

DEAN RICHARDS MORLEY III

Dean Richards Morley III was born on December 20, 1938, in Little Rock, Arkansas to Dean R. Morley of North Little Rock and Mable Crutcher Morley of Lonoke, Arkansas. He died on March 2, 2026, after enjoying months of visits with family and friends.

He graduated from North Little Rock High School in 1956 and won a National Merit Scholarship to Harvard. He graduated in 1960 with a degree in Physics and received a law degree from Emory University in 1963.

He served proudly in the US Army Reserves for 6 years. Impressed with the honesty and integrity of public service, he spent 31 years with the Internal Revenue Service in the Office of Chief Counsel. The last 13 years of his government service were spent as District Counsel in charge of all federal tax cases in Georgia and South Carolina.

Following his retirement from the IRS, he joined Professor Ron Blasi as an adjunct professor at the Georgia State University Law School, where he and Ron developed a first-rate tax clinic program, teaching students how to properly handle live federal tax cases. In appreciation for Dean's work at the law school and throughout his career, his friend Mark Mesler funded a scholarship in Dean's name at the law school.

He was a devoted Christian and served 6 terms as elder at Northwoods Presbyterian Church (later known as Church of the New Covenant). After his church closed, he was pleased to find another church home in the beloved community of North Decatur Presbyterian Church.

His love of sports found many outlets throughout his life. From playing baseball as a child and softball as an adult, to coaching his sons' teams to several championships, to keeping score for his grandsons' baseball games, to watching ESPN from his recliner, he enjoyed it all.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marcia June Dodson Morley from Bloomfield, New Jersey. Marcia was the light of his life and his best friend. They became eager travel partners later in life, taking trips to over 40 countries in all. She was the "blind date" that formed a lifelong bond of love and support.

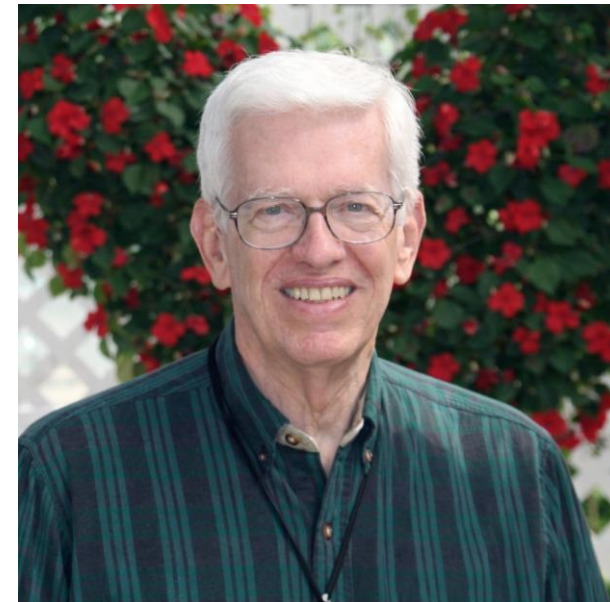
He is also survived by his sons Dean Richards Morley IV (Susan) and David McLean Morley (Lori); his grandsons Mathewson and Lance Morley; his step-granddaughters Cate and Sophia Eppley; and his brothers Steve and Randy Morley of North Little Rock, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to North Decatur Presbyterian Church (www.ndpc.org/give) or to the Dean R. Morley III Endowed Scholarship, GSU Law School (<https://donate.gsu.edu/s/give?dsqt=021267>).

WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

DEAN RICHARDS MORLEY III

December 20, 1938 - March 2, 2026



Guiding Principles: kindness, integrity, & humor, undergirded by faith and family

April 4th, 2026, 11AM
NORTH DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
611 Medlock Road
Decatur, Georgia

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE Huu Mai

WELCOME Rev. David Lewicki

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 8)

O LORD our Lord,
how exalted is your name in all the world!
**Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**
You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**
what are human beings that you should be mindful of them?
mortals that you should seek them out?
**You have made them but little lower than the angels;
you adorn them with glory and honor;**
you give them mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under their feet:
**All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,**
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
**O LORD our Lord,
how exalted is your name in all the world!**

*HYMN Great is Thy Faithfulness Glory to God #39

GATHERING PRAYER

SILENT PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

REMEMBRANCES Dean Morley IV
David Morley

READINGS Psalm 23 Rev. Rick Neale
Romans 8:28-35 Mathewson Morley
Hebrews 11:1-3; John 14:1-4 Lance Morley

HOMILY Rev. David Lewicki

MUSIC *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Glory to God #835

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

*HYMN *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Glory to God #275

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

The family invites you to join them for a reception following the service at in the Fellowship Hall.

Participating in today's service:

Rev. David Lewicki, pastor, North Decatur Presbyterian Church
Rev. Rick Neale, pastor, honorably retired
Huu Mai, Music Director, North Decatur Presbyterian Church