



Rev. A.C. Durham

May 2, 1933 - June 1, 2019

On Saturday, June 1st of 2019, Heaven rejoiced at the homecoming of Rev. Arnold Conley (A. C.) Durham. A faithful and unchanging Man of God, he was a loving husband, devoted father, grandfather, faithful minister, prayer warrior and true friend.

He was employed at Combustion Engineering for 18 years as a welder. He submitted into full time ministry in 1964 and pastored Pleasant Grove Baptist Church for 42 years from 1964-2006. He led revivals in states across the U.S. forming life-long friendships. A.C. served for many years on the Board of Rock of Ages Prison Ministry and he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Faith Baptist Institute and Bible College in May 2004. He was a member of a Tri-State Preachers Fellowship.

Rev. Durham was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace Denson Durham and Odessa Tinker Durham of Trenton, GA; sisters, Bertha Durham Kelly and Lorina Durham Fowler; brothers, William, Farris (Cotton), Millard, Ralph and Clarence Durham.

He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Betty Smith Durham; three daughters, Marsha (Bruce) Case of Chattanooga, TN, Denise (Newt) Palmer of Rising Fawn, GA, Sharon (Tommy) Castleberry of Trenton, GA. One granddaughter Rachel Palmer Lynch. Six grandsons', Shane (Mandy) Cloud, Heath (Patricia) Cloud, Wesley (Jessica) Palmer, Seth (Tiffany) Castleberry, Adam Castleberry, Cru (Amanda) Palmer, ten great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Please share your expressions of sympathy at ryanfuneralhome.net.

We invite all who have been touched by the testimony of his love for the Lord to join us as we celebrate him home. Visitation will be held Tuesday, June 4, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ryan Funeral Home and Wednesday, June 5, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Trenton, GA. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church with Brother Shane Cloud (grandson), Brother Ronnie Jones and Brother Larry Sexton officiating. Interment will be held at Payne Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory, Trenton, Georgia.

Cemetery

Events

Payne Cemetery

Trenton, GA, 30752

JUN 4

Visitation

03:00PM - 08:00PM

Ryan Funeral Home and Crematory
11415 S Main St PO Box 506, Trenton, GA, US, 30752

JUN 5

Visitation

12:00PM - 02:00PM

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
2227 Highway 301 South, Trenton, GA, US, 30752

JUN 5

A Celebration of Life

02:00PM

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Comments



“ I sincerely regret the passing of this good man. All of the family are in my prayers.

Alan Yates - June 08, 2019 at 01:23 AM



“ I thank God for the pleasure of knowing such a sweet, humble, sinner loving Man of God. Now I say we have another Treasure in Heaven! Glory to God!

Danny Martin - June 05, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ Bro. A.C. preached both my parent's funerals. Tom and Barbara Schild. He and his family hold a very special place in our heart. One revival he preached for my dad was very instrumental in my Salvation. Heaven is even more sweeter now since up there with them.

Steve Schild - June 05, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ It was my honor to meet and become friends with Bro. Durham. Our paths first crossed briefly at a Jubilee Meeting in De Soto, Missouri. I was deeply moved by his preaching, his sincerity, his love for God, his tenderness, his burden for his family, and his earnest and faithful filled prayer life. It was my privilege to have him for several years come to our Annual Jubilee at Old Paths Baptist Church, in Dubuque, IA. He was always the honored and preferred speaker and our church family grew to love him dearly.

I will greatly cherish the memories of having Bro. A.C., Bro. Shofner, and Bro. Waymire, all chatting at the same table. There was no telling what might be said or what might be heard. Those will always be precious memories.

I greatly appreciated his advice, his friendship, and his prayers for my family and I. I always looked at Bro. A.C., as an unsung hero. He was one of the giants of the faith and will be greatly missed. I am glad to have been able to say he was my friend.



Edward Mast - June 04, 2019 at 03:08 PM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. A.C. Durham.



June 04, 2019 at 02:49 PM



“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



Ryan Funeral Home - June 04, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“ 110 files added to the album LifeTributes



Ryan Funeral Home - June 04, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ Richard Boyd Family & Rhonda Smith purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Rev. A.C. Durham.



Richard Boyd Family & Rhonda Smith - June 04, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ I have many fond memories of Bro. AC but one of my favorites was when our church went to the Ol Kentucky Camp, Jason had woke up early so he Colton and I were outside enjoying the sunrise, Bro. AC was going up to the dinning hall to have breakfast and pray with some of the other preachers, Jason wanted to go so bad but I kept telling him no. Bro. AC said “Awe let him come it will be good for him and you could use a break” he turned and walked hand in hand with Jason. I knew Bro. AC was tired because the services the night before had been long but he never thought about himself, he just saw that I was tired having a 4 year old and a 3 month old and wanted to help!! This memory will forever hold a special place in my heart!

Bethany Phillips - June 03, 2019 at 07:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. A.C. Durham.



June 03, 2019 at 06:04 PM



“ Dear Sister Durham, How we loved your dear husband and you. We always had such sweet fellowship when we got together. We had him up to Missouri and Iowa for Jubilee meetings and conferences many times. I Remember the jubilee meetings at his church on the mountain with men like Brother Hurt, Brother AC, , LC Easterling, Bill Shofner, the Thompson's , Fred Vaught And many others who have passed over probably having a jubilee up there. I will truly miss him, especially his prayer life as I know he prayed every day for me and others. Our prayers will continue for you and your family.

Pastor, Jim Waymire - June 03, 2019 at 12:47 AM



“ Sad to hear, but know they r all rejoicing n heaven. Bro. A.C. baptized me n chickamauga Creek, many years ago. Our family always loved them all our prayers are with you and your family. Kenneth Spear

Kenneth spear - June 03, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ You were only my pastor for 2.5 years while we lived in Trenton, but you made a forever impression upon me. Thank you for preaching the truth & for being our friend. We will meet again one day. Praying for Mrs. Betty & the family. Love you, sweet lady!

Susan Bramlett Reid (Mississippi) - June 02, 2019 at 11:54 PM



“ Jeremy & Amber McElhaney sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. A.C. Durham



Jeremy & Amber McElhaney - June 02, 2019 at 04:29 PM