



Rev. Raymon L. White

June 27, 1934 - March 30, 2016

Rev. Raymon Lee White, 81, died March 30, 2016 at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

A native of Salem, Oregon, son of the late Marlen Calvin and Emma E. Coleman White, he was a retired minister for the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. He and Joan were married 60 years. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in Columbia Theological Seminary. He was Pastor Emeritus at First Presbyterian Church, Greer. During his 36 year pastorate he served the following churches: Southwood Presbyterian Church, Talladega, Alabama, Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Georgia, First Presbyterian Church, Greer, South Carolina, Pilgrim Oaks Presbyterian Church in Simpsonville, South Carolina, and Abbeville Presbyterian Church, Abbeville, South Carolina.

He was active in Foothill Presbytery's Ministries in Sudan and Ghana. He developed an educational program for perpetrators of domestic violence called "Families You Can't Beat Them." He loved storytelling and was available to tell stories anytime. He especially loved telling stories to the children at Dunbar Child Development Center in Greer.

Prior to his retirement, he built his retirement home in the Blue Ridge area of Greenville County. One of his retirement projects was taking piano lessons from a 101 year old lady. He was on the level 2 book. He enjoyed bee keeping, woodworking, hiking and his grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Brasse White of the home; three daughters, Pam

(Joe) Mills of Marietta, Georgia, Kim (Jerry) Gilmore of Greenville and Amy (Jeff) Evans-White of Portland, Oregon; two sons, Jeff (Patty) White of Greer and Todd (Elizabeth) White of Auburn, Alabama; a brother, Bert (Janet) White of Pembroke, Massachusetts; seventeen grandchildren, Jessica Erin Gibbons, Patrick Dover, Alicia (Joe) Worley, Amanda (Zach) Gorchley, Charlotte Allen (Sean) Bailey, Garrett (Giselle) Gilmore, Camille Gilmore, Nick (Grace) Tuschak Basinger, Patrick Basinger, Olivia White, Harrison White, and Owen White; and one great-grandchild, Benjamin Gilmore.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, Greer, conducted by Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters and Rev. Wayne Cole. Visitation will be held following the service at the church.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 100 School Street, Greer, SC 29651.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Greer
100 School Street
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Rev. Raymon L. White*



The Wood Mortuary - April 02, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ *Jeff & family, I just heard about your father and I am so sorry! I had no idea that he had developed a program on domestic violence, that is the field that I work in. May God richly bless and comfort each of you in the coming days, as you adjust to life without your father. Sending love and prayers to each of you.*

Connie Howard Orr

Connie Orr - April 06, 2016 at 03:02 PM

“ *Our prayers of comfort are with all the family during this time! Sorry we were not there with you for the service. Prayers and prayers!!
Clark Dennis Cundiff and Amy Townsend Virginia Beach Virginia*

Clark Cundiff - April 05, 2016 at 02:36 PM

MW

“ Our deepest sympathy to you, Joan and all of the children. We deeply regret that we had to be out of town on Saturday and were not able to share his beautiful memorial service and express our condolences in person.

Ray was a special person with the kindest words and most appropriate remarks that always made you feel special. Of all of the ministers we have had over our many years, Ray is "the leader of the pack".

With our fond memories and love to you.

Margaret and George Wasson

Margaret and George Wasson - April 03, 2016 at 01:26 PM

AK

“ Jeff and The White families, I am sorry to hear of your fathers passing. You have a gift of comforting others during times like this and I know how helpful you were during the loss of my mother. May you feel God's presence, grace, mercy and love.

Angie Ashmore Kruse and Austin Johnson

Angie Ashmore Kruse - April 02, 2016 at 04:51 PM

LF

“ Jeff, Sorry I couldn't make your Fathers service. It was just last week that we discussed his health and return from the hospital. Sorry for your loss.

Larry Freehauf

larry freehauf - April 02, 2016 at 01:11 PM



“ *Shelby Jones lit a candle in memory of Rev. Raymon L. White*



Shelby Jones - April 02, 2016 at 10:00 AM



“ *Sarah McIntyre lit a candle in memory of Rev. Raymon L. White*



Sarah McIntyre - April 02, 2016 at 09:36 AM



One of Ray's first ministerial duties at Greer First Presbyterian was to come welcome our son John into this world. I met my Favorite Preacher at Allen Bennett Hospital! He was the most compassionate, most sincere preacher I had since I was a baby, under Preacher Johnston. Ray will always hold a warm, fuzzy spot in my heart. Not much suited me any better than a good hug and back scratch from Preacher White! I will surely miss him!

Sarah McIntyre - April 02, 2016 at 09:39 AM



“ *We were saddened to learn of Ray's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time of loss. We are thankful that God in His Divine Providence caused our paths to cross. May Christ grant you comfort and peace!*

Loren & Pat Pinkerman

Loren Pinkerman - April 02, 2016 at 08:15 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rev. Raymon L. White.*



April 01, 2016 at 07:12 PM



“ *To all the White family,
We were so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He was a wonderful man and had a great influence on our family's lives. We can never praise him enough. We wish we could be there with you on Saturday, but we are in New Zealand at present, but our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Trudi and Jeff Rounsley.

Trudi Rounsley - April 01, 2016 at 02:01 PM



Joan and family

Please except my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Pam Johnson

Pam Johnson - April 02, 2016 at 03:46 PM



“ *I enjoyed storytelling with Ray. Thinking of you. Anne Shaver*

Anne Shaver - April 01, 2016 at 12:07 PM

FS

“ Jeff: I was so sorry to read the news of your Dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Frances C. Southerland - April 01, 2016 at 11:37 AM

SF

“ Steven Wade Smith & Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Rev. Raymon L. White.



Steven Wade Smith & Family - March 31, 2016 at 10:53 PM

CB

“ Ray was a great friend and mentor when I moved back to my home church, Abbeville Presbyterian, in the late 1990's. He helped me find a place in the church I grew up in. He helped me through hard times. And married me and my wonderful husband Bill 10 years ago this December. I'll always have a special place in my heart for him. But today my heart is aching. My prayers to Joan and family.

Cyndi Banks - March 31, 2016 at 09:13 PM

JW

“ My family loved you all for all these wonderful years. I shall always remember how sweet and kind he and Joan were. Ray was Young at Heart. I will miss seeing him around Greer. Sending Blessings and Prayers to the family.

Judy Walker - March 31, 2016 at 07:38 PM

BF

“ Ray was our mentor as a short-term missionary. He inspired our love for mission work. As the result of his influence, we have completed about 18 medical mission trips to Honduras, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, and Mexico. We treasure our memories of him as our pastor at Abbeville Presbyterian Church.
Love, Barbara and Hal Freese

Barbara Freese - March 31, 2016 at 04:06 PM

HD

“ We only new Ray for a short time, but during that time he gave us joy and welcomed us into the family. We will always remember the cook out, dinners and most of all the wedding her performed between his granddaughter (Carly) and our son (Sean). Our prayers are with the family.

Harold and Denise Bailey

Harold and Denise - March 31, 2016 at 03:28 PM

JS

“ Dear Mrs. White and family,
I am thinking of and praying for you. I have the fondest memories of Mr. White as a family friend and pastor. I have no doubt that he and daddy are waxing eloquently in heaven.
Much love,
Julia Sullivan

Julia Sullivan - March 31, 2016 at 01:31 PM