



Rev. Gideon M. Long

May 29, 1928 - September 10, 2013

Gideon M. Long, Jr., of Spartanburg, died on September 10, 2013. He was 85 years old. Patriarch of the Long family, Reverend Long impacted countless lives as a pastor and friend. Having lived a rich and full life, Gideon will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was born in Greenville County of South Carolina to Gideon Madison Long (Monyo), Sr. and Ruby Lee Hooker. He attended Columbia High School. He was a graduate of Bob Jones University and earned graduate degrees from Southwestern Theological Seminary. He was ordained by the Colonial Heights Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina in 1951. He served as Corporal in the South Carolina Air National Guard in the 157th Fighter Squadron.

Pastor Emeritus of Philadelphia Baptist Church, he also served as Pastor of First Baptist Church, Lyman, South Carolina for 21 years. In addition, he was Pastor at Cudd Memorial Baptist Church in Spartanburg and Parkview Baptist Church in Fort Pierce, Florida. Having retired in 1993, Rev. Long never left the ministry, as he continued service as Interim Pastor at many churches.

Rev. Long's greatest treasure was his family. He was married to the late Lois Cherry of Dothan, Alabama for 52 wonderful years. They had four children and six grandchildren. Children are: Cherry Garasi (Michael), David Long (Rachelle), Mark Long (Leigh), and Carol Hall. Grandchildren are: Michael Tadlock (Amanda), Katie Long Brantley (Rick), Melissa Tadlock, Daniel Hall (Sarah), Madison Hall, and Helen-Grace Hall. Rev. Long married Betty Hooker of Spartanburg in 2009. Step children are Allen Hooker (Vickie), Robert

Hooker (Anna Jane), and David Hooker (Elaine), and Betty's grandchildren: Matt, Blythe, Whitney, Benjamin, Abbey and Samuel. Rev. Long has one brother, Daniel Long of Gainesville, Florida.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm Thursday at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Pauline, conducted by Rev. George Jones and Rev. Eddie Cooper. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive visitors after the service at the church. Pallbearers will be grandsons, sons-in-law, and step sons.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, Rev. Long requested donations be made to Philadelphia Baptist Church Family Life Center, P.O. Box 220, Pauline, SC 29374, your local church, or the charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Philadelphia Baptist Church Cemetery

Previous Events

Service

SEP 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Philadelphia Baptist Church
3119 Hwy 56
Pauline, SC

Visitation

SEP 12. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Philadelphia Baptist Church
3119 Hwy 56
Pauline, SC

Tribute Wall

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“ *Memories of Our Lord's servant remained with my Mother (deceased) and father in keeping photos (attached) and letters dating back to May and December 1978 sent by Rev Long after the re-entry crusade in the country Baptist churches. To Mark, Cherry, David and Carol, I believe Gideon's legacy will or has been manifest after his passing. In Christian Love, Lindsay Neuendorf on behalf of Heather and Alwyn Neuendorf, Farmer's of Brightview via Lowood, Queensland - Minden Baptist church.*

Lindsay NEUENDORF - November 28, 2023 at 06:46 AM

RH

“ *Please accept my sincere sympathy on the recent loss of your dear loved one. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May the God of comfort be with you in this time of sorrow and may these words bring you hope. "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning, no outcry, nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Revelation 21:3,4. This promise will be fulfilled as many others such as John 5:28,29 and Isaiah 25:8 for a Hebrews 6:18 " It is impossible for God to lie." Until then may all your memories sustain you in the days to come. JW.org.*

Rhonda - October 01, 2013 at 06:20 AM

CS

“ *I remember we all called him Preacher Long. He & Lois and all the kids going to Myrtle Beach with my family and many others. It was always a good time! He will be missed but he is with the one he loved in life and taught us about through his sermons all those years. Love you Preacher Long!*

carmen smith - September 12, 2013 at 07:19 AM

TC

“ *Our prayers and sympathy are with all of you. We loved Gideon and know he will be missed by so many.*
Fred and Teresa Coan

Teresa Coan - September 11, 2013 at 03:15 PM

IB

“ *Dear Long Family,*
I can't tell you how sorry I was to learn of Gideon's death. Praying for you all at this time that each will God's loving arms around them, comforting and giving peace of mind, and His presence with each one.

We at First Baptist of Lyman, certainly have so many loving memories of you all. I certainly have so many memories of wonderful messages, advice, etc. . Gideon will be so missed but always remembered.

Love you all.

Love and prayers

Irene Brown



Irene Brown - September 11, 2013 at 02:40 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Betty and the rest of the Long family. I had the privilege of directing Gideon and Betty Long's wedding at Frist Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg. I enjoyed getting to know Gideon. He will be missed.*



Fran Bagwell - September 11, 2013 at 01:59 PM

TB

“ So sorry to hear of Bro. Gideon's passing; it's bittersweet really. Without a doubt, he's in Heaven with his lovely, Ms. Lois and I'm certain, having the time of his life seeing Christ, Ms. Lois, and so many family and friends! We're so proud to have known him the short time we lived in Greer, SC; he was interim at Crossroads Baptist and we absolutely LOVED to hear him speak. He was a joy to know. We have a story about Bro. Gideon! A funny one - well most stories about Bro. Gideon are humorous cause he was such a humorous man! One Sunday he was speaking and he happen to mention in his sermon about mid-age or old folks buying these little Z Cars, zippin' up and down interstate 85 and he said, "they have hair as white as mine or even more so, none" (stroking his head as if it was slick"!!! Glory be, there we sat, in our 40's age and had just ordered a brand new BMW jet black Z4! It was still at the factory and we had not told a soul that we'd ordered it!!! Oh my goodness, we just sat there and grinned! We thought, "now, only God knew this"! Oh, and Tony has very little hair so this just fit right in! Bro. Gideon certainly didn't have a clue we'd ordered one. At the end of services, we had to confess our "purchase" and he said, "I wanna be the first to ride in it"!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Hahahaha! God love him! That's the way Bro. Gideon was - so full of fun and joy! We loved him so much! God Bless the Long family and lifting them up at this time. Tony and Freddie Bond, Eads, TN

Tony and Freddie Bond - September 11, 2013 at 12:51 PM

DM

“Gideon and Lois were so supportive of me and my calling to ministry. I remember many conversations in their home sitting around the kitchen table. Of course Gideon would launch into a tirade about my Volkswagen leaking oil in his driveway. I still have the Leather bound New Testament they gave me when I graduated Furman. I will remember Gideon as a devoted pastor, loving Father and playful fun-loving man. The dimness of seeing in a mirror is past. He now sees "face to face." --Dale McAbee

Dale McAbee - September 11, 2013 at 12:13 PM

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“Friend and neighbor Remembering the family in prayer.

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“Mine is a life that was changed by Gideon Long. By his actions he showed me how to love and revere God, to follow Christ, and have an humble heart without pretension. He instilled in me a love of God's Word by bringing it to life off the page and oh boy, could he ever make us laugh. This world has lost a might man of God but it is Heaven's gain. He always said we would be working in Heaven, that we would love the work, and I bet he will soon be fishing in the River of Life for the Bridegroom's banquet because he was a great fisher of men.

Jane Entrekin - September 11, 2013 at 11:14 AM