



Dr. James Kelley Sr.

May 25, 1942 - August 10, 2010

KELLEY, SR. DR. JAMES FRANKLIN-

Dr. James Franklin Kelley, Sr. went home to be with his Lord on Tuesday, August 10, 2010, at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. from complications resulting from Pulmonary Fibrosis and surgery. He was 68 years old. At the age of 16, he accepted Christ as his Savior at East Side Baptist Church in Greenwood, SC and upon graduation from Greenwood High School in Greenwood, he went to Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, TN, and graduated with a Graduate of Theology Degree in 1966. Accepting the call of God in his life to preach, his first pastorate was Philadelphia Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga. which he later relocated to Conyers, Ga. Realizing the need of Christian Education for children, he led the church in beginning Philadelphia Christian School in Conyers. His other pastorates included Bemiss Road Baptist Church in Valdosta, Ga., Fellowship Baptist Church in Cumming Ga. and East Side Baptist Church in Greenwood, SC. He completed his ministry of pastoring with starting and shepherding Fellowship Baptist Church in Greenwood. On his pulpits he often placed the verse "Sir we would see Jesus" and that was his heart's desire. Because of his faithful service and love for souls, he was honored with an honorary Doctor's degree from Tabernacle Baptist Church and Schools in Greenville, SC. He was the son of Clyde and Louise Knight Kelley. In addition to his wife and helpmate of 48 years, Judy, he is survived by his sons, James (Julie) of Dawsonville, Ga; Nathan (Rachel) of Social Circle, Ga; and Daniel (Kristin) of

Oxford, Ga; 7 grandchildren (Maggie, Laura, Rebekah, Nathan, Jr. Luke, Wade, and Emma); a sister Faye Ridge (Morris) and a brother Billy (Gloria) both of Greenwood. He also leaves behind his very close father-in-law James R. Swygert of Greenwood. Preceding him in death in addition to his parents are two brothers, David and Monroe, and 2 grandchildren, Samuel and Ella. Funeral Services will be held at East Side Baptist Church in Greenwood, at 2:00 PM on Friday, August 13, 2010. The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the church before the service.

Because of his longtime service for his Lord in the Atlanta area, a service will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at 2:00 PM at Hope Academy, the former location of Philadelphia Baptist Church- 2360 Old Covington Highway, Conyers. The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the church before the service. Burial will follow at Corinth Memorial Gardens in Walnut Grove, Ga. on Hwy 81. Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Rd. Loganville, Ga. 30052. 770 466-1544. Please sign online quest registry at www.stewartfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **13**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

East Side Baptist Church
1908 Highway 72 221 E
Greenwood, SC

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. James Kelley Sr.



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. James Kelley Sr.

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ Mrs. Kelley,
I was so sad to hear about the passing of Bro. Kelley, but I know that he is in a much better place. He was such a blessing to me during his time at Lowndes Christianh Acadmey. May the Lord bless you and your family during this time and you will be in my prayers. God bless you##imported-begin##Tammie Vaquerano (Goble)##imported-end##

August 16, 2010 at 02:14 PM



“ While I did not know your father, I feel that I know the kind of man that he was because of the man that you are! My prayers for strength, peace and blessings are with you and your family!##imported-begin##Dean Yarbrough##imported-end##

August 14, 2010 at 01:44 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss and know that Pastor Kelley will be deeply missed , he had a part in so many people's lives, Our Prayers are with you and your family at this time##imported-begin##David & Sandra Boynton##imported-end##

August 14, 2010 at 12:00 PM



“ Dear Judy, Jimmy, Nathan and Daniel,

We are so terribly sorry that y'all will be seperated from Bro. James for a while. However, we will all see him again as he so often reminded us.

Our memories are fond. Bro. Kelly was "our" pastor and we shared many wonderful times of fellowship.

God bless you all.##imported-begin##Alton & Sue Brown##imported-end##

August 14, 2010 at 10:20 AM



“ I'm sorry for your loss, God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Michael Mulkeen##imported-end##

August 13, 2010 at 01:40 PM



“ Dear Judy & family,
We've had James in our personal prayers since your Dad's recent note. We had seen his name in Immanuel's prayer list and suspected his need was great. We are saddened by the news from Immanuel late this week of his death. With you we give thanks to God for his life and his life of faithful service, and mourn his passing. May God's Spirit provide each of you all the strength and support you need to face the demands that each day brings.
In Christ,
Pastor Jan & Connie Setzler###imported-begin###Rev. Dr. John & Connie Setzler###imported-end###

August 13, 2010 at 12:14 PM



“ Dr. Kelley was a great man of God. You could see his love for God's people through his generous spirit. He won many students to the Lord over the years through his open door policy. He will be greatly missed until the times comes that we will meet him again on Zion's Hill.###imported-begin###Christina Branyon###imported-end###

August 12, 2010 at 09:38 PM



“ Judy,Fay and family, We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear husband and brother. I knew him from the post office when you all first moved back to Greenwood. Dr. James was such a kind sweet man and i know he will be missed by so many. May God be with you and bring you comfort in the days ahead. You are in our thoughts and prayers Brenda & Ed Stewart Ninety Six S C###imported-begin###Brenda B & Ed Stewart###imported-end###

August 12, 2010 at 05:21 PM



“ *We love all of you!
Herman, Mable, Susan and Roy, Pam, John and Anna##imported-
begin##Pamela Page##imported-end##*

August 12, 2010 at 04:23 PM



“ *May God comfort each of you and give you peace. May God bless
you and be with you in this time of sorrow. Praise be to God he is no
longer in pain and no more suffering!##imported-begin##Wayne
and Judy Sosebee##imported-end##*

August 12, 2010 at 01:29 PM



“ *James, I am sorry about the loss of your father. Please know that
you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Allyson Ray##imported-begin##Allyson Ray##imported-end##

August 12, 2010 at 12:41 PM



“ *Dear Kelley Family,
You are in my thoughts and prayers. I hope that you are surrounded
by the love of family and friends and that you will experience the
comfort and peace that only God can give. You have a wonderful
heritage to cherish.*

*Love and hugs,
Joy Brown##imported-begin##Joy Brown##imported-end##*

August 12, 2010 at 12:04 PM



“ *Judy,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Greenwood, South Carolina##imported-begin##Emmanuel Baptist Church, Greenwood South Carolina##imported-end##

August 12, 2010 at 11:52 AM



“ *To James Kelley and Family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Christina Cutlip##imported-begin##Christina CUTlip##imported-end##*

August 12, 2010 at 11:00 AM



“ *James and Julie,*

Please know that our family is thinking about you during this difficult time. Words are inadequate to express our sympathy in your loss. We will continue to lift your entire family in prayer. With deepest sympathy,

Kay and Tim McFarlin##imported-begin##Kay McFarlin and Family##imported-end##

August 12, 2010 at 09:35 AM



“ I was a former Gwd. High classmate of James (class of 1960). You, the family, are in my thoughts and prayers. Rock Davis##imported-begin##Rock Davis##imported-end##

August 12, 2010 at 08:42 AM



“ Dear James,

May I send you my deepest sympathy at this time and say that my thoughts are with you since I heard of your father's death. Please extend my condolences to your entire family.

Sincerely,

Carl H. Goodwin##imported-begin##Carl H. Goodwin##imported-end##

August 12, 2010 at 08:37 AM



“ Heaven is rejoicing in the presence of James today. I know that James is celebrating being in the midst of God. We will miss James greatly. Judy, you are so loved and we are praying for you and the rest of the family. We love you so much!##imported-begin##Judy and Freddy Harrison##imported-end##

August 12, 2010 at 07:55 AM



“ Dr. K was my high school principal at East Side Christain School when I graduated in 99.. He was a wonderful Christain and was an awesome principal.. I will truly miss him.. his family is in my thoughts and prayers...##imported-begin##Faith Brazell##imported-end##

August 12, 2010 at 07:50 AM



“ our thoughts and prayers are with you all .##imported-begin##regina anderson dodgen##imported-end##

August 12, 2010 at 06:58 AM



“ May the LORD provide HIS extraordinary peace to you & the Family. The "home going" of a great Friend, & Pastor is sad time for us, but a wonderful opportunity for Brother James to meet his Savior!##imported-begin##Dan & Wanda Bryant##imported-end##

August 11, 2010 at 08:38 PM