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Dear Board Members and Friends of FBHS,

Each day we go to work in our office we are reminded of the kindness and generosity of Dr. Walter D. Draughon, Jr. and his family. The offices of the Florida Baptist Historical Society are in the Heritage Village of The Baptist College of Florida in Graceville, Florida. The Draughon Center for Baptist Studies is in the Clark-Wall house in the beautiful academic setting on the east end of the college campus.



Dr. Draughon had been ill for a while and he and his wife Jacqueline "Jackie" Perry Draughon moved to Birmingham earlier this year. He died Monday, November 3, 2008.

Dr. Draughon (1925-2008) was a native of Newton, Alabama and grew up in the Wicksburg area. He served in the United States Navy and graduated from Tulane University, New Orleans Seminary and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He came to Baptist Bible Institute in 1958 and served until his retirement in 1991.



Dedication Day was also a wonderful time of family reunion for the Draughon family. Pictured are Ken Draughon, Walter "D" III, Gwen and Stafford Childs with Dr. and Mrs. Draughon. Walter "D" addressed the group on the meaning and importance of being a Baptist.

It was a great privilege for me to serve as the pastor of Walter and Jackie for nine years at First Baptist Church Graceville. They both were always kind, generous and faithful churchmen. When I came to the FBHS I could not have had better friends and supporters of Baptist work.

Walter Draughon is one of the reasons that we are in the business of honoring those who honor Christ.

Jerry M. Windsor
Secretary-Treasurer
Matthew 6:33