



Rev. Jeff W. Fryer

July 15, 1922 - August 30, 2019

Reverend Jeff W. Fryer, of Springfield, passed away Friday, August 30, 2019. Funeral services will be held Monday, September 2, 2019 at 1 o'clock in the chapel of Springfield First United Methodist Church with Reverend Jerry Wallace, Reverend Hap Hewgley and Reverend Woody Adams officiating. Burial will be in the Springfield Memorial Gardens on Tuesday, September 3rd at 10 o'clock with friends and family serving as Pallbearers.

Visitation with the family will be held Monday from 11am until the hour of service at 1pm.

Reverend Fryer was born July 15, 1922 to the late Zack and Emma Choate Fryer in Robertson County, TN. He attended Martin College; Austin and Peay State University and Vanderbilt University School of Religion. He served the ministry for 45 years until his retirement in 1988. It began in 1943 with the Methodist Church where he was ordained in 1949, Deacon in 1951, Elder in 1953 and retired in 1988 from Springfield First United Methodist Church. After a short recess, he became a part-time pastor at Highland Chapel Union Church in Ridgetop, TN where he served for another 18 years. Other appointments where he served were; 1952, Smyrna; 1956, Old Hickory; 1960 Andrew Price; 1970, Brentwood; 1980 District Superintendent, Cumberland District Superintendent.

Along with his parents, Reverend Fryer is preceded in death by his wife of 72 years Naomi Hinkle Fryer; and son-in-law, Michael Jackson. He is survived by his son, Randall (Alexandra) Fryer of Nashville; daughter, June Jackson of Seattle, WA; brother, Delwin Fryer of Gallatin; grandchildren, Jeffrey Fryer, Mari (Joe) O'Neil, Miranda (Mike) Wood and Lindsay (Pal) Walker; great-grandchildren, Alexander, Austin and Matthew Wood, Naomi and Thomas O'Neil and Harley and Cynthia Fryer; and great great-grandson Wailyn Wood.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Springfield First United Methodist Church Building Fund. Any donations may be sent in c/o Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-
509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

Cemetery Details

Springfield Memorial Gardens

Springfield, TN 37172

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
511 S. Oak St.
Springfield, TN 37172

Funeral Service

SEP 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
511 S. Oak St.
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Committal Service and Burial

SEP 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Springfield Memorial Gardens
Springfield, TN 37172

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Well, I am very late to see this, but just wanted you to know how much the Fryers meant to my parents, Bill and Anna Wadlington, and my family. Reverend Fryer is ever a part of my childhood memories for the kind, smiling man he was. It was probably in the late 1960s when he brought an electric guitar over to our house and played a little for us. I am so glad I got to visit him before his passing to share some memories.

John Wadlington

John Wadlington - June 08, 2022 at 10:14 AM

KW

“ Delwyn and Marie and family sorry to hear the passing of your brother.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God give you comfort and peace .

*Blessings,
Kay and Ron Wolford*

Kay and Ron Wolford - September 01, 2019 at 05:44 PM

FS

“ Jeff was one of the finest ministers the Tennessee Annual Conferences has ever had. He was a dear friend . I talked with him on his birthday and we shared many memories from across the years.

Frank Smith

Frank Smith - August 31, 2019 at 06:31 PM

DC

“ Thank you Jeff and Naomi!

Dr. John Carpenter - August 31, 2019 at 04:11 PM

BC

“ *Rev. Fryer was a light for Jesus. I knew him when he served Highland Chapel during his retirement years in Ridgetop where my parents attended. I always loved visiting there when I was in town. He was one of the most loving pastors I have had the privilege of knowing. His sweet wife usually did the children's sermon and the adults enjoyed it as much as the children did. The longevity of their marriage is a blessing and encouragement to us all. I praise God for the life of Rev. Jeff Fryer.*

Bonnie Cleveland, Sweetwater TN

Bonnie Ckeveland - August 31, 2019 at 11:07 AM