



Rev. R. Williams

May 9, 1936 - September 11, 2010

Rev. Jimmy R. Williams, 74, of Wauchula, Fla. passed away peacefully at his home in the early hours on Saturday, September 11, 2011, surrounded by family and friends. Born May 9, 1936 in Hazelhurst, GA, he began an early career in the U.S. Army serving from 1953-1973 in the Aviation Division, retiring as Master Sergeant. His military career included four tours of duty overseas, Letters of Commendation, Air Medal, National Defense Medal, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and numerous Good Conduct Medals, to name a few.

He and his family returned to Ozark, Ala. upon his retirement. While attending Chalkhead Baptist Church, he answered a call to preach God's Word. He graduated from Bible Baptist Institute in Graceville, Fla. in 1978. During this time he preached in several area churches and served as Pastor at Midway Baptist Church in Clayhatchee for the next 2 ½ years. The Williams family moved to Wauchula in Jan. 1979 where he served as pastor at Oak Grove Baptist Church for 21 years. Upon retirement, he continued in service as Interim Pastor at several churches in Highlands, DeSoto, and Hardee Counties and had served as Associate Pastor to Senior's at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green for the past seven years. During this time he also served in several positions within the Orange Blossom Ministerial Association, Hardee Help Center, chaplain for Hardee County Sheriff's Office, Board of Resthaven ALF, and camp director at Lake Denton Christian Camp in Avon Park.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia "Cindy" Williams; son, Jimmy "Jimbo" Williams, Jr. (Kim) of Wauchula; daughters, Terri Brown (Gil) of Wauchula, Tonya Albert (Bill) of Wesley Chapel, Fla, Dana Abbott (Ronnie) of Ft. Green, Fla; sisters, Grace Hoover (Rev. Richard) of Daytona, Fla, Evelyn Boseman of Sylacauga; 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Hunter Abbott. Visitation will be held on Monday, Sept. 13th at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Fla. from 1-2 p.m., with funeral services at 2 p.m. Interment with Military Honors is at Woodlawn Memory Gardens, Ozark at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Building Fund at First Baptist Church, 4531 N. U.S. Hwy 17, Bowling Green, FL 33834 or Hope Hospice, 4840 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, FL 33872.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ So sad to hear that Pastor Jim passed away. He was a warm and friendly man who loved his family, especially proud of his grandchildren. We feel so blessed to have known him through Sunday Chapel at our "Snow Bird" winter retreat in Pioneer Creek RV Resort. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to his wife and family.

Ron & Shirley Richards - September 20, 2010 at 09:51 AM

NS

“ Pastor Jim will be greatly missed by his Pioneer Creek family this fall as we all come together again. He was such a wonderful part of our lives for the winter months. We all enjoyed his stories of his family which he was so proud of. As he used to tell us do not grieve the ones who have passed on as they are in a better place sitting at the right hand of the Father. I sincerely hope you can take this to heart as you continue to live your lives as he would have wanted.

Nancy Singleton - September 14, 2010 at 06:09 PM

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“ Our hearts are sad at the passing of Preacher Williams. He was a wonderful servant of God. My Dad[Emmitt Simmons] Sure thought a lot of him. Our prayers are with you. May God bless you in the coming days. The Evers

Ralph and Anna Jane Evers - September 13, 2010 at 04:41 PM

HG

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you. What a blessing Rev. Williams was bringing scripture and God's message with joy and a smile to us at Pioneer Creek. He will be missed.

Harry & Joyce Gould - September 13, 2010 at 11:31 AM

NT

“ Our sympathy and prayers to Rev. Williams family. We will miss him at Pioneer Creek RV Park. May Gods love and your memories comfort you at this time.

nancy thompson - September 13, 2010 at 11:12 AM

BM

“ Our prayers are with you. We will miss him on Sunday Mornings at Pioneer Creek this fall. We got to know him and love him. We talked about Football ,Florida and Alabama.

Bill & Darlene Morrison - September 12, 2010 at 10:57 PM

RW

“ Our condolences to the family of Rev. Williams. We appreciated his pastoring to us at the RV Park during the winter months.

Roger and Nancy White - September 12, 2010 at 07:09 PM