



Rev. Fay Lanford

January 28, 1913 - August 14, 2007

Heading: Reverend Fay L. Lanford, Sr.

Dateline: Greer

Reverend Fay L. Lanford, Sr., 94, of 207 Brookwood Drive, died August 14, 2007 at Allen Bennett Hospital.

A native of Spartanburg County, he was the son of the late Lewis W. and Hattie Eubanks Lanford.

Rev. Lanford was a graduate of North Greenville Junior College and Furman University. He was a retired Southern Baptist Pastor-Minister, ordained by the New Pisgah Baptist Church of North Spartanburg.

During his active years, he served pastorates at the following churches: Gowansville, New Liberty, and Pleasant Hill in the North Greenville Association, Glen Street Baptist Church, Newberry, SC, Beaverdam and Big Creek in the Palmetto Association, Williamston, SC. Since retiring in 1975, he has served 17 interim pastorates, including the Pleasant Grove Church where he was a member at the time of his death.

Reverend Lanford served two three year terms on the General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention. He also served as Moderator of the Reedy River and Palmetto Baptist Associations.

He was listed in the 1973-75 editions of Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans published by American Biographical Institutes.

He was predeceased by an infant daughter, Carolyn Faye Lanford, and by a son, Fay L. Lanford, Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 75 years, Grace Ballenger Lanford of the home; a daughter, Shirley Lanford West and her husband, Earl West, of Greer; and a daughter-in-law, Rachel Peace Lanford, of Greer. Three grandchildren: Denise West Plumblee and her husband, Phil Plumblee, of Greer; Kimberly West Hartley and her husband, Dave Hartley, of Baltimore, Maryland; and Chris Lanford and his wife, Debra Lanford, of Greer. Seven great-grandchildren: Andrew Plumblee, Jordan Plumblee, Kayla Lanford, Megan Lanford, Kendall Lanford, Grace Hartley, and Samantha Hartley.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 17, 2007 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. Danny O. Emory, Dr. Drew Hines, and Rev. Don Kelley. Burial will follow in Wood Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Bobby Young, Joey Merrill, Ronnie Hudson, Bryon Brown, Pete Edens, and Chris Lanford.

Honorary escort will be the Adult One Sunday School Department of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Dick and Sharone Wood, and any ministers and their wives present at the service.

Visitation will be held 6:00-7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 16, 2007 at the Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home of his daughter, Shirley West, 312 N. Suber Road, Greer.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 154 Milestone Way, Greenville, S.C. 29615.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
1002 S. Buncombe Rd.
Greer, SC

Tribute Wall



“ Aunt Grace/Shirley and Family,It goes without saying that the loss of Uncle Fay will sadden all touched by him. He was truly a man of great faith and he was able share that faith with all who came in contact with him. We will never forget him and we know that he is looking down on us and still as always, comforting us in our time of need.Thank you Uncle Fay###imported-begin##Gene Gosnell###imported-end##

August 19, 2007 at 08:24 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Preacher Fay Lanford's passing. I know the family will miss him. He preached at my church for a little while. I was blessed to get to know him and his lovely wife. The family is my prayers. May God bless and comfort you in the coming days.###imported-begin##MARTHA KELLER###imported-end##

August 18, 2007 at 08:30 AM



“ To the Lanford Family:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at your time of loss.

To Rachel:

Wish I could come for the visitation and funeral of Rev. Lanford, but because of my current physical condition, I cannot. You have my prayers and sympathy in the passing of your father-in-law.

Mot & Frances###imported-begin##Mot & Frances Southerland###imported-end##

August 16, 2007 at 06:17 PM



“ Brother Fay has been a tremendous blessing to us over the years. We enjoyed fellowship with him in the Palmetto Association and when we were in the Greer area. We thank God for his faithfulness to the Cause of Christ and to Southern Baptist work everywhere. His gentle spirit and firm faith was a great inspiration to me as a young minister many years ago. May God bless your entire family during these days and the days ahead. We celebrate his homegoing with you all. Joshua 1:9###imported-begin###Rev. & Mrs. Bobby Jones###imported-end###

August 16, 2007 at 05:08 PM



“ I'm so saddend by your loss of Rev Landford. He was the sweetest pastor. I'm sad to say I havent seem him in a long time. He was our interim pastor at Northwood Baptist Church when I was a child. Rev. Landford lead me to the Lord one Sunday morning. He baptized me also. I will never forget what he did for me that day. The Lord spoke to my heart through his message. My thoughts and prayers are with your'e family at this time. He was a wonderful man.###imported-begin###Julie Knighton Shuford ###imported-end###

August 16, 2007 at 03:57 PM



“ We send our deepest condolences to the family of Reverend Lanford. It was a honor and a joy to have taken care of him during his brief stay at Allen Bennett. He was a man of high honor and intergrity, and will be forever in our hearts. He will truly be missed.###imported-begin###Nicole Louris/Phyllis Nash (PCT Allen Bennett Hospital)###imported-end###

August 16, 2007 at 01:48 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Rev. Fay Lanford.
May God's peace be with you at this time.*

- Daughter of Alvin G. Lanford -

*- Granddaughter of Clara N. Lanford -##imported-begin##Kelly
Lanford Kozlowski##imported-end##*

August 15, 2007 at 10:07 PM