



John Allen Butler

April 23, 1932 - November 23, 2011

John Allen Butler of Ellisville, MS died on November 23, 2011 at home. He was born on April 23, 1932 in the Centerville community. He was preceded in death by his parents, Berlin Earl and Neva Merle Temple Butler ; his first wife, Kathyne Jordan Butler; a son, John Randall Butler; brothers, Raymond Davis Butler, Tony Edward Butler, and David Carl Butler.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Ellzey Butler; daughter, Patti Annelle Butler; step-sons, Joel Rubert and Paul Rubert; grandchildren, Joseph Rubert, Annelise Rubert, and Amanda Rubert Steves; brother, Kenneth Earl Butler; sisters, Vivian Gail Watson, Barbara Nell Edwards, Carol Ann Jernigan, and Neva Jan Corley; and many nieces and nephews.

John Allen Butler served in the Korean War with the 89th Tank Battalion, which was part of the 25th infantry division, as a staff sergeant. He was a graduate of Jones County Junior College, University of Southern Mississippi, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and did advanced graduate work at Georgia State University.

While serving Briarlake Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA, as Associate Pastor/Administrator for 23 years, he was elected two terms on the State Executive Committee and served as Chairman of the Administrative Committee. He was elected Vice-President of the Georgia Baptist Convention and served as moderator of the Atlanta Baptist Association. Also, he served as a commissioner of the Georgia Baptist Hospital. He was retired from the Georgia Baptist Convention as director of Annuity and Stewardship.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Laurel, MS and Charles Pickering Sunday School Class. John Allen Butler was an ordained deacon and an ordained minister. Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church, Laurel, MS on Sunday, November 27, 2011 at 2:00 PM. A viewing will be at 1:00 PM at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to First Baptist Church, Laurel, MS designated for the Building Fund or Charles Pickering Sunday School Class. Donations can also be made to the Laurel Animal Rescue League.

Memory Chapel is in charge of services

Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Eleanor, we are so sorry to hear of Allen's passing. We had weekend guests and were unable to attend. Hope to see you soon. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Lex & Barbara Mason - November 29, 2011 at 12:47 AM

MC

“ *Dear Eleanor and family, we were so very sorry to receive the news of John Allen's passing--our most sincere sympathy to all the family.*

Marion V. & Janie Cooley - November 28, 2011 at 01:57 PM

DS

“ *My family and I were members of Parkview Baptist Church in Metairie, LA when John served as our Minister of Education. He was a very special person and a dear friend to us during those days. I am so sorry for your loss at this time.*

Dot Smith - November 27, 2011 at 03:32 PM

TK

“ *My deepest to the family. May your hearts be "soothed" by God's everlasting prescence.*

Tommie Grace Kersh - November 27, 2011 at 11:59 AM

PF

“ *John Allen Butler*

Patricia Ford - November 25, 2011 at 12:02 PM