



Rev. Vincent M. Dial

May 23, 2022

The Rev. Vincent M. Dial, 68, of Johnson City, TN, was summoned by God to enter Eternity on the evening of Monday, May 23, at Johnson City Medical Center following a brief but heroic battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was born on Saturday, August 29, 1953, to Rueben Dial, Jr. and Floria Mae Corley Dial in Columbia, South Carolina.

Vincent's early years of education were spent at St. Martin de Prioress School and Cardinal Newman Catholic High School, from which he graduated in 1970. He continued his education at Carson Newman University in Jefferson City, TN, earning a Bachelor of Music degree in 1974. Following his move to Johnson City, TN, he earned a Master of Science degree in Educational Supervision and Administration in 1985. He continued his post-graduate studies in Multicultural Studies at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and a Master of Divinity degree at Emmanuel Christian Seminary in Milligan, TN.

He began his 32-year teaching career in the Johnson City School system, where he remained until his retirement in 2007. During his tenure, he served as the band teacher at Constitution Hall and Science Hill High School, Liberty Bell Middle School and Vice-Principal at Science Hill High School, and Principal at North Side Elementary School. Following his retirement from Johnson City Schools, he joined the staff of Providence Christian Academy in Johnson City, where he used his love for music and established a percussion

program where he taught students until his death.

Vincent was very involved in numerous education, civic and religious organizations and has been described as “wearing many hats.” Some of those are serving as the President of the Jonson City Education Association and working within various committees with Tennessee Education Association and National Education Association. He served for a time as the Chaplain for Science Hill High School’s Football Team and was the current Chaplain for East Tennessee State University’s “Buccaneers” Football Team. He served on East Tennessee State University’s Institutional Review Board, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Bethel District Baptist Missionary Educational Association, Washington County-Johnson City NAACP, Ministerial Alliance of Johnson City, and Jonesborough Area Ministerial Association (JAMA).

The most important role in his life was his acceptance of God’s call to ministry “without reservation” in April of 1994 at Thankful Baptist Church in Johnson City, where he was a member. Among his acts of servitude while at Thankful included serving the congregation as a Deacon, Choir and Music Leader, Bible teacher to both adult and youth classes, and the development of a summer school studies program for community youth. He delivered his trial sermon on March 26, 1995, under the mentorship of the senior pastor, Rev. C. Danny Johnson. After receiving his license, he became the Associate Pastor and Director of Christian Education from May 1996 – to January 1999. He also served the congregation of Central Baptist Church in Kingsport, TN as the interim pastor from 1997 -to 1999.

In August 1999, Rev. Dial was called to Bethel Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Jonesborough, TN as the interim pastor until November 1, 2000, when he was installed as the senior pastor, which he retained until his death. Under his leadership, Bethel Christian Church built a new building and expanded the growth of membership and mission of stewardship within the

community. He believed that the “church” or “Ekklesia” of Christ begins in the heart of man, and only through humility, love, and an intentional willingness to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ as His disciples will the world heal and regardless of denomination become the true church of God in Christ Jesus.

In addition to his parents, Vincent was preceded in death by one brother, Quinten Dial; one sister, Valerie Dial Thomas; and “special daughter,” Magon Patton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Mary Brown Dial; two daughters, Erin G. Dial, Knoxville, TN, and Khristen (Ray) Dial Boyette, Greeneville, NC; “special daughter,” Leah N. Hale, Johnson City; one son, Jabari Dial, Jefferson City, TN; one brother, Kenneth (Tracey) Dial; one sister, Rubenetta Dial, both of Columbia, SC; five grandchildren, Julian Murray, Elijah Dial, Isaiah Dial, MaKenna Boyette, and Matthias Boyette; one nephew, Soma Moses, Columbia, SC; two nieces, Dahn Moses, Radford, VA, and Micahla Thomas, Charlotte, NC; one great-niece, Somaya Moses, Columbia, SC; Godchildren, Zaria Williams, Chattanooga, TN; Jayden Patton, Johnson City, TN; and Jeremiah Hoit; and his beloved pet, Roscoe.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Topper Palace at Science Hill High School
1509 John Exum Pkwy
Johnson City, TN 37604

Celebration of Life

MAY 27. 4:00 PM (ET)

Topper Palace at Science Hill High School
1509 John Exum Pkwy
Johnson City, TN 37604

Tribute Wall

DD

“ Mr. Dial was a HUGE influence in my life. I know its has been almost 3 years since we lost Mr. Dial, however he has never been that far from my mind and sole. I wanted to share his impact on my Life's Journey. I had Mr. Dial for Concert band in Jr High school at Constitution Hall in Johnson City, TN early 80's. I just started Trumpet in 6th grade. I took lessons from Mr. Dial after school. I told him my dream was to one day be in The Ohio State Marching Band. He told me it's going to be hard but practice, practice, practice! He coached and encouraged me to stay with it and keep improving. Had he not done that I would have likely given up the Trumpet before HS. I thank him for this. When I entered HS, I was first chair Trumpet by my Sophomore year in Concert, Jazz, Orchestra and Marching Bands. By the time I got to College I felt musically ready, regardless of how good everyone else was because everyone was first chair at their HS. It was intimidating, but I was determined to be Physically and Musically fit, I worked and worked like I had been taught by Mr. Dial. I made the Ohio State Marching Band, performing in front of hundreds of thousands over my college career and earned my degree. Had it not been for Mr. Dial, I doubt I would have captured my dream. I cannot thank him enough. One of the best mentors I have ever had and such a key influence in my life, it shaped me to who I am today and paved the path for my Journey. God Bless you Mr. Dial! You indeed are NOT forgotten and left your mark on this world.

GREAT STORY - During a concert at school for our parents Mr. Dial was directing of course, and we all know being a former NFL player he was a big guy with mussels. We were playing an up tempo piece and Mr. Dial was getting into it with passion as he always did. So much so he blew the back out and tore his collared dress shirt open in the back and back of his Arm! He excused himself after the piece, went backstage, put on his suit jacket and came back out with a big smile. Had the place in stitches! I will never forget that :-)

Dan Dankowski - The Ohio State Marching Band - '86-'90

Dan Dnakowski - November 25, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ *Rev. Vincent M. Dial*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Shelea Birks lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Shelea Birks - July 01, 2022 at 06:11 PM



“ *Mr. Dial was a wonderful man, person and mentor to so many youth, including myself. He introduced me to music and the band and taught me how to play the saxophone. I went on to be his student in both elementary and junior high school. His encouragement led to me receiving many music awards and placing high in competitions. He was always a man who believed in serving the community and inspiring others, especially youth. I will forever be grateful for Mr. Dial. He help me believe and achieve!*

Adrian Hammonds - June 26, 2022 at 04:18 AM



“ *Vincent Dial was my cousin, I'm truly going to miss him. Sad to think I'll never see his face again or hear his voice. Rest in paradise cousin tell on Flo I said hi and Val*

Vannessa Corley - June 10, 2022 at 09:51 PM

RD

“ *Ralonda Davis purchased the Thoughts & Prayer's Sympathy Gift Box for the family of Rev. Vincent M. Dial.*



Ralonda Davis - June 08, 2022 at 02:44 PM

RD

“ *I was so saddened to hear about the passing of Rev. Dial. Rev. Dial has been an influential part of my life. He was like a mentor to me when I was growing up. Then when I got married, he was there to perform the ceremony. When I lost both my Mom and my Dad, he was there to not only provide comfort but to also perform both of their eulogies. Thank you Rev. Dial for being there for me, in good times and in bad. You will sorely be missed but forever in my heart.*

Ralonda Davis - June 08, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *Mr. Dial was my percussion/drum teach from elementary school to high school. I took private lessons from him for several years as well. I knew him better than any other teacher I had and I always thought of him as a friend. He regularly gave me rides home from school if he saw me walking home. He would pick out snare drum duets for us to play during my lessons. He always encouraged me to be the best I could be. He taught me discipline and would always ask me if I had practiced the lessons he had given me even though he could tell by my performance. I spent so many hours with him rehearsing, unloading fundraiser Indian River fruit, band camp, parades, and football games. There wasn't one second of that time that wasn't positive and bettered me as a person. My first date with my future wife was spent listening to him and the Jazz Annex Trio at the Soup Kitchen. His son Jabari sat with us at our table while he asked us if we were in love. Great memories. I loved him dearly. My condolences to Mr. Dial's family on his passing.*

Larry Lane - May 31, 2022 at 09:17 AM

RG

“ Vincent and I taught at Liberty Bell and often had hall duty together. However, i was by myself this one time. I looked up and all I could see were feet and no floor- as several hundred students were slowly coming toward me. I backed into the doorway of Mr. Stanberry’s Office and ran to the phone to call Vincent in the band room. As soon as they got to the office doorway, a fight broke out-between two students surrounded by what seemed to be several hundred followers instigating it. I was the only one on hall duty so I backed into the office and immediately called Vincent who was there in a flash! As soon as they saw him coming, the students scattered!! Vincent did not have to say a word. Vincent’s presence was enough to control student situations. Vincent was a “master” problem solver for ALL student issues as well as a phenomenal musician.

Rosemary Gray

Rosemary Gray - May 30, 2022 at 09:51 AM

SF

“ Vincent will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. He was a person who loved life and it was contagious. Vince touched many, many lives. Memories of him will be treasured. Much love and best wishes to everyone who loved him, especially his family and congregation.

Sandi Fisher - May 29, 2022 at 06:30 AM

JO

“ I was once a student of Rev. Dial’s. There is no doubt that this man shared his light in a world that needed it. And he was a positive role model in my life when I know I needed needed it most. My memory of him will remain with me throughout time.

John - May 28, 2022 at 01:18 PM

MB

“ *Mr. Dial was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. He was my teacher back in high school.. He was always nice and very kind to me.. He was a pleasure to talk to and be around. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family..... I pray for peace and comfort for all of you!*



~Mary Bowman

Mary Bowman - May 27, 2022 at 10:27 PM

TB

“ *When I first met Vincent it was at St. Mary's Church when the church was downtown JC and he was with other teachers (Karen Purcott) and he went up stairs and started playing the church organ. I was the church janitor and we was friends ever since. He was the pastor at his church in Jonesbourgh when he did the service for my mother-in-law Marion Brady. I had him as a contact on my cell phone and I butt dialed him on Easter Sunday last year. He said "Terry, no problem, lets have a word of prayer". To the family of this Holy man so sorry for your lost. He mentioned his daughter that was going to school in Nashville and was so proud of his children. He will be surely missed by ALL who knew him and loved him. My wife (Jeannie Bowling Byrd) just informed me he also prayed for my mother who passed away just a few months after Marion's passing. From me Terry Byrd and Jeannie our prayers are with all the family and friends who Loved Pastor Dial.*

Terry Byrd - May 27, 2022 at 04:43 PM

NP

*HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.
NANCY S.AKINS POSEY*

NANCY S. POSEY - May 27, 2022 at 05:35 PM

AB

“ *Anisha Bowling lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Anisha Bowling - May 27, 2022 at 01:53 PM

AH

“ *Alberta Harris lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Alberta Harris - May 27, 2022 at 01:15 PM

AH

“ *Alberta Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Alberta Harris - May 27, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Vincent M. Dial.*



May 27, 2022 at 01:09 PM

CS

“ I was a second year music teacher shortly after graduation from Milligan College, in voice and choral music, when I was asked to take an instrumental music position under a waiver in Johnson City—I think it was the 1977-1978 school year. I played violin in the Johnson City and Kingsport Symphonies, and that year Johnson City Schools were unable to find a certified string and orchestra teacher, so I quickly learned how to teach beginning viola, cello, and bass to children in several elementary schools (as a violinist, I could already teach violin), directed orchestra in the junior high schools and directed the Science Hill High School orchestra.



When Vince would come into the back door of the Constitution Hall Band/Orchestra room after teaching at his elementary schools, I was already directing the junior high orchestra class. One day when he came into the room, he noticed 2 of my trouble-making boys in the last stand of violins cutting up before I saw them. He quietly walked up behind them and laid a hand on each of their shoulders. They practically jumped out of their seats, and all he said was “I’d better not come in here again and see you 2 disrupting Miss Shelton’s orchestra class again!” They behaved from then on, and they were always looking over their shoulders to see if Vince was walking in the door! As a young music teacher, I was not used to handling the misbehavior of junior high boys, so I was eternally grateful to Vince for coming to the rescue!

Praying for the hearts of all Vince’s family members—Heaven has gained a new Angel, and I hurt for all of you who have lost him from your presence right now, until Heaven calls all of us home.

In Christ,
Carol Shelton
Knoxville TN

Carol Shelton - May 27, 2022 at 11:51 AM

MC

“ *Martha Davis Baptist Church lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Martha Davis Baptist Church - May 27, 2022 at 11:34 AM

AF

“ *Allen and Brenda Patterson and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Vincent M. Dial.*



Allen and Brenda Patterson and family - May 27, 2022 at 10:34 AM

JA

“ *Janie Ayers lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Janie Ayers - May 27, 2022 at 10:27 AM

JA

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve your loss. God bless you and keep you close in your time of sadness. Dea Ed Langston & Hollis Langston, Jr.*

Janie Ayers - May 27, 2022 at 10:27 AM

RC

“ *Rev Chris Corley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Vincent M. Dial.*



Rev Chris Corley - May 27, 2022 at 10:13 AM

RH

“ *Robert Hall lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Robert Hall - May 27, 2022 at 09:47 AM

BR

“ *Truly a beacon of Gods love for all to see in our region! A mentor to me and so many others! I got to know Vincent as the director of Interfaith Hospitality Network and his service to that organization as a leader/performer of Songfest. I knew I was around a disciple of Christ whenever I was with him. My love and condolences to his beautiful famil ❤️🙏.*
Brian Rosecrance

Brian Rosecrance - May 27, 2022 at 09:26 AM

RC

“ Rev Dial introduced me to music in 5th grade. From the very first day I met him, he showed me love. Over the years, he expressed the same to my husband and children always giving us a welcoming smile and hug. His presence will be greatly missed. His life was truly a blessing to everyone he met. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you.

Love,
Rhonda, Ben, Nya, and Alayah



Rhonda Conley - May 27, 2022 at 09:07 AM

DH

“ D Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



D hopkins - May 27, 2022 at 07:51 AM

DH

“ D Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



D hopkins - May 27, 2022 at 07:48 AM

JK

“ James Knaff lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



James Knaff - May 27, 2022 at 07:31 AM

MA

“ Mr. Dial was my band director at Liberty Bell in 1980. Years later I worked for him at the Juvenile Education Academy. He was so involved with his students and genuinely wanted the best for all. He was so kind, caring and fair to everyone! He was a one of a kind educator and community leader, and his strong Faith was a huge asset to this area. He will be missed by all who ever had the good fortune to meet him. Prayers and thoughts to his family 🙏

Melanie Adams - May 27, 2022 at 04:31 AM

MJ

“ Mary Jackson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Mary Jackson - May 27, 2022 at 12:13 AM

PD

“ *What a blessing to this community at large Pastor Vincent Dial was and will always be! His heart and love for people has left a legacy his lineage will hold dear for years and years to come. Mary, please know we will be lifting you and your precious family up at this difficult time. Your faith is strong and the Lord is near watching over all of you! Mary, what a blessing you are!*
The Bentley Daniels Family

Pamela Daniels - May 26, 2022 at 10:14 PM

RS

“ *We lost a great man of God! Thankful for Rev. Vincent Dial and the Man of God that he was. Remembering the family in our prayers. 🙏*
Rev. Christine and Deacon Jay Scurry



Rev. Christine Scurry - May 26, 2022 at 10:11 PM

SM

“ *My condolences to the family of Rev. Dial. Only God. Rev. Sherry Kinchloe.*



Star Morris - May 26, 2022 at 09:17 PM

BW

“ *Billy G And Jane M Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Billy G and Jane M Williams - May 26, 2022 at 08:42 PM



“ *Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Paulette Robinson - May 26, 2022 at 08:35 PM



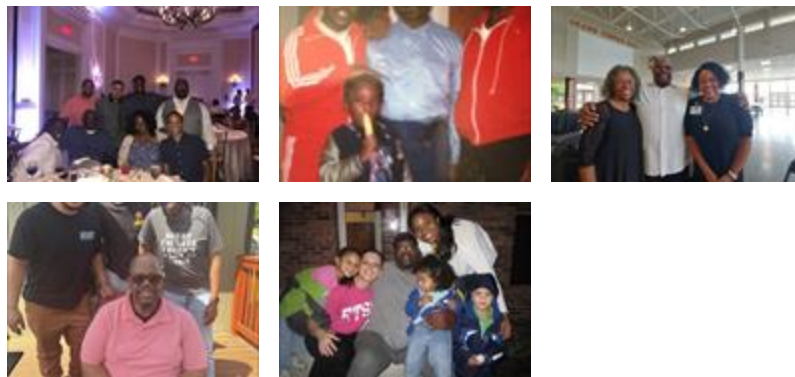
“ *Yvonne Wade lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Yvonne Wade - May 26, 2022 at 07:34 PM



“ *18 files added to the tribute wall*



Erin D. - May 26, 2022 at 07:27 PM

RC

“ Renee Charles-Leeper lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Renee Charles-Leeper - May 26, 2022 at 07:19 PM

KT

“ Keitha C Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Keitha C Thompson - May 26, 2022 at 04:29 PM

GB

“ G.L. & Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



G.L. & Trish Bristol - May 26, 2022 at 04:01 PM

SL

“ Sharron Pep Livingston lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Sharron Pep Livingston - May 26, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Rev. Vincent M. Dial.*



May 26, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ *Mary, I'm sorry for your loss. Ellen Stites Wyatt*

Ellen Stites Wyatt - May 26, 2022 at 01:18 PM



“ *RIP, Big Brother Vince. Your light shined bright during your time on this side, I thoroughly enjoyed our time prepping for the NFL. Love You A.T.*

Arnold Thomas - May 26, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *I had just reconnected with Vincent on Facebook. I loved having classes and getting to know Vincent at Carson Newman. I thought so much of him as he always was a man of great integrity. Thank you, friend, for your kindness and Godly ways. God bless and comfort your family.*

catherine bryant - May 26, 2022 at 10:23 AM

JF

“ Jennifer Johnson Fraizar lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Jennifer Johnson Fraizar - May 26, 2022 at 10:17 AM

KW

“ Kathy L. Watts and Sharon Watts Waugh purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Vincent M. Dial.



Kathy L. Watts and Sharon Watts Waugh - May 26, 2022 at 09:39 AM

JR

“ My heartfelt condolences goes out to the Dial family and his church family. Vincent has always been a part of my family and He will be surly missed. My family loved him very much. Rest In Peace...a life well lived!

Janet Russaw - May 26, 2022 at 09:35 AM

RR

“ Roverta Russaw lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Roverta Russaw - May 26, 2022 at 09:34 AM

ML

“ *Mary Latham sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Mary Latham - May 26, 2022 at 09:30 AM

JS

“ *Johnnie Mae Swagerty lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Johnnie Mae Swagerty - May 26, 2022 at 09:25 AM

JS

"The Kingdom of God ,the gates of Heaven is opening its Love for God Angel Rev.Vincent Dial a Christian man, a teacher, musician, mentor, husband, father, family man, friend. My Sympathy to the Dial Family. Rev.Dial will be Truly and Faithfully missed. The times I communicated and did some events with Rev Dial it was a teaching and learning experience but through it all God was right there. My New Vision Youth group learn drumming and The Word from Rev. Dial. He was a Rev that you could talk to and find the right answer told no wrong. He cared for the young and old. Rev. Dial love will still spread forever. May he rest in peace. Faithfully yours Johnnie Mae Swagerty and family.❤️🙏"

Johnnie Mae Swagerty - May 26, 2022 at 09:47 AM

RC

“ *Rev.Sharon G. Comage lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Rev.Sharon G. Comage - May 26, 2022 at 09:20 AM

QR

Vincent was an extraordinary man who became a friend in the late seventies when I worked at ETSU. His late sister Valerie and I were church members here in Atlanta. I knew his mother, his other sister and when his son was born. They were a strong God fearing family. I am proud to have known them. Vincent and Valerie make an immense impact in education and in the community. They were superior role models. Love and prayers to the family!
Quaye Chapman Reed

Quaye Reed - May 26, 2022 at 09:43 AM

CB

“ Carol Bradley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Carol Bradley - May 26, 2022 at 08:47 AM

FA

“ Sorry for your loss. My love and prayers to family. He was a great man and pastor. It was a such a wonderful and fulfilling pleasure to have known him. God bless the family ❤️🌹



Frances Norris Alexander - May 26, 2022 at 01:38 AM

SW

“ We will miss our brother, Vincent
Our love and prayers go out to the whole family
🙏



Steve and Susan Wagner - May 26, 2022 at 12:52 AM

SW

“ Steve And Susan Wagner sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Steve and Susan Wagner - May 26, 2022 at 12:47 AM

GG

Prayers and condolences to the family. What a wonderful man this community has lost.

Gail Goines - May 26, 2022 at 07:21 AM

CS

“ CHARLIE STAHL lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



CHARLIE STAHL - May 25, 2022 at 10:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Vincent M. Dial.



May 25, 2022 at 10:31 PM

MH

“ Sorry to hear of your passing. Thanks for being a great band teacher and friend. Take your rest now. Praying for strength and comfort to your family.



Mary Jackson Harris - May 25, 2022 at 09:42 PM

CT

“ A great football player, musician, pastor, and man. All of us who called him friend will miss him dearly....Carl Torbush



Carl Torbush - May 25, 2022 at 09:21 PM

BW

“ Send our condolences to you and your family 🙏. A great man will be miss. From Jarvis, Barbara, Tonio, and Jyrell Wynn.

Barbara and Jarvis Wynn - May 25, 2022 at 09:10 PM

KM

“ Kathy Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Kathy Mills - May 25, 2022 at 09:09 PM

KM

“ Kathy Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Kathy Mills - May 25, 2022 at 09:09 PM

JW

“ Janice And Jonathan Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



janice and jonathan wells - May 25, 2022 at 08:38 PM

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janice and jonathan wells - May 25, 2022 at 08:32 PM

JD

“ *My condolences to the city of Johnson City and Jonesborough Tennessee
I was saddened to hear of the passing of your Leader of the community Pastor and friend he always made me feel welcome in his presents.*



*To the family members and friends I send my deepest Sympathy
I pray for your peace and comfort in days to come*

Jo Ann Dockery - May 25, 2022 at 08:31 PM

SA

“ *Keeping Vincent's family in our thoughts and prayers.*

Sharon Adams & Family



Sharon Adams - May 25, 2022 at 08:24 PM

PC

“ Sending prayers for strength and comfort to Mr. Dial’s family during the coming days...

I was a member of the faculty at North Side Elementary during Vince’s tenure as principal. One thing we all knew about him- he dearly loved that school, the students, and the community! I have a couple of memories I would like to share. During the first week or so of school in his first year, I entered the building one morning before school started to the sound of someone playing on the piano in the gym/auditorium. Curious, I peeked in and saw a wonderful sight- Mr. Dial had one of our little boys who had “behavioral challenges” on the piano bench and was teaching him to play! What a change we saw in that child as the year progressed! Vince Dial loved every child in that school and seemed to know just what each one needed!

I used to tell Vince he needed to take time to eat lunch! He was always busy and skipped lunch. One time I had some leftover pinto beans and cornbread from my family’s dinner, and had an idea to take him some leftovers for his lunchlater in the day he told me they were delicious. I took him leftovers once in a while after that! He ate lunch those days!

I’m sure many people, like me, have countless wonderful memories of this extraordinary man! He will be sorely missed on Earth, but definitely welcomed in Heaven!!

Pat Carver - May 25, 2022 at 08:21 PM

SF

“ Scott Malone And Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Scott Malone and Family - May 25, 2022 at 08:10 PM

VJ

“ Vicky Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Vicky Johnson - May 25, 2022 at 08:07 PM

BB

“ Buddy Bradley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Buddy Bradley - May 25, 2022 at 08:07 PM

KA

“ Katherine lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Katherine - May 25, 2022 at 07:29 PM

PR

“ Patria Rhea lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Patria Rhea - May 25, 2022 at 06:38 PM

PR

“ *Patria Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Patria Rhea - May 25, 2022 at 06:37 PM

Babby Barner

“ *Babby Barner lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Babby Barner - May 25, 2022 at 06:01 PM

BS

“ *Buddy Stuart lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Buddy Stuart - May 25, 2022 at 06:00 PM

JB

“ *What a wonderful man of God
He will always be remembered for his kindness and commitment to others. May God bless and keep his family in perfect peace.*

Joe and Angelitti Bradley - May 25, 2022 at 05:57 PM

CR

“ My heart is broken because Vincent Dial was my “ brother by another mother and father” and his passing has left a void in my family’s circle. He and my parents has such an incredible bond and with each of their passing, he and Mary remained by my side offering comfort and support. In my professional life he always offered great advice and I credit many of my decisions as an educator to him as he listened to my concerns and prayed with and for me as I navigated from one degree to the next. Rev. Dial was a man after God’s own heart and he “ walked the talk”. There are so many accolades that he has been given and duly honored over the years; however, he remained humble and gave all honor to God. He led by example and believed that his mission was to preach the gospel to the four corners of the world as Jesus instructed. So Heaven is much brighter now and I know he heard those precious words that we should strive to hear “ Welcome home my good and faithful servant, well done, take your rest.”



Clara Rutledge - May 25, 2022 at 05:48 PM

PD

“ Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Pauline Douglas - May 25, 2022 at 05:25 PM

TR

“ *Tiffany Ryans sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Tiffany Ryans - May 25, 2022 at 04:33 PM

RG

“ *Rosemary W. Geiger lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Rosemary W. Geiger - May 25, 2022 at 03:54 PM

FF

“ *Fred And Jackie Fields lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Fred and Jackie Fields - May 25, 2022 at 03:48 PM

BJ

“ *Bobby Ryans Jr lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Bobby Ryans Jr - May 25, 2022 at 03:40 PM

JH

“ Joey And Diane Hardin lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Joey and Diane Hardin - May 25, 2022 at 03:30 PM

RN

“ Robert And Jean Neal lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Robert and Jean Neal - May 25, 2022 at 03:17 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Vincent M. Dial.



May 25, 2022 at 03:04 PM

BB

“ Bobby And Lisa Black sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Bobby and Lisa Black - May 25, 2022 at 03:02 PM

BB

“ Bobby And Lisa Black sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Bobby and Lisa Black - May 25, 2022 at 03:02 PM

KW

“ Kathy Watts lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Kathy Watts - May 25, 2022 at 02:13 PM

FL

“ Frazier And Elbert Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Frazier and Elbert Lyons - May 25, 2022 at 02:01 PM



“ Phyllis Askew sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Phyllis Askew - May 25, 2022 at 01:58 PM

RT

“ Rosylin Totten lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Rosylin Totten - May 25, 2022 at 01:52 PM



“ Phyllis Askew sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Phyllis Askew - May 25, 2022 at 01:45 PM



“ Phyllis Askew sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Phyllis Askew - May 25, 2022 at 01:44 PM



“ Phyllis Askew sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Phyllis Askew - May 25, 2022 at 01:42 PM



“ *Linda Workman lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Linda Workman - May 25, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *Adia Babb-King sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Adia Babb-King - May 25, 2022 at 12:36 PM



“ *Adia Babb-King sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Adia Babb-King - May 25, 2022 at 12:36 PM



“ *Thomas And Terea Graham lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Thomas and Terea Graham - May 25, 2022 at 11:58 AM

TG

Our hearts are saddened because we miss seeing our brother and friend. We will live our lives based on his teaching so we will see him again. Our thoughts and prayers will remain for Mary, girls and the Dial family. We have lost another great brother. RIP

Thomas and Terea Graham - May 25, 2022 at 12:08 PM

MJ

“ *Mikey Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Mikey Johnson - May 25, 2022 at 11:10 AM

MJ

“ *Condolences to the family will keep you in our prayers*



Mikey Johnson - May 25, 2022 at 11:09 AM

JJ

“ *John F. Birchette, IV lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



John F. Birchette, IV - May 25, 2022 at 11:05 AM

MR

“ *Mary Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Mary Rollins - May 25, 2022 at 10:47 AM

MR

“ *Condolences to the family, Prayers going up.*



Mary Rollins - May 25, 2022 at 10:47 AM

SS

“ *Sherry Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Sherry Scott - May 25, 2022 at 10:34 AM

SS

“ *Sherry Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Sherry Scott - May 25, 2022 at 10:34 AM

SS

“ Sherry Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Sherry Scott - May 25, 2022 at 10:34 AM

DM

“ Darrell & Janice Murphy lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Darrell & Janice Murphy - May 25, 2022 at 09:39 AM

LB

“ Lee & Lydia Bridwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Lee & Lydia Bridwell - May 25, 2022 at 09:20 AM

MD

“ Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Melvin Drumgoole - May 25, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



William H. Hill Jr. - May 25, 2022 at 08:45 AM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



William H. Hill Jr. - May 25, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



William H. Hill Jr. - May 25, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ *Gary & Moricina Fain sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Gary & Moricina Fain - May 25, 2022 at 08:39 AM

CF

“ *Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Carla Forney - May 25, 2022 at 08:36 AM

RN

“ *Ricky Nobleton lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Ricky Nobleton - May 25, 2022 at 07:55 AM

MC

“ *Rev.Dial was a friend ever since my husband Allen and I knew him.I wii miss our Bible Study ,our class always had great discussions. Our prayer go out to Mary and the family....Allen and Marva Conley*

Marva Conley - May 25, 2022 at 06:20 AM

MC

“ *Marva Conley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Marva Conley - May 25, 2022 at 06:10 AM

PB

“ *Paul&Vanessa Braxton lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Paul&Vanessa Braxton - May 25, 2022 at 12:08 AM

DS

“ *Praying God's comforting peace for your family during this time. Martha Sanders*



Dana Sanders - May 25, 2022 at 12:04 AM

RL

“ *Stephanie and I, Demetirus and Catrina want to express our heartfelt sorrow in the passing of this amazing man of God and dear family friend. The Friendship Baptist Church family and this community feel an irreplaceable void in the departure of Pastor Dial. He was an amazing "Gentle Giant", who blessed the lives of so many without show or fanfare. To Mary, the children and all of his family, you are in our prayers. We will see our dear friend again in God's appointed time.*

God bless you is our prayer.

With all of our love,

Rev. Lester D. Lattany

Mrs. Stephanie G. Lattany

Rev. Lester D. Lattany - May 24, 2022 at 11:07 PM



“ *Benita Hopson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Benita Hopson - May 24, 2022 at 09:54 PM

DS

Praying God's comforting peace for your family during this time. Martha Sanders

Dana Sanders - May 25, 2022 at 12:03 AM

CT

“ *Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Connie Thompson - May 24, 2022 at 09:39 PM

CT

I will miss you very much Reverend Dial.

Connie Thompson - May 24, 2022 at 09:40 PM

EB

“ *Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Elaine Brady - May 24, 2022 at 09:36 PM

RP

“ Praying for you all Rev. Dial always had a smile and full of Joy RIP Pastor. Love Marshall and Roz Pampkin



Roz pampkin - May 24, 2022 at 08:49 PM

LB

“ Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - May 24, 2022 at 08:34 PM

GL

“ Pastor Dial was a minister who loved people. He had a servant's heart, and touched countless lives, including mine. He will be missed, but I know heaven welcomes him!

Cynthia Glover

Glover - May 24, 2022 at 08:25 PM

JL

My Condolences to the Dial family . RIP

Julia Anderson Letcher - May 25, 2022 at 03:10 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Vincent M. Dial.*



May 24, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Stephen Letcher lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Stephen Letcher - May 24, 2022 at 08:00 PM



“ *Dwayne Forney lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Dwayne Forney - May 24, 2022 at 07:18 PM

DF

“ *Pastor Dial was the best friend and mentor I ever met. He was so knowledgeable about the word of God and was always willing to help me understand what I needed to do. He was a wonderful leader in the community and the church. I am so glad I had the pleasure of knowing what a wonderful person you were to a lot of people and the children you taught. My children were very happy with the lessons you taught them. Heaven is gaining a great Angel To the family I send my deepest condolences. Dwayne Forney and family*

Dwayne Forney - May 24, 2022 at 07:16 PM

DW

“ *Debra and I loved Pastor Dial from the moment we met him as he taught our children in the elementary band. He participated in every orchestra I conducted in Johnson city. He asked me to work with his mass choir for Easter a couple of years back. I loved this man. I'd go by the church and he was so good just to talk and share with. We all will miss him. Love and prayers to the family and his church family. Dwight and Debra Whitworth*

Dwight T Whitworth - May 24, 2022 at 06:51 PM

RF

“ *Renea Hall And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Renea Hall and Family - May 24, 2022 at 06:26 PM

PR

“ *Pamela Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Pamela Rollins - May 24, 2022 at 05:30 PM

SB

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Rev. Dial at SHHS. He was truly a man of God and loved all the students. We shall see him one day, in Heaven. May God surround your family with His peace and comfort. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. With fond memories of truly a servant of our Lord and Savior, Sheila Bray*

Sheila Bray - May 24, 2022 at 04:46 PM

NH

“ Reverend Vincent Dial demonstrated a care and love for people that was obvious to everyone he met and interacted with. He was the consummate teacher, preacher, and true “servant of God.” His primary focus in life was to “assist others” and “help enhance their lives,” whenever possible. Countless young adults benefited from his guidance, tutelage, friendship, and knowledgeable counseling. It is obvious to numerous people, that the community, in general, benefited from his many contributions. Most prominent among his influences was his role as the Chaplin for the ETSU football team. Young men benefited from his counsel and guidance. He will truly be missed by the ETSU family.

Certainly, God was first in his life, and it showed in everything he did. His spiritual commitments were evident in his duties as a husband, father, and family patriarch. Reverend Dial loved his wife and family and did everything he could to promote happiness and love. All of us who knew Reverend Vincent Dial benefited from his “wisdom” and we will miss him.

We send our Love and prayers to the Dial Family during this time of loss and grief.

Norman & Nancy Howard

Norman Howard - May 24, 2022 at 04:36 PM

CB

“ Charles Buford sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial



Charles Buford - May 24, 2022 at 04:28 PM

VP

“ *Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of
Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Viola Patton - May 24, 2022 at 04:23 PM

JA

“ *Jaymon ,edna and Adeline*



Jaymon - May 24, 2022 at 04:22 PM

NG

“ *Nancy Greenlee sent a virtual gift in memory of
Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Nancy Greenlee - May 24, 2022 at 04:18 PM

JG

“ I can think of no stronger example of a servant who modeled his faith and lived it out daily. As a student, I learned so much more from Vince than all of the percussion fundamentals he taught so well. Character development, perseverance, respecting others through hard teamwork, and excitedly celebrating accomplishments are lifelong lessons I can certainly attribute to the time I spent with him. On top of all of those things, Vince left me with a lifelong passion for music - good music - critically listening and using the gifts and talents given to us to make music. I take comfort in knowing that someday we will reunite and make music together again.

Jason Guinn - May 24, 2022 at 04:16 PM

PN

“ *Phyllis Noaks sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Phyllis Noaks - May 24, 2022 at 04:06 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Sylvers sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Sandra Sylvers - May 24, 2022 at 03:40 PM

VS

“ *Varcella Darlene Stokes lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



varcella darlene stokes - May 24, 2022 at 03:25 PM

AN

“ *Angelo Newman lit a candle in memory of Rev. Vincent M. Dial*



Angelo Newman - May 24, 2022 at 03:09 PM

AN

He was a good man, always thought positive he will be truly missed in our community

Angelo Newman - May 24, 2022 at 03:14 PM

PC

A true Servant of God! He loved our young people and devoted his life to setting a great example for them to follow. A friend, fellow Educator, and a faithful follower of God. He will be truly missed. We are hopeful that his family can find peace in these moments of sadness. We will miss you Vince. Penny and Jerry Cole.

Penny and Jerry Cole - May 24, 2022 at 03:29 PM

CF

I first met Mr. Dial about 43 years ago when I was in band. You would be hard pressed to find a more faithful loving human. Out of all the students he taught in his career he never forgot my name and always asked about my brother. I always enjoyed running into him. Sending prayers for strength for his family.

Cynthia Fox - May 25, 2022 at 07:11 PM

JB

Mr. Dial was my first band director, a wonderful mentor and beloved friend. I will miss his bear hugs he always gave when I would run into him in the grocery store over the years.

Julie Burleson - May 28, 2022 at 12:25 AM