



James Thompson

July 8, 1928 - May 30, 2011

Heading: Rev. James Thompson

Dateline: Taylors

Rev. James Henry Thompson, age 82 of Taylors, S.C. went to meet his Lord and Savior on Monday morning May 30, 2011.

He was married to the late Joanne Upton Thompson for 56 years. He was preceded in death by his parents Esther Wood Thompson and Lawrence Edwin Thompson and a sister, Betty T. Glenn

“Jimmy” as he preferred to be called was the founder of WGGG TV-16 in Greenville, S.C. and WATC TV- 57 in Atlanta, GA, Faith Printing Co. in Taylors, S.C. and Faith Temple Church in Taylors, S.C. where he pastored for 30 years.

He was a humble man who loved and always treated everyone with kindness. He was not a respecter of persons and loved to visit the sick and elderly as long as his health permitted.

Jimmy loved to reminence about growing up on a dairy farm and he and his dad delivering milk to folks in Taylors and the Greenville area.

He hosted Niteline for 35 years and was well known throughout this area.

Rev. Thompson received many awards through the years and one of his favorites was when a portion of Hwy. 253 was named Rev. James H.

Thompson Road. He was honored with the 2009 Honorary Life membership Award by the South Carolina Broadcasters Association and most recently received the Order of the Palmetto which is the highest civilian honor given by

the State of South Carolina.

He is survived by three sons Vincent (Betty), Duane (Christina) and Dante Thompson (Katie). He is survived by two sisters, Nell T. Adams Montgomery (William) and Judy T. Cody (William); one brother, William "Tommy" Thompson (Jeanette); two granddaughters, Riley, Hanna; one grandson Shane Thompson (Nikita); one great granddaughter Bristol; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be in the chapel of WGGG TV 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday and the funeral will be held at Faith Temple Church on 3:00 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be in the cemetery at Faith Temple Church. Donations may be made to Dove Broadcasting, Inc., P.O. Box 1616, Greenville, S.C. 29602.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

WGGS-TV 16 Studio
3409 Rutherford Road
Taylors, SC

Service

JUN 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Faith Temple
5080 Sandy Flat Road
Taylors, SC 29687

Tribute Wall



“ Brother Jimmy and Sister Joanne and their Ministry was a Great Inspiration to me. I loved them both. They will be missed but now they are together,##imported-begin##Elizabeth Laughter Seigler##imported-end##

June 04, 2011 at 12:43 PM



“ I wanted to express my deepest sympathy to the Thompson family in the passing of Mr. Thompson (Jimmy). He was one of the greatest men that I have ever known. He and JoAnne were some of the best friends that Noah and I had throughout these many years. God certainly received two angels when they were called to Heaven. I can only see in my mind's eye how the reunion must have been between them and Noah. One day we will ALL be there with them to live with Jesus forever. I will keep you in my prayers and hope that you will do the same for all of us. Love In Christ! Kathy Lark##imported-begin##Kathy Lark##imported-end##

June 02, 2011 at 02:58 PM



“ Dear family,
I know you miss Rev. Thompson dearly. He was a man of character and upheld his good name. I've always said if my grandmother and Rev. Thompson don't make it into heaven the rest of us don't have a chance. He was one of the grandest human beings to grace this earth. What a blessing to have occupied the same space as such a humble man of God, for not everyone had the pleasure to be in his presence and experience the essence of his spirit. Vincent, Duane, Dante' and Shane carry the legacy with vigor, integrity and be guided by the Holy Spirit. God bless you all and I love you.##imported-begin##Chrelle Booker##imported-end##

June 02, 2011 at 09:17 AM



“ I was honored to work with Jimmy in the founding of Faith Temple in 1956. I was the first associate pastor and on staff for Faith Journal Magazine. All the kind words about him are true. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Dr. John and Bonnie Eller##imported-end##

June 01, 2011 at 07:20 PM



“ I'm Going to miss that smile that always identified Jimmy as being the Face of Jesus. Praying for the family.

Melvin Klaudt##imported-begin##Melvin Klaudt##imported-end##

June 01, 2011 at 01:27 PM



“ When I think of Jimmy I always think of him as the most humble man in Christian Broadcasting. He and WGGG are greatly responsible for me being in ministry today. Thank you my Dear Brother for all your hard work and faithfulness to the call. You'll be missed. Much Love: James South###imported-begin##James South###imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 11:33 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Jimmy Thompsons passing..He is now with his wife Joanne in Heaven at the feet of Jesus..I also became watching channel 16 when I married my hubby now,,Channel 16 has blessed me and I will always remember Jo ann and Jimmy Thompson..Prayers are with the family and friends...God Bless..###imported-begin## Deb Pittman Edwards###imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 07:00 PM



“ Bro. Jimmy was a very special friend to us. He will be greatly missed. Our love and prayers are with all the family,
Lloyd Morgan Revivals
Rev. & Mrs. Lloyd Morgan & family###imported-begin##Rev. Lloyd Morgan###imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 02:17 PM



“ Now, Jimmy is with his Heavenly father and Joanne forever. "I want to stroll over Heaven with you some glad day, when all our troubles and heartaches have truly vanished away. There we'll enjoy all the beauty, where all things are new. I want to stroll over Heaven with you." I look forward to joining them one glad day in that stroll over Heaven.##imported-begin##Beverly##imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 12:31 PM



“ Rev. Thompson was one of the most kind and friendly people I have ever met. He was not a "respector of persons" because he was kind to everyone. He was a Godly man who left a good impression on people wherever he went. We will miss his Godly influence.##imported-begin##Doris Khoe##imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 10:58 AM



“ What a man Jimmy was. I had the honor of working for him for 10 years total on two separate occasions. I never once saw him raise his voice in anger. He always kept a level head even when his tie caught on fire, from an exploding light, during a telethon at TV 57 in Columbia. I will always remember the famous "Jimmy Jump", as we would affectionately call it, when a big pledge would come in. Now he can "jump" once again and be with the love of his life, "Jo". Rest well, Rev.Thompson or Jimmy. You deserve it very much! See you when I get there!##imported-begin##Doug Brown##imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 08:34 AM



“ I spent many nights when I was growing up watching Brother and Sister Thompson. I would stay at my grandmothers house during the summer and weekends and that is all she would watch was channel 16. As i grew up and would go visit she would be watching channel 16. I have been truly blessed to get announced to this family christian station. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
The King family
Seneca SC##imported-begin##Michelle King##imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 08:20 AM



“ A good child of God taken home to live an eternal life where he will join his dear Joanne praising the Saviour they so dearly loved.
David##imported-begin##david burdette##imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 06:59 AM



“ Jimmy was a kind man with a tender heart. Even though I only worked for Channel 16 for a couple years, he came to my mother's funeral in 2000. He ordained my husband when my husband was a young man and remembered him even after his memory began to fade. Rest in Peace Rev. Thompson.##imported-begin##Lynn Pittman##imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 12:22 AM