



Rev. Rick Wofford

July 30, 1957 - June 15, 2015

Rev. Clyde Richard (Rick) Wofford of Lyman, SC passed away on June 15, 2015 at home of melanoma cancer. Born in Spartanburg, SC on July 30, 1957 he was raised in Landrum, SC. He was a son of the late Clyde Wofford and Grace Waters Wofford.

He is survived by and was married to the love of his life, Juanita Merritt Wofford, for 36 years. Rick was an Associate Pastor and member of Praise Cathedral Church of God in Greer, SC.

He is also survived by two wonderful sons; Rich (Dovie) Wofford of Moore, SC and Ryan Wofford of Denver, CO, and sister Sheri Garron of Landrum, SC. Rick truly knew that he was loved by his grandchildren Charlotte Rae Wofford and Colton William Wofford; they were the sunshine of his life. Additionally, his niece, Leighanna Grace Wofford; brother in law, Rod Ashley and wife Susan of Simpsonville, SC; sister in law Betty Sue Jensen of Minneapolis, MN; and special cousin, Norma Blackwell of Landrum, SC.

He was predeceased by a brother, Dr. Michael Earl (Carol) Wofford and sister Kathy Elizabeth Wofford Romich.

He was previously employed as an engineer at American Spinning (Greenville), Progress Lighting (Cowpens), and Raynor Garage Doors (Duncan). He enjoyed his time at each of these positions and made lifelong friends.

Rick was a proud graduate of Landrum High School (1975), Clemson University (1979) and Southern Wesleyan University (2003).

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 from 5:30-8:30 pm at Praise Cathedral, 3390 Brushy Creek Road, Greer, SC. Funeral services will be held at Praise Cathedral on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 2:00 pm, conducted by Rev. Jerry Madden and Rev. Richard Porterfield. Private burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Landrum, SC.

The Ministry and office staff and Chaplains of Praise Cathedral will serve as honorary escorts. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to By His Stripes Ministry, 8871 Warren H. Abernathy Hwy, Spartanburg, SC 29301-1259.

Rick would like to thank Dr. Claude Woollen, Dr. Gerald Rollins, Dr. Michael Tanbonliong, Dr. Paul Ross, Dr. Karen Devore, Dr. Francis Thandroyen, and Dr. Steven Corso and their staffs for their friendship and care.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Praise Cathedral
3390 Brushy Creek Road
Greer, SC 29650

Service

JUN 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Mark and I cared so very much for Rick. He was simple, kind and gracious. We loved hearing his funny stories whenever he spoke. It was so evident how much he truly cared for others in the way that Christ wants His children to. He had such a tender sweet spirit that made us all aspire to be better in our walk with the Lord. He is today with his Lord and Savior and we know he is rejoicing! Your family is in our prayers. He will be missed by so many because he touched so many with his life!*
Mark and Pam Cofer

Pam Cofer - June 17, 2015 at 12:46 PM

AS

“ *I am deeply sadden by the loss of my Pastor and friend. Rick was a Godly man and his life reflected God and His Word. He had a deep love for God. I have a hope knowing one day soon we will all be together forever, nevermore to depart. Family, I love you in Christ! You are in my thoughts and prayers. God will give you comfort during this time as his Word proclaims (Matthew 5:4). Look up!*



Andrea Sowers - June 17, 2015 at 08:54 AM

WH

“ *Please know that our family Rev Wayne and Linda Hinton will always love the fact that we got to meet this sweet family of Woffords' many years ago at Landrum Church of God of Prophecy will be rembering you for many years to come. All the family is in our thoughts and prayers!!*

wayne hinton - June 17, 2015 at 08:36 AM

MM

“ *Mirinda Mills lit a candle in memory of Rev. Rick Wofford*



mirinda mills - June 17, 2015 at 08:25 AM

MM

“ *I will always remember him for continuing the tradition from Uncle Ted by calling me "Sparkplug" when we would see each other:) You will be greatly missed and never know how much you truly touched me!!*

Mirinda Hinton Mills

mirinda mills - June 17, 2015 at 08:24 AM

PG

“ *My mom, Pay Stowik, and myself, Lynn Gregory, are deeply sorry for te families loss of such a wonderful man. We rejoice that heaven is embracing Pastor Rick and thankful for the love he showed all and how much kindness he have to me and my family during various challenges with my mothers medical conditions. We rememeber years of sitting in front of Juanita and Rick in the church and the unforgettable pink suit and the joyful smile Pastor Rick always wore. I stop ad think why such a man taken home so soon and then I remind myself that the time is short and God must need good men to uphold all the work the heavens and our savior has todo to prepare for the reunion of saints that we all await on our savior a second coming. I am sure Pastor Rick is working up in heaven as he worked on earth in the name of Jesus. Much love to Juanita and his children and family.*

Pat Stowik and Lynn Gregory - June 17, 2015 at 07:03 AM

DB

“ We are praying for your comfort and blessing.

Dr. L. F. Baldwin - June 17, 2015 at 06:45 AM

TM

“ Rich, I just wanted you to know that I am thinking about you. Your Dad was a kind man who touched many lives. My prayers continue for you and your family.
Teresa McKinney



Teresa McKinney - June 17, 2015 at 05:54 AM

TE

“ Ted & Karen Eachus purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Rev. Rick Wofford.



Ted & Karen Eachus - June 16, 2015 at 11:14 PM

BW

“ It meant so much to me & Bedell Willis when he came to the hospital to see him in 2013. Much Love & Prayers. Brenda & Bedell Willis

Brenda H Willis - June 16, 2015 at 08:56 PM

RP

“ Rick blessed many people with his caring and gentle spirit. He was a true pastor at heart and will be missed by many. When my dad was ill and dying with bone cancer Rick would faithfully come with a communion set and have communion with my father. This was one of the highlights of dad's week. Now Rick will have communion with dad in heaven.

Juanita your loss is great and my prayers are with you and your sons. Rick was a shining star; may God journey with you and be your star in the upcoming months.

Rhonda & Emily Pruitt

Rhonda Pruitt - June 16, 2015 at 06:20 PM

KA

“ Sheri&FamilyThinking of you in your time of sorrow and extending our heartfelt sympathy. With love and prayers.

Marilyn&Kay Thompson

Kay - June 16, 2015 at 05:58 PM



GC

“ Such a great guy with wonderful nature and nothing was any trouble for him! Always had a supporting word and a smile. I feel truly honoured to have known Rick and we shared some fun times, from clearing out storage for sales to a great day out cheering on Clemson Tigers. Taken from us too soon but he made a difference to so many peoples lives and not many these days do that!

Gary Chowns - June 16, 2015 at 04:04 PM





“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Rick Wofford.*



June 16, 2015 at 03:26 PM

 Janet Lister

“ *Janet Lister lit a candle in memory of Rev. Rick Wofford*



Janet Lister - June 16, 2015 at 01:45 PM

KD

“ *Never had the honor of getting to know you. Our heart is with all the family and. Praise Cathedral folks may Jesus comfort your hearts. Hugs. Ken and. Lorraine. Douglas*

ken and Lorraine Douglas - June 16, 2015 at 10:29 AM

PG

“ *I learned a lot from Rick. One time he wore overalls to church on Sunday so someone he invited would feel comfortable. Never will forget some of the Ranger programs He did. One on ironing clothes. One on the proper way to use the toilet. Always a humble and brilliant man. How's the bluegrass in heaven Rick?*

Phillip Gschwend - June 16, 2015 at 06:12 AM



Love you Phillip.

Ryan Woofer - June 16, 2015 at 11:30 AM

NB

“ *Nora Brown lit a candle in memory of Rev. Rick Wofford*



Nora Brown - June 16, 2015 at 05:15 AM

TA

“ *Since the day I met you and Rick, I felt loved as if we had always been friends!! I'm beyond sorry that we are out of town in Virginia and will miss his going home celebration!!! We will continue to pray for peace and comfort for the family during this time. Love, The Jamie Cole Jr. Family*

Tara - June 15, 2015 at 10:49 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev. Rick Wofford.*



June 15, 2015 at 08:09 PM

MH

“ *Rick was a great Christian and man he helped me find god again after wondering in the dark for so longlove you pastor Rick and you'rr home now in you white suit rejoicing with godwill be missed*

Matthew Hudson - June 15, 2015 at 08:00 PM



Haha, for sure.

Ryan Woofer - June 16, 2015 at 11:32 AM

BS

“ *So very sorry to you all. I met Rick when I visited Praise and also through the Becks. He will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers for his family and friends. May God wrap his loving arms around you all.*

Brenda Spivey - June 15, 2015 at 07:17 PM

CG

“ *Rick was a very special person to my family . Being with us on the passing my grandmother. Visited my grandfather weekly thereafter being a friend with long talks about his farming and my grandfather's military service . A pastor with sweet prayers on each visit . Even blessing us on Easter Sunday when his family took time to visit us . To preaching one of the SWEETEST funeral services I have ever sat through for my grandfather . Now they will have those long talks in heaven . I was BLESSED to have known such a man . My prayers are with his family .*



Celesta Griffith - June 15, 2015 at 07:17 PM

AH

“ *We regret not being in town to support you & the family during this time. Our prayers, thoughts, and love are there with you in abundance.*

The Al Hunt Family

Al Hunt - June 15, 2015 at 07:10 PM

JJ

“ Over the last two or three years Rev. Wofford and Praise Cathedral has helped with our yearly outreach, the Care Fair in Greer. It didn't matter that our church wasn't connected to his church.....he just wanted to reach out and show Christ's love.
I'll never forget how he helped in the prayer tent at the Fair each year and how he helped us out with needed equipment. He truly made the most of his life.

*John Jenkins, Director
Helping Hands of Greer
Trinity Fellowship*

John W. Jenkins - June 15, 2015 at 07:03 PM

MH

“ *Mary Hudson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Rick Wofford*



Mary Hudson - June 15, 2015 at 06:53 PM

DL

“ *So sorry for your loss. The family has my deepest sympathy. Love and Prayers.*



Dolly Lynn - June 15, 2015 at 06:31 PM

KF

“ We hadn't the honor of knowing Pastor Rick and Juanita but for just a few years. He always had a smile, a word of encouragement, or just a handshake which always made you feel his love and caring. His life touched many and I will remember his visits in pre-op or after a surgery, always caring, and ready to help in any way. To Juanita and the family, we love you, and our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless you all and comfort you. Rick has won his victory....what could be better than walking into the arms of our Lord Jesus!

With much love, Kim and Lester Fowler, Trudy Sherbert

Kim Fowler - June 15, 2015 at 06:08 PM

PS

“ My Dar Rick, I so remember your words again of you Rick, and of rejoicing in Heaven. I love you, Pat

Pat Stowik - June 15, 2015 at 06:00 PM

JN

“ Jerry Harmon & the Harmon family in Carson City, Nevada purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Rev. Rick Wofford.



Jerry Harmon & the Harmon family in Carson City, Nevada -
June 15, 2015 at 05:09 PM



“ To the Wofford family I am so sorry for your loss!!!! Knowing without a doubt Rick is in a better place!!!! NO more pain or disappointment NO more tears!!!! That is a blessing in itself!!! I Pray that God will comfort you in this very difficult time!!! Rick will be MISSED so much!!! He was always so friendly and just a pleasure to be around!!!!!! Not to mention his beautiful wife!!!! She is the same friendly loving person as he was!!! Juanita if can do anything to help ease your pain just let me know!!!!

Nan Smith - June 15, 2015 at 04:38 PM

EH

“ Pastor Wofford always visited my dad, Rev James Terry, when he was sick. He visited and prayed with him during his last 30 days in Hospice House. He would always tell me that he wished that he had been able to sit under my daddy' s ministry. This meant so much to me. I am so sorry for your loss, but I know that he is rejoicing in heaven with all the saints who went before him. God be with you, as always. Emily Terry Hatchell. Campobello SC

Emily Terry Hatchell - June 15, 2015 at 04:00 PM

LD

“ I am thankful for every visit and phone call Rick Wofford made to my husband and me. He was a sweet, thoughtful, happy Christian. I am so thankful for Rick and Juanita and their ministers. Libby Darnell

Libby Darnell - June 15, 2015 at 03:59 PM

LB

“ So sorry for your loss. He is with our Lord now and not in any pain. Tommy and I will keep you and your family in our prayers. We love you both.

Louise Brown - June 15, 2015 at 03:49 PM

GC

“ *Becky and I loved Rick.
He always checked on us, encouraged us, prayed with us, and showed us great friendship.
We will miss him, our prayers for Juanita and all the family for God's greatest comfort to each of you.
We celebrate him home!!
George & Becky Colley*

George Colley - June 15, 2015 at 03:29 PM

KG

Pastor Rick and Juanita are adoptees of The Cook Family. We love and adore them both! He always made time spent in hospital waiting rooms more bearable by sharing funny stories, kind words and his corny jokes! :-) He will truly be missed!
*Love and prayers,
Karen Cook Gregory*

Karen Cook Gregory - June 15, 2015 at 05:25 PM

EC

“ *I have too many very special memories to share about the last several years of my life that I have been blessed to share with my friend and brother in Christ, Pastor Rick Wofford. I learned a lot of valuable lessons and life truths from knowing and working with Rick that God has used to change me and affect my life in powerful ways.*

Juanita and family, our love and prayers are with you, and we are so thankful that we have God's Promise and Word on it that His Grace is sufficient. May His peace that passes all understanding simply envelop you all during this time.

Eric and Cliffette Campbell

Eric Campbell - June 15, 2015 at 03:18 PM

JS

Rick will be never be forgotten ,he was a precious man of God.

Jo Ogle Styles - June 15, 2015 at 09:37 PM



He talked about you Eric on many occasions.

Ryan Woofer - June 16, 2015 at 11:34 AM

JL

“ *Juanita and Family,*

Though your hearts are broken and tears are many, may you rest in the knowledge that God was faithful to Rick and that now he is completely healed and forever safe in the arms of God. We pray now for your healing. God bless you all.

David and Janet Lister

Janet Lister - June 15, 2015 at 02:29 PM

JR

“ *Rich,*

Thinking of you and your family during this time. Hoping your faith and memories will comfort you during this time. Jeri Ross-Hayes

Jeri Ross-Hayes - June 15, 2015 at 02:15 PM

VM

“ Juanita, Richie, Dovie, Ryan and the entire Wofford family,

Pastor Rick has fought the good fight, he has kept the faith and he is now in the presence of the Lord. His battle with cancer is over and he is now totally free from pain! I will miss his ever smiling face. I will never forget seeing him come down the long hospital hallway when my mom was in the hospital. It had not been a very good day. His prayers and encouragement meant SO much during those trying days.

Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. He made it to the other side before the rest of us but I don't believe it will be too much longer before we will all join him to forever be with our Lord.

May God's peace and comfort surround all of you today and through the coming days.

*Love,
Vicki Mahon*

Vicki Mahon - June 15, 2015 at 01:31 PM



We are sorry for your loss. Peace & Love to the family.

Bobbie Pyle - June 15, 2015 at 02:11 PM

RS

So beautiful are your words, little Vicki! I could not have expressed my feelings for Pastor Rick any better! He will truly be missed by all who knew & loved him! We lost a saint but Heaven gained an angel! Love & prayers to you, Juanita, along with the rest of your precious family!

Robin Smith - June 15, 2015 at 02:36 PM

RS

Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and your family.

Rosalyn Splawn

Rosalyn E. Splawn - June 15, 2015 at 03:07 PM

DL

We are so sorry for your loss. He was such a kind man. Prayers to you and your family. God bless you. Love the Lemaster and Kinder families.

Dorothy Lemaster - June 15, 2015 at 03:41 PM

BP

there are few people that you know in a life time that are as genuine in the Cristian faith as Rick was ...I feel honored to have known him for a few short years.... Bill Parker

Bill Parker - June 15, 2015 at 04:24 PM

BP

Bonnie Powell Rick always had a beautiful smile and a giving spirit the last time I saw him Juanita was going to the produce market by church I teased him because he gave her money to buy strawberries I said he could hand some money my way and broke out in that glowing smile he will be greatly missed by all

bonnie powell - June 15, 2015 at 05:48 PM

TU

I was so sorry to hear of Pastor Rick's passing, what an awesome man he was, there was never a time that I did not see him.there would always be that big smile followed by a big bear hug. He loved people and would always be there in your time of need. God Bless you Pastor Rick, your battle is over, rest in the presence of the Lord. Love, thoughts and prayers to Juanita and the family.

Terri Uplinger and family

Terri Uplinger - June 15, 2015 at 06:33 PM

MH

Words can not express our feelings for Pastor Rick. He brought laughter and help to everyone he came in contact with. He gave me much comfort in visiting my late brother, Johnny. The world suffers a loss, but heaven is much brighter. Prayers and thoughts to Juanita and the rest of the family. Love in Christ from the Hudson family

Mary Hudson - June 15, 2015 at 06:53 PM

DW

I was telling my sister about Pastor Rick when she stopped me and said ,he sounds just like the person to visit a lost farmer we have been praying for over thirty years, She said do you think he would come visit him, I said He would love to. Rick visited with him and led .him to the Lord. In just a few weeks the farmer passed away, This was the Rick I new. Miss You Doc Wilson

Doc Wilson - June 16, 2015 at 07:40 AM

LR

When I was reading Rick's obituary I felt like Rick was reading it to me. And then, at the end, Rick was thanking those who took care of him....as if he were right here speaking. What an amazing person and family. He will be missed by so many because his life here on this earth was dedicated to God's Will. I'm sure Rick is walking somewhere in Heaven in his bright, WHITE suit wondering who he can pray and worship with....

Linda Robertson - June 16, 2015 at 07:53 AM

MB

Richie, Ryan, and Juanita: Sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He was in my first Physics class at Landrum High School. He was a great guy...and always smiling and helpful. I just enjoyed seeing him because he always made me feel welcome..He will be missed.

Marvin Beach

Marvin Beach - June 16, 2015 at 12:35 PM

DH

God called one of His saints home.. We'll miss you, Pastor Rick.

Robert and Dimples Howell

Dimples Howell - June 16, 2015 at 01:14 PM

WW

Words do not come easy when you lose a great friend like Rick Wofford. He always helped me while I was on staff and working with the Senior Adults. Thank you Rick for your many comforting words to me during my many surgery times. Juanita and family, may God bless and keep you is our prayer.

Bill & Betty Waters

William Waters - June 16, 2015 at 08:19 PM

BG

Dear Juanita and family,

I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Rick. I will always remember the wonderful times that you and Rick spent with us at our family gatherings. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Barbara Griffett

Barbara Griffett - June 18, 2015 at 08:24 AM