

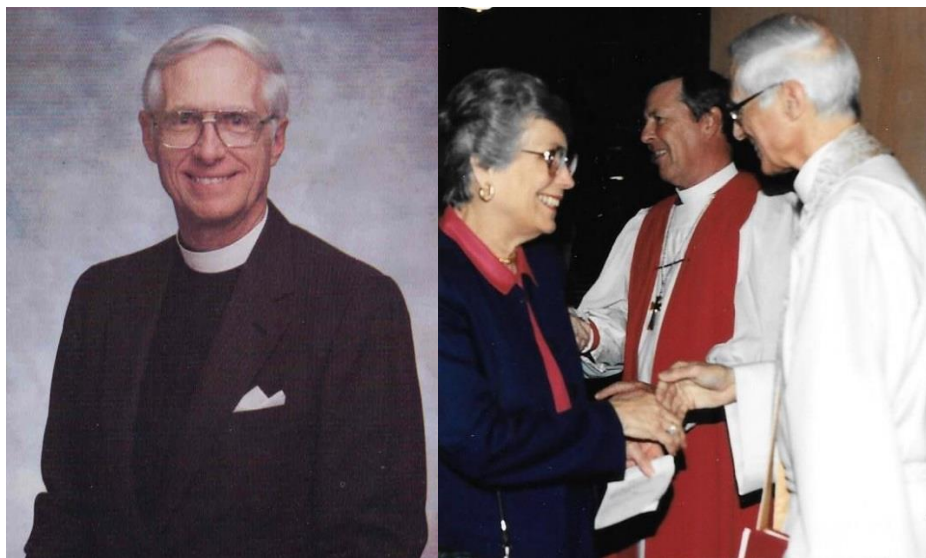
## The Reverend Douglas Gray Burgoyne

By

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*"...[I give thanks] above all, for God's creative, forgiving, sustaining love through all life's ups and downs. The companionship of Christ means everything. Indeed, companionship is what it's all about – it is the life blood within all connectedness."*

-- The Reverend Doug Burgoyne, *My Life as I Remember It* (2016)



*The Rev. Douglas Burgoyne shaking hands with Leila Hine at the last service before he left St. Andrew's to serve in Richmond. (Bishop Vest in the background)*

The Reverend Doug Burgoyne (1930-2017) served as Rector of St. Andrew's from 1975-1991. Born in Orange, New Jersey, he grew up as an only child in New York City and spent his summers at his family's home on Long Island, where he developed his life-long passion for sailing. In 1952, he graduated from Williams College, with a B.A. in Philosophy. He married the love of his life, Joanna Cutter Turner (Joannie) in 1952. After college, he began a career with

the Insurance Company of North America, pausing to serve two years in the U.S. Coast Guard. Not long after returning to the insurance business he felt an unmistakable calling to serve in the ordained ministry and entered seminary at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1955. He was ordained as a priest at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Ontario, Oregon in 1958, where he served as rector for six years. He served at St. John's in Williamstown, Massachusetts for 12 years, at St. Andrew's in Newport News, Virginia for 16 years, and All Saints Richmond, Virginia for 8 years – after which he retired as a full-time priest at age 70, while continuing to serve various churches in the Richmond area until his complete retirement in 2014 at age 84.

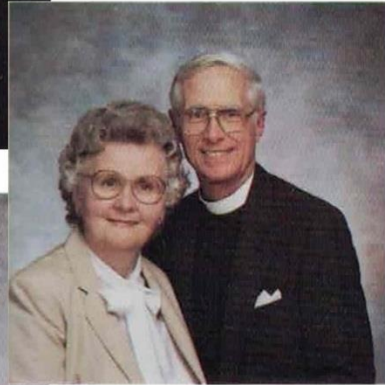
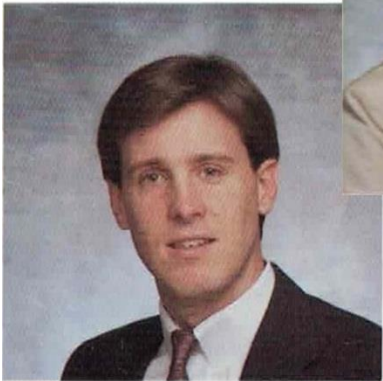
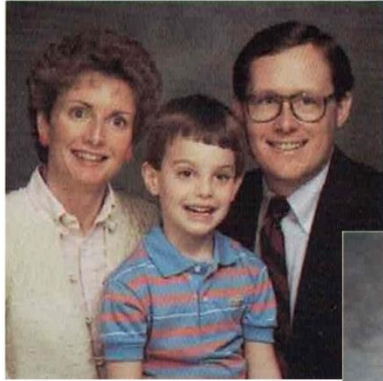


*Reverend Burgoyne and Peter Edwards-Jenks Christening c. 1988*

Mr. Burgoyne was the consummate parish priest. First and foremost he was a Spirit-filled, deeply committed man of God – which was unmistakably seen by all who knew him. He was a gifted and inspiring preacher of the Gospel. His sermons were meticulously crafted and intellectual, but at the same time were down-to-earth, accessible, and illustrated with real-life, often humorous, stories. Reverend Burgoyne writes in his 2016 memoir: “The greater realm of Heaven, in which we and our world are enfolded, impinges upon us in all sorts of ways. And at the heart of it, indeed at the very heart of creation, is that core reality of *consciousness* – expressed supremely in God’s conscious, creative care for us and for all that exists, and incarnated, in the fullness of time, in Jesus the Christ.” To illustrate his favorite opening lines of John’s Gospel in the New English Bible - “All that came to be was alive with His life...” Reverend Burgoyne wrote, “In preaching about this, I’ve often used the homely example of a carwash,

where your car goes through a ‘force field’ of water and detergent from every angle. I believe all of creation is shot through and through with the ‘Christ-ness’ of God.”

He was a man of dignity and impeccable integrity. He was all-inclusive, most often favoring the less fortunate, the forgotten, the “down-and-out,” and he was a champion of diversity. He excelled at providing wise, prayerful guidance and counsel to those in need. He was a gifted and compassionate listener. He often purposely hired new clergy assistants with skill sets and traits quite opposite from his own. He delighted in their personal strengths and was thrilled with and unthreatened by their personal successes. He was a highly-valued and trusted mentor. He was a leader. With the power, love and grace that can only come from the Lord Jesus Christ, he made a difference in people’s lives.



Reverend Burgoyne strongly believed in connections. His family remains connected to St. Andrew's through his oldest son Doug and his family. Doug and his wife Susan taught Sunday school in the 1990s and regularly attend services. During the 1990s, Susan taught art at the Day School. Doug is a long-time member of the Guitar Choir. His love of guitar music goes back to his father's parish in Williamstown, Massachusetts where guitars and folk music were a regular part of worship.

*Burgoyne Family at St. Andrew's, 1988: Susan, Johnny, and Doug (Top), Joannie and The Rev. Burgoyne (Right), Bill (Bottom)*

Doug offers these words about his mother, Joannie Burgoyne. "Mom was truly Dad's rock, the wind beneath his wings, his angel. Dad was always very conscientious about the work of the church, and kept an impossibly busy schedule. With a family of five lively kids, an open-door policy where any and all were always welcome, the Burgoyne household was forever hectic and fun! Mom always had time for everyone: family, friend, parishioner, unexpected guest, or stranger. Mom's ministry was behind the scenes, but – in many ways – every bit as important and meaningful as Dad's."

Beth Wolak Pegram describes Reverend Doug Burgoyne as "Amazing." He was the minister when she was an acolyte. On her sixteenth birthday, he came by the house, left his card with "Happy Birthday" written on the back. "It was better than a gift," she said. Reverend Burgoyne returned to give the sermon at Beth's wedding in 2000 to Ron Pegram and co-officiated with the current rector at the time, Rob Marston.

*Acolytes at Christmas Eve 1987 L-R Brice Woodall, J.O. Edelblute, Beth Wolak*



## A Note from Leila Shepeard Hine



In the long history of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Douglas G. Burgoyne will be remembered as an outstanding rector.

I was extremely fortunate to be on his staff for 15 years as Parish secretary, and later on as Rector's Secretary (1977-1992). It was always a privilege and an honor to work with him because he was the most Christ-like person I have ever known.

Doug and Joannie's marriage was a great model for all of us. They experienced several tragic events within their family over the years, but their strong faith in God was proof of how they were able to persevere and find peace.



*St. Andrew's Staff Party c. early 1990s at Vicki Lanier's home  
L-R: Brad Norris, The Rev. Joe Buchannan, Vicki Lanier, The Rev. Peter Edwards-Jenks, Leila Shepeard (Hine), Deacon Al Wray, Joannie Burgoyne, and The Rev. Doug Burgoyne*

Doug Burgoyne was truly a blessing and an inspiration to everyone who knew and loved him. Thanks be to God!

Joannie Burgoyne, according to her son Doug – “These days she is doing very well in her little apartment at Spring Arbor in Richmond. She still loves a good joke, never complains, and is eternally thankful for her 65 amazing years with Dad, her adoring family, her many friends, and she treasures the wonderful memories of their 16 years at St. Andrew's.”