



Vienna Presbyterian Church
Vienna, Virginia

A Memorial Service for
Rev. Dr. Richard Gordon Hutcheson, Jr.

A Memorial Service in Thanksgiving to God
for the life of

Rev. Dr. Richard Gordon Hutcheson, Jr.
October 13, 1921 - January 15, 2012

January 19, 2012 at 2:00 pm

Prelude

Terry Sisk, organist

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn No. 262

God of the Ages

Old Testament Lessons

Duet

The Gift of Love

Danielle Talamantes and Kerry Wilkerson

New Testament Lessons

Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Sanctuary Choir

Personal Remembrances

Bill Hutcheson
Susan Thompson
Jack Hoel

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Solo

His Eye is on the Sparrow
Kerry Wilkerson, soloist

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Hymn No. 562

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Joy in the Morning

Postlude



Following the service, the family invites you to a reception in the Great Hall to share God's comfort with family and friends and one another.



Officiants:

Rev. Dr. Peter James, Vienna Presbyterian
Rev. Dr. David Wright, Gettysburg Presbyterian
Rev. Dr. Richard Ray, Chairman of the Board,
Presbyterian Heritage Center

Pall Bearers:

Gary Goodrich, friend
Fletcher Hutcheson - nephew
Will Hutcheson - grandson
Tim Johnson - nephew
Cap Oliver - friend
Kamal Rahal - friend
Marshall Schoenthal - cousin
Daryl Wright - friend

Richard Gordon Hutcheson, Jr. was born on October 13, 1921 and after a life full of accomplishment, service and love, died on January 15, 2012 at the age of 90. The eldest son of a Virginia preacher and his wife, Dr. Hutcheson devoted his life to his faith and his family.

Dr. Hutcheson was Senior Pastor for the Vienna Presbyterian Church, the largest Presbyterian Church in Virginia, from 1981 to 1986. From 1975 to 1981 he headed the denominational Office of Review and Evaluation for the Presbyterian Church, U. S. He served for twenty-eight years in the Navy Chaplain Corps, retiring in 1974 with the rank of Rear Admiral. A graduate of Emory and Henry College and Yale University Divinity School, he also obtained an STM degree from Union Theological Seminary, New York, and a Ph.D. in Education from the American University, Washington, D.C.

On active duty during nearly three decades as a Navy chaplain, a job he loved, Admiral Hutcheson served in a number of ships and shore stations, and with the First Marine Division during the Korean War. He served in several positions on the staff of the Chief of Navy Chaplains, as Officer-in-Charge of the Navy's Chaplain School, and as Director of the Navy's Chaplain Corps Planning Group. His final Navy assignment from 1972 to 1974 was as Fleet Chaplain, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, and the Navy Unit Citation.

Both before and after retirement, Dr. Hutcheson was a prolific writer who enjoyed teaching as well as preaching. From 1987 to 1994 he was a Senior Fellow of the Institute on Religion and Public Life, New York. He has served as an adjunct professor at Columbia and McCormick Theological Seminaries, and on the Board at Davis & Elkins College. He was a member of the 1969-72 General Assembly Committee which designed the present organizational structure of the denominational Boards and Agencies of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. After retiring from Vienna Presbyterian Church, Dr. Hutcheson served as interim pastor for First Presbyterian Church in New Bern, North Carolina and Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, Virginia.

Dr. Hutcheson's published books include *The Churches and the Chaplaincy*, 1975; *Wheel Within the Wheel*, 1979; *Mainline Churches and the Evangelicals*, 1981; *God in the White House*, 1988; as well as

a memoir of the years he served in the Navy, Chaplain at Sea, 1999, much cherished by his family. He also wrote numerous articles which have appeared in various religious and professional journals.

For 35 years, he was married to the former Ann Rivers Thompson, who until 1979 was Director of Admissions at Agnes Scott College. Their partnership was one of great mutual devotion, love and profound enjoyment in each other's company. Dr. Hutcheson is also survived by his sons Rick and Bill, and their spouses Rob and Denise; by his daughters Libby and Susan; by his grandchildren Will, Ginny, Jack, Tyler and Porter; and by his brother Charles. He adored his family, and we admired and adored him.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen, in 1974; his siblings Jesse, Fletcher and Nancy; by his parents Richard and Essie Mae; and by parents in-law Joe and Mabel Parkey, and Jim and Julie Payne.

Church and family were always his priorities. Dr. Hutcheson gave up his beloved naval career at its peak, in order to support Helen in her final battle with cancer. He always supported his children as they became adults, understanding and accepting changing roles and circumstances with gentleness and wisdom. Nonetheless, at home he could be very much "the Admiral" when the situation warranted, providing his family with the same strength, decisiveness and clear thinking that were outstanding attributes of his professional life.

Other great pleasures in Dr. Hutcheson's life were working in his vegetable garden and eating the splendid harvests; relaxing in serene beauty of the family cottage on the banks of the Shenandoah River; and reading histories and biographies, as well as closely following contemporary news and public affairs.

He was content with his life, proud of the mark he made, and – surrounded by love – accepting of life's passing.

A memorial fund is established for Richard G Hutcheson, Jr., c/o Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street NE, Vienna VA 22180.