

The Reverend Robert Hal Norton met his savior face to face on Saturday, February 13, 2010.

Hal was born on February 10, 1931 in Mullins, SC. He received a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of South Carolina as part of the first class of Byrnes Scholars, an honor he treasured for the rest of his life. He later proudly served as the president of the Byrnes Foundation for many years. He received the Masters of Divinity from Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, NC.

He served as the pastor of the Garden City Chapel for 42 years. Hal engaged in significant work with children's homes from three states, as well as annually hosting children from Northern Ireland to promote peace and develop leaders.

He was also a great supporter of The Pee Dee Area Big Brothers. He was awarded The Order of the Silver Crescent for his many contributions to the Palmetto State in 2002.

He spent his life working with young people through ministry, education, and benevolent organizations. His love of sports gave him a passion for sports ministry. Hal was instrumental in establishing The Fellowship of Christian Athletes on a statewide level and was a part of the first class inducted to the SC FCA Hall of Fame.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Edgar Norton and Bertha Ard Norton; his brother Billy Norton, and his sisters, Marjorie N. Seale and Verna N. Martin.

He is survived by his brothers, James E. Norton Sr. (Sara) and Johnny Norton (Elwyne); his sisters Tina N. Martin, Mibbie N. Rogers (Charlie) and Nancy N. Poston (Jerry); and many nieces and nephews whom he loved tremendously.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Garden City Chapel, 316 Dogwood Dr. N., Garden City Beach, SC 29576 or Pee Dee Area Big Brothers, P.O. Box 12147, Florence, SC 29504.

GARDEN CITY CHAPEL

GARDEN CITY BEACH, S.C.

February 16, 2010

2:00 pm

Rev. Robert Hal Norton

February 10, 1931 - February 13, 2010

PRELUDE Sara Jo Cribb and Franc Johnson

HYMN 43 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

HYMN 391 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Psalm 100 and Remarks Rev. Robert Shaw

SPECIAL MUSIC *I'd Rather Have Jesus*

Psalm 8 and Remarks Rev. Donald Britt

HYMN 139 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Revelation 21 and Remarks Rev. Jason Brewer

HYMN 151 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

"God's Little Fortress by the Sea"