



Rev. David Ross Caldwell

June 21, 1929 - September 30, 2011

David Ross Caldwell, 82 died on September 30. He was born June 21, 1929 in Batesville, Texas. During a very active 40-year life of ministry, David Caldwell was pastor of five Presbyterian churches: Mountain View, Missouri; Moberly, Missouri; Clay Center, Kansas; Duluth, Minnesota; and Tulsa, Oklahoma. David is preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Emma Caldwell of Batesville, Texas. 2 brothers Grady Caldwell and Charles Caldwell and 3 sisters Vern Jones, Modelle Barsalou and Austin Stoecker. He is survived by his wife Rachel; three daughters Catherine (Art) LaPoint, Elizabeth Caldwell and Genie Caldwell (Jeff Howard) and by eight grandchildren David and Aaron Lapoint, Rachel, Natalie and Linus Mavers, and John, Matthew and Drew Howard and a sister Missy White and brother James Caldwell. David was a steadfast pastor during his career. He was deeply devoted to his congregations as a leader and teacher, and he helped many find peace in times of trouble. He was the first to lend a helping hand, either personally or professionally, to the downtrodden, the grief-stricken the disenfranchised and the forgotten. The members of his congregations, neighbors and friends will remember his as a pioneer and champion for such issues as the role of women in society, the sanctuary movement and poignantly the support needs of families impacted by aging parents and Alzheimer's disease. None who ever blessed to experience it will ever forget his beautiful baritone voice or the joy he took in singing. David lived a joyful life. For all his education and professional stature to his three daughters he

was just dad, and they loved him for his patience, generosity, ability to have fun, and the best pecan waffles ever. He enjoyed nature a beautiful sunset, the turning fall colors, the music of birds. He very much liked scaling small mountain peaks. He liked homemade peach ice cream, chocolate cookies, football and his family and friends and was a very proud Texan all his life. Services will be 2PM Tuesday at First Trinity Presbyterian Church with Dr. John Dudley and Dr. Lynn Miller officiating. Visitation will Monday from 5 to 8PM at Memory Chapel. Memorials may be made to The Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Rev. Caldwell married us on August 14, 1965 at the Coates Street Presbyterian Church in Moberly. We are sorry to hear of his passing.*

Bill & Meli Sears - October 25, 2011 at 11:39 PM

GG

“ *We just learned of Rev. Caldwell's passing and wanted to send our condolences. He married us in Moberly, Mo 46 years ago at Coates St Presybertain..he was a very special person and he baptized our two children - Kyle and Emma Lisa. We left Moberly and moved to FI in 1984 - but we always speak of Rev. Caldwell on our anniversary May 28th - we think he thought we were too young (19 & 23) but he did a good job in joining was in marriage it has been a good union. God Bless you all - Gerald & Pam Gordy.*

Gerald & Pamela Wolf Gordy - October 21, 2011 at 08:15 PM

RM

“ *Cathy,
Lyn and I wish to share our condolences to you and your family on the loss of your Dad. He made a real difference for so many in his life, and you all carry on that legacy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Randy*

Randy & Lyn Monroe - October 04, 2011 at 07:39 PM

RM

“ Dear Rachal and Family:
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sadness.
Sincerely, Roger and Carol

Roger and Carol McLeod - October 04, 2011 at 06:47 PM

JC

“ Jim has fond memories of his Uncle David, especially of those times when he stayed in his parents' home (David's brother James who is now 93) during the summer working at the Los Alamos lab and sharing a bedroom with him....his wonderful singing voice, walking on his hands, and always volunteering to wash the dishes are just some of them!
Our love and prayers are extended to each of you during this time!
Jim (Jimmy) and Verda Caldwell

Jim Caldwell - October 03, 2011 at 11:38 PM

DA

“ Cathy and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are thinking of you during this difficult time. May your heart and soul find peace and comfort. Take Care, Jim, Dawn, Amanda and Lexi Abrahamson

Dawn Abrahamson - October 03, 2011 at 04:41 PM