.

September 13, 1954 - June 28, 2025

Rev. Dr. Donnie R. Woods, Sr., 70, of Charleston, SC, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

Rev. Dr. Woods leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Teresa Woods; children: Deidre Monique Woods, Donnie R. Woods, Jr., and Donna Terese Woods; grandchildren: Jerron Malik Campbell, Jerrod Maurice Campbell, Jordan Dewan Godfrey, Josiah-David Jaylen Godfrey, Dontre Jahkel Woods, Daja Jahnay Woods, Desmond Jaheim Woods, Sasha Mae Coffee, and Cairo Emmanuel Coffee; and siblings: Darlene Woods, Doris McFarland, Ruthie Woods-Ashford, Owen Dwight Woods, George Woods, Jr., Erma Woods-Guyton, Otis Woods, Sharon Woods-Goss, Carl Woods, Clyde Woods, Alvin Woods, Kathy Woods-Randall, Patsy Woods, Tony Woods, Stephanie Woods-Edwards, and Stacey Woods-Moore. He was preceded in death by his parents: George and Opaline Woods; brother: Wyatt Timothy Woods; and sister: Dora Woods.

Rev. Dr. Woods was a retired General Presbyter and Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament PCUSA.

In lieu of flowers, please send honorariums and sympathy cards for Rev. Dr. Donnie R. Woods, Sr., to the Presbytery office at 4701 Park Place West, North Charleston, SC 29405-4627 or <https://buy.stripe.com/6oU5kFeAGff51u4eyT7I>

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Public Viewing

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

4:00 to 7:00 PM

Smith-McNeal Funeral Home

2119 Dorchester Rd. - North Charleston

Celebration of Life Service

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

11:00 AM

St. James Presbyterian Church

1314 Secessionville Road

Charleston, SC 29412

Interment:

St. James Presbyterian Church

10524 Hwy 25 South

Louisville, MS 39339

The Service will be LIVE STREAMED via the Smith-McNeal Funeral Home
FACEBOOK PAGE!

Cemetery Details

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Previous Events

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Smith-McNeal - FACEBOOK PAGE

Tribute Wall

RC

“ Thinking of the family and friends Rev. Woods! R.I.P.



Rev. Belinda M. Curry - July 12, 2025 at 05:31 PM

AP

“ Addie Peterson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Donnie R. Woods Sr.



Addie Peterson - July 12, 2025 at 10:40 AM

TM

“ I have held Donnie in high esteem since I met him in 1983. He and Alonzo Washington were recruited to drive a handicap equipped van to Vancouver, Canada to provide transportation for the disabled at the World Council of Churches Assembly. These guys drove that van from New York to Vancouver and back as volunteers receiving only their expenses and the experience of being a part of that world event. Thank God for the life and witness of Donnie Woods

The Rev J Oscar McCloud - July 09, 2025 at 09:56 AM

BW

“ Beverly Watkins lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Donnie R. Woods Sr.



Beverly Watkins - July 07, 2025 at 08:46 PM

BW

To first Lady Teresa woods and the rest of the family this is Beverly from the little church with the big heart in red top just know that God understands what you're going through he sees you as you're going through you and the rest of the family hold on to God unchanging hands .

Beverly Watkins - July 07, 2025 at 09:02 PM

AE

“ Condolences to the Woods family from the Headd's families of Louisville, MS.

Donnie was a school mate, we were sister and brother of Saint James United Presbyterian Church. He was a beautiful person I always admired his smile and his love of music.

May he now rest in the arms of our creator. 🙏

Ada Headd Ellis - July 06, 2025 at 08:53 PM

JY

To the woods family friends and loves ones.

I'm truly sorry for your loss.

Praying for your healing comfort strength and peace during this painful time.

Sharing in your sadness as you remember Donnie.

May the love of friends and family soften your sorrow and sadness.

REST IN PEACE REV. DONNIE WOODS ! 🙏❤️🌸

J. Bernice S. Youngblood

J. Bernice S. Youngblood - July 09, 2025 at 08:54 AM

IW

“ *Donnie will be missed by the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery family. He was kind, caring, loving and humble. He always gave his best. With Deepest Sympathy. Elders Charles and Irene Whaley.*

Irene Whaley - July 03, 2025 at 08:04 PM

RS

“ *I met Donnie when I chaired the Interim Pastor Nomination Committee for Johns Island Presbyterian Church. As head of the COM Committee, he was a big help and led us to the successful recruitment of Dr. Jeri Parris Perklins for our church. He was both a friend and a leader in the church community. Rest in peace and in the glory of God's Kingdom!*
Ron Schildge

Ronald Schildge - July 03, 2025 at 04:02 PM

SB

“ My sincere condolence to the Woods family. I know you will miss his calm assuring manner. I never had the privilege to work with Donnie, but had it not been for his wise council I might never have become a Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament. Like so many others who came before me, the Ordination Exams at the end of my seminary experience was a major challenge. Unlike many scholars, I did not pass all five of them the first time I took them. After such a devastating failure, it was Donnie's calm assuring manner that affirmed I would pass the exams, I just needed to change my narrative. He told me the reviewers didn't want to know how smart I was and what I'd learned at CTS, they wanted my narratives to reflect my "pastoral heart". Who would have known that better. Donnie was, without a doubt, a Pastor to all of us in the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. He truly had a pastoral heart. I will never forget the role he played in my particular ministerial journey. May God hold you and all of the family in his loving arms during this time of loss. Blessings and peace, Rev. Scarlette Bostick; Honorably Retired.



Scarlette Bostick - July 03, 2025 at 02:04 PM

IS

“ I will always remember "Donnie." His humility was such that it didn't bother him to be called Donnie, instead of Rev. or Dr. Woods. Jesus, had this same type of humility. Praise God for blessing us with the "presence" of Donnie.

Isaac - July 03, 2025 at 01:26 PM

AR

“ *What a good example of being a servant of our Lord. A teacher and mentor... Alan G. Rousseau*

Alan G. Rousseau - July 03, 2025 at 12:38 PM

DJ

“ *I have so many fond and grateful memories that they would take pages to relate. He was a mainstay for me during my 21 years as a Commissioned Lay Minister at Hampton P.C. which began a couple of years prior to his election to the position he held until his recent retirement. During that time I was privileged to his counsel and companionship on many occasions including his visits to Hampton, serving on the Committee on Ministry for 14 year and accompanying him in many, many Triennial visits to churches within the Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery. It was always a pleasure to work with him because of his care and fellowship. I am sorry that I was unable to visit him during his recent hospital stay but my own health problems have made it very difficult for me to be very mobile. I know God has welcomed Him home with grateful arms and I will dearly miss his warm and beneficial counseling.*

Dr. Al Eads, Jr. - Retired Commissioned Lay Minister

Dr. Al Eads, Jr. - July 03, 2025 at 11:27 AM

BH

“ *For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

BRIAN HENDERSON - July 03, 2025 at 11:23 AM

LH

“ To the Woods Family, you have my deepest sympathy. Please know that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Donnie has gone from labor to eternal rest and we are grateful for that.




Linda Henderson - July 03, 2025 at 09:22 AM

GE

“ Donnie my mild mannered cousin was a beautiful person every time I saw him. He would always ask about the family . He will be definitely missed. Psalms 34 v18 says God is close to the broken hearted and he saves those who are crushed in spirit. Broken hearts take time to heal but know with God's love and his amazing grace you all will be okay.
Your cousin Gwen Triplett Edwards



Gwen Edwards - July 02, 2025 at 11:37 PM

 Shayla
Bell
Foster

“ Praying for the family



Shayla Bell Foster - July 02, 2025 at 05:45 PM

RV

“ I always admired Reverend Woods, and I am heartbroken to learn of his passing. He was a wonderful and decent human, with a voice and cadence that just spoke to me. Any time I saw him, which wasn't often, just at random Presbytery meetings or when he was a guest preacher, I always told him I could listen to him all day long! And I always enjoyed any sermon I heard him preach. The CAP community will miss him tremendously. The entire Woods family is in my prayers during this difficult time. Thank you for sharing him with us.

Ryan Vied

Ryan Vied - July 02, 2025 at 03:45 PM

SW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon Williams - July 01, 2025 at 01:19 PM

BM

Rest high on the mountain, dear brother! Our time with you will never be enough. I'll be grateful, always, for your warm, encouraging welcome to Charleston Atlantic Presbytery (five years ago now). I'm honored to join the chorus of gratitude for your gifts of wisdom, grace, love, and faithful witness!

Bettina Kilburn

Bettina B Kilburn MD, M.Div. - July 03, 2025 at 06:37 PM

JB

*I am thankful for 25 years of an abiding friendship. Your compassionate and kind heart endeared you to me. You were a blessing to me and countless others. Your spirit will live on. Thanks be to God.
Janis Blocker, recording clerk of CAP*

Janis Blocker - July 04, 2025 at 07:08 AM

LB

The St Luke family, Orangeburg, will miss him. We pray for your comfort .🙏 Linda S Badger, Elder

Linda S Badger - July 06, 2025 at 08:45 PM

CW

A gentle giant with a beautiful soul, Donnie will always be remembered by me as my big brother in Christ. His ability to calm the seas in the mist of challenging circumstances was blessing to all who were honored to serve in the ministry of Jesus Christ with him. His integrity, honesty and transparency modeled characteristics of a true mentor to many. As a witness and recipient of his gifts of being a faithful servant leader and a compassionate teacher, I am forever blessed to have served with him for over 20 years in the ministries of CAP. His legacy will always be remembered as a man who "loved the Lord" and who challenged us all daily to "be better."

*To the Woods family,
May you be comforted by the love of Jesus Christ and in knowing that Donnie's endearing love for each of you will remain in the beautiful memories you have to cherish and in the legacy of love he leaves in the footprints of a life well lived.*

Clarissa Whaley

Clarissa Whaley - July 08, 2025 at 11:33 PM