



George Clark

November 8, 1932 - January 18, 2016

On Monday, January 18th, 2016, George Truett Clark, age 83, of Pleasant View, Tennessee, passed away at his home surrounded by family who dearly loved him. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, January 21st at 2 o'clock pm at Pleasant View First Baptist Church with Clark Davidson, Steve Guy, and Bro. Brad Shockley officiating. Burial will follow in EverRest of Cheatham with Austin Clark, Lucas Clark, Tommy Davidson, Norm Tidwell, Doug Breece, and Clay Breece serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be the Adult Mens Sunday School Class at Pleasant View First Baptist Church and the Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department.

Visitation with the family will be from 2-8:00PM Wednesday in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View and again Thursday, from 12 Noon till the hour of service at the church.

George T. Clark was born on November 8, 1932, and grew up in Paducah, Texas. He was the only son of, and preceded in death by, George Washington and Lela Mae (Mauldin) Clark. George claimed his most significant accomplishment was marrying Barbara Jean (Smith) on January 30, 1954, because "it was love at first sight." There have been many noteworthy accomplishments in Georges life. He attended Mary Hardin Baylor College in Texas. He graduated with a Bachelors degree from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. He graduated from Southwestern Baptist

Theological Seminary. He received a Doctorate in Theology from the University of Oxford in England, United Kingdom.

George was called to the ministry at an early age and was pastor at Southern Baptist Churches across Texas, including Dumont, Guthrie, Carey, Nacogdoches, Timpson, and Nederland. During his years as a pastor in Texas he also worked as a garage mechanic, a radio announcer in Childress (KCTX) and Fort Worth, a mortician and funeral directors assistant (his colleagues were always quick to mention that because of his first-hand knowledge of embalming, few of them ever wanted to nap in front of him), a teacher at Stephen F. Austin University, Chaplain of the Nacogdoches Fire Department, a syndicated columnist, an announcer and weekend weather broadcaster at KJAC-TV in Port Arthur, and the published author of the book, Bro. Goodbody and the Red Brick Church.

George and his family loaded up the truck and moved to Nashville in 1973 when he accepted the position of editor of the Church Administration magazine at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board (LifeWay), he also edited The Deacon and Proclaim magazines. He was President and Program Chairman twice for the Nashville Baptist Association ministers conference. In addition, he also volunteered at the Nashville Rescue Mission and lead devotions at Nashvilles First Baptist Church Thursday luncheons. During 26 of his 27 years at LifeWay he also was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pleasant View, Tennessee. After his retirement from LifeWay he continued as pastor of First Baptist in Pleasant View until 2005 and remained Pastor Emeritus until his passing. George was Chaplain of the Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years and served the Tennessee Highway Patrol and Sheriffs Department in helping inform family members about accidents and deaths. He was also a weekly contributor to the Ashland City Times and the I-24 Exchange in Pleasant View and was the host of The Glory Road and Peace in the Valley radio programs on WQSV in Ashland City

until late 2015.

George was a Christian, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather and a friend. He was loving, humble, compassionate and had an amazingly dry sense of humor. He was honest, brilliant, down-to-earth and never met a stranger. He loved to laugh and to make others laugh. He never failed to tell his children how much he loved them and how proud he was of them. While so many here will miss him greatly, there are many who are overjoyed to see him again.

George is survived by his (“beautiful bride”) wife of 61 years, Barbara Jean (Smith), his daughters, Jeana Georgette Clark (Sherry), Jennifer Leigh Davidson (Tommy), his son George Taylor Clark (Linda Kay). He is also survived by grandchildren, Clark Thomas Davidson (Morgan), Macy Margaret Davidson, Austin Taylor Clark, and Lucas Cole Clark and one great-grandchild, Eleanor Mae Davidson.

If so desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Pleasant View First Baptist Mission Fund. Donations may be sent in care of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. www.austinandbell.com. (615)746-4433.

Cemetery
EverRest of Cheatham
Hwy 49
Pleasant View TN 37146
US

Visitation

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Austin & Bell Funeral Home, Pleasant View

6316 Hwy 41A

Pleasant View TN 37146

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615-746-0847

Visitation

Thursday, January 21, 2016

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Pleasant View First Baptist Church

2555 TN-49

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Funeral Service

Thursday, January 21, 2016

2:00 PM -

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Brother Clark was my first pastor in Nederland Texas...I was 4*

Randy Saxon - November 10, 2016 at 07:13 PM

AH

“ *George Clark*

Austin and Bell Funeral Home - August 14, 2016 at 10:49 AM

JH

“ *I knew George from school days in Paducah, TX. and when he was pastor in Dumont and Guthrie. I loved reading his writings in the Baptist Standard. I had not heard from or about him in many years. My sincere condolences to his family. I am sure he will be missed by many.*

Jane Tye Huey - January 25, 2016 at 02:33 PM

MK

“ *I wanted to send condolences on the passing of George. Although we haven't been in contact in many years, he is the first pastor I remember when he was our pastor at Dumont. One of my mom's favorite stories was when one Sunday night he began the invitation. She played the piano and sat on the front row. When she got up her foot had gone to sleep. She stumbled and caught herself on the piano keys. George later said, Ruth I have never had anyone play boogie woogie for the invitation. I assume he married Barbara during this time and then they were always George and Barbara. And Barbara taught me to wiggle my nose. I have followed their lives with pride. Thanks for sharing the photos. Mary Ann Hart King, Safford, AZ*

Mary Ann Hart King - January 25, 2016 at 01:24 PM

KP

“ When Mother passed I sang a song she really did not know but had heard me singing it in my bedroom. She commented about how beautiful she thought it was. The song is Give me Jesus by the Zoe group from Franklin ,Tenn. I pray that and know in my Heart that George is seeing Jesus as I write this memoriom. He lived a great Christian life and was a believer. Mycousin by marriage will be missed by many friends and Brothers and Sisters in CHRIST. With Christs Love for George abd the Family Kenneth Pardue,Albuquerque,New Mexico

Kenneth Pardue - January 20, 2016 at 08:48 AM

GU

“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Bro. George Clark.

Guest - January 19, 2016 at 11:50 PM

AH

“ 92 files added to the album Life Tributes

Austin & Bell Funeral Home - January 19, 2016 at 11:22 PM

AN

“ Sorry for your loss. I understand how hard this is on your family, and know that you are in the prayers of many people during these trying days. Brother Clark lived a full, enriched life where he shared his love for God to many. Such a remarkable figure will never be forgotten in the hearts of those whom cherished him as he cherished them, and also his faith. I hope you all are strong during this time.

Anonymous - January 19, 2016 at 09:31 PM

MH

“ For 42-43 years Bro. George Clark has been a dear friend to our family. I believe Bro Clark started out as interim pastor with the Baptist Mission in Pleasant View my grandparents Samuel Andrew and Gertie Watson along with a few precious other families started back in the early 1970's. I can't put into words what he has meant to us and the Pleasant View community. He was a wonderful pastor. He taught us and he was very special. He told God's bible stories where a child could understand. He kept their attention and often he dressed like the biblical person he was preaching about. He visited our sick in their homes and at hospitals. He came in the middle of the night and was with us when our loved ones passed, he grieved with us when we lost them, and he buried them. He prayed for his church family every member everyday. He was a good and faithful Christian. I am so honored to call him my dear friend. My sons and their Dad thought there was no one like Bro. Clark. My whole family felt the same. Pleasant View and so many people he has touched will miss him and will be forever touched by knowing him and his family. We love Barbara and each of his children and we pray that God gives them strength to go on. With love and sympathy, The Watson and Rawls Families, Marsha Rawls Hogan

Marsha Rawls Hogan - January 19, 2016 at 08:53 PM

DD

“ What a wonderful-kind man. The community has lost another great one who will never be forgotten. Sadly-Debbie Duncan

Debbie Duncan - January 19, 2016 at 07:18 PM

GU

“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bro. George Clark.

Guest - January 19, 2016 at 04:53 PM

MK

“ *Dear Jeana and family, my heart goes out to you at this very difficult time. May God's grace and the memories and stories and of your precious Dad bring you comfort until you see him again. - Margie Knoll*

Margie Knoll - January 19, 2016 at 02:41 PM