



Rev. Dr. William Henry Chadwick

August 19, 1955 - May 2, 2020

GORHAM - Rev. Dr. William Henry Chadwick, 64, went home to be with the Lord on May 2, 2020, as a result of a motorcycle accident. He was born in Burlington, Vermont on August 19, 1955, the second youngest child of Lloyd and Margaret (Bissonette) Chadwick.

Bill grew up in Shelburne, Vermont, and was a graduate of Champlain Valley Union High School class of 1973. He went on to earn his BA from Johnson State College in 1977, and then a Master of Divinity from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, graduating in 1982. During his work career, he also completed a Doctor of Ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary.

While in seminary, Bill began his professional career as a student minister at Free Christian Church in Andover, Massachusetts, where he met Carol Anderson. They were married on May 27, 1984. He then began work at the Evangelical Bible Church in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire where he served from 1984 until 1990. Bill and Carol then moved to Gorham, Maine, where they raised two sons, Benjamin and Daniel, and Bill became pastor at the Stroudwater Christian Church in Portland, Maine, where he served for 30 years.

Being an active husband and father brought much joy to Bill's life. Sports, hunting, fishing, boating, hiking and coaching were some of his favorite activities. He loved to keep busy by restoring antique cars. He was an avid reader. Bill also devoted a great deal of time as an active Rotarian in the Westbrook/Gorham club.

Bill's passion in life was serving his Lord which he did in a variety of ways. In addition to the ministry of the local church, he made countless missions trips throughout his life in hopes of helping those less fortunate. His travels included Nigeria, Mexico, Nicaragua,

Guatemala, and locally to Washington County, Maine. He also authored a book, *Stealing Sheep*, in 2001, about the ethics of church growth.

One of Bill's greatest legacies in life will be how he communicated with others through the power of humor and laughter. Above all, Bill will be remembered as a truly selfless man who found joy in leading others to faith and helping them to fall passionately in love with Jesus Christ.

Bill was predeceased by his mother and father. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 36 years, Carol Chadwick; his sons, Benjamin Chadwick and his partner, Talinga McClinton, and Daniel Chadwick; siblings, Barbara Guyette, Eileen Slattery, Marcia Moston and her husband Robert, Michael Chadwick and his wife, Georgie, and Janet Chadwick; mother-in-law Naomi Anderson, sister-in-law Judith Salibe and her husband Paul, and brother-in-law, Gregory Benoit; as well as many nieces, nephews, loved ones and friends.

Due to social distancing requirements, a private service is being planned for Bill's immediate family. A celebration of life will be held at a later point with a date and time to be announced. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bill's name can be made to Stroudwater Christian Church at 1520 Westbrook Street, Portland, ME 04102 or via the church website at Stroudwater.org. Arrangements are in the care of the Gorham Chapel of Dolby, Blais & Segee, 76 State Street, Gorham, ME 04038.

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Very sorry to hear about your brother Mike. Condolences to you and the family. He was in my brother's class and was a sweet guy.*

Carole Anne Cleland - July 08, 2020 at 05:39 PM

DC

“ *Debra Chadwick lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. William Henry Chadwick*



Debra Chadwick - May 19, 2020 at 10:08 AM

DC

So sorry for your loss. I am Bill's cousin, his father and mine (Bob) were brothers. We use to play together as kids but lost touch as adults. It sounded like he turned into a wonderful, caring, self-less man. Sending you and your family prayers...

Debra Chadwick - May 19, 2020 at 10:11 AM

PW

“ *We share your great sorrow. I served as a member of Bill's ordaining committee and remember the honor I had in introducing the purpose of the ceremony of ordination describing him as a man "who did not understand the meaning of the words, 'I can't'. It held true throughout his ministry.*
Lord bless,
Pastor Bryce and Barbara Whiting

Pastor Bryce Whiting - May 13, 2020 at 12:42 PM

SL

“ Dear Carol and Family,
We have continued to lift all of you up in our prayers through this time. I have worked with Bill on many different boards and committees through the years. We first meet when he came to SACA Ministers and Wives Retreat back in the late 80's to share about ministering through small groups. That weekend we formed a friendship playing games and worshipping together.
If there is anyway we can be of service to you please let me know. Our ACGC Staff will continue to lift you all up.

Sincerely,
Rev. Steve D. Lawson
Executive Director ACGC

Steve Lawson - May 13, 2020 at 10:30 AM

BE

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Bryan Eklund - May 12, 2020 at 09:42 AM

CC

That's a wonderful picture, Brian. Thank you. Carol

Carol Chadwick - May 29, 2020 at 11:01 AM

DD

“ Carol, Ben & Dan...I am at a loss of words....My heart breaks for you and your church family. Bill was a wonderful husband, father and friend. Ryan and I have so many memories of Little League and Bill as the coach...What fun and laughs we had... He was a joy and made everyone feel so welcomed. His laugh was contagious and his love for the Lord came shining through every minute. I'm sure you are all in shock as the town of Gorham is as well...We lost a wonderful man but we gained an AWESOME angel...Deb Dyer

Deb Dyer - May 11, 2020 at 11:29 AM

DR

“ My loved ones are gathering yonder, my friends too are passing away and soon I will join their bright number and dwell in eternity day. They're safe now in glory with Jesus their trials and battles are past, they overcame sin and the tempter they've reached that fair city at last. Carol keeping you Ben and Dan in my prayers.

Deb Reichers

Debora Reichers - May 10, 2020 at 08:32 AM

AN

“ Pastor Bill filled my mind with his amazing knowledge and teachings of the Bible - Baptized me as a "born again Christian" - and led me down a path to an awesome, close relationship with Jesus. And yes, I was even blessed with a ride on his motorcycle with him!! My heart and prayers go out to Carol, his boys and all his family and loved ones. There will be a new, bright star in the skies and a brand new person in heaven to join God's team.

Alene Nelson - May 08, 2020 at 05:58 PM

CG

“ I am happy God brought me into Bill's life. I will never forget our rides together and sitting together at our Rotary meetings. Although I've known him just a few years, it feels like I've know him all my life. Condolences to Carol and her family. I cannot imagine the sadness you feel at this time.. Rest in peace my friend...Carlo and Jane Giraulo

Carlo Giraulo - May 08, 2020 at 10:05 AM

TP

“ I lost my best friend here in Maine. Life won't be the same. But I'm following Bill's example, whose faith remained steadfast in the midst of adversity. Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live."



Tom Peers - May 08, 2020 at 07:23 AM

JC

The light that shone from Bill's smile and life now is joined with the brightness of the sun, moon and stars and will continue to bring light to our lives. 💕💕

Judy carlson - May 08, 2020 at 07:34 AM



“ Carol, my heart aches for you and your boys. I can't even begin to imagine what you are going through. I never really had the opportunity to know Bill, but I am told by many that he was a wonderful person, father and husband. I pray that God will give all of you the strength to get through this horrific time in your lives. I am so very sorry for your loss!!
Patti Chase

Patti Salibe Egersheim Chase - May 07, 2020 at 09:44 PM

LI

“ Still trying to process this. Carol my heart is so heavy for you and the boys. Never easy for any of us on this side. Praying for your comfort in the days to come. <><
.. Liz Pepper

Liz - May 07, 2020 at 09:07 PM

DM

“ I remember about 23 years ago when I shared with Bill and Carol an experience I had while praying about the man who became my husband. I was so nervous about it, but they really made me feel at peace. So Bill said let's set up an appt. so he could meet him. At that meeting my future husband gave his heart to Christ. Bill ministered to Carroll in a way that only the Holy Spirit could get through. After a couple more meetings, we set a date and Bill married us.
Carol I hope and pray for healing, comfort, and peace as you go through this tough time. I never got to know your boys, but I hope the Lord heals and brings them comfort as well. Gods Blessings for all your families. Love Dot Madore.

Dot Madore - May 07, 2020 at 09:04 PM

CM

“ I will always remember the wonderful Bible studies we enjoyed in the loving company of Bill and Carol's home. May you rest in peace Bill. Christie Mullen

Christie Mullen - May 07, 2020 at 07:49 PM

CS

“ When Bill first came to Wolfeboro to Pastor at the Advent Christian Church we learned early on that he was a lover of ice cream. We told him of a place where they served so much ice cream that he would not be able to eat it all. The challenge was on. We took him to Lone Oak in Rochester. We said the small is big, medium is huge and large is gigantic so be careful. He ordered the large right away. We were skeptical but he licked away and before any of us finished ours he was done and working on the rest of Carol's small. That man had a passion for ice cream and everything else in life. A great man, a great Pastor and a good friend.

Cindy Stockton - May 07, 2020 at 06:41 PM

NW

“ Got me interested in church sermons again and baptized me when I was in high school after I joined a program through my high school called Young Life! I will always hold those times near and dear to my heart! Your laughter and smile were as contagious as the words you spoke! May you Rest In Peace in the hands of Our Lord

Nicole Wiers - May 07, 2020 at 06:38 PM