



Rev. "Chap" Rodney Stamey

December 30, 1939 - July 25, 2020

Rev. "Chap" Rodney Stamey died Saturday, July 25, 2020 in Albany, GA. He was born in Pensacola, FL. His parents were Robert Lee Stamey and Una Hatcher Stamey. He graduated from Pensacola High school and went on to graduate with a degree in History from Mississippi College. He was called to the ministry early and was licensed to minister on June 4, 1961 through the support of East Hill Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida and he was ordained as a minister on June 26, 1966. He attended and graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity on December 9, 1987. He was a part of the Georgia Baptist Convention serving on the Ga. Baptist Convention executive committee from 1992-1995. He also was a professor of Religion through Truett McConnell College in the early 80's.

His 60 years of ministry included early ministries in Miami, Florida, and Texas. He moved then to Georgia pastoring Central Baptist Church of Albany Ga, First Baptist Church of Blue Ridge Ga, Edison Baptist Church of Edison Ga, Hebron Baptist Church of Americus, Ga. and Radium Springs (now New Seasons at Radium Springs) of Albany, Ga. While pastoring part time churches he also worked as prison Chaplain at the Calhoun State Prison, Moran Ga. from July 1997-April 13, 2017 when he fully retired from the prison ministry. He officially retired from church ministry in September of 2019 at the age of 79. Rev. Stamey's ministry was filled with unconditional love for people. He had a unique gift of communication allowing him to love and minister to anyone. He loved his churches and the church communities he served as much as he loved his prison ministry and the inmates. He was a part of the first prison Faith Based Units and dedicated his love and time to working with and ministering to inmates about faith, family and love always believing each man had within him the ability to love God, love family and aim for a better life. Within his church communities, he led multiple youth mission trips around various parts of the United States as well as youth and adult activities to water parks, theme parks, nature parks and more. Many of his youth and children throughout the years remember him for his youth "rap" sessions and children's sermons. He touched more lives than he ever realized, and his legacy lives on through each and everyone one of those lives. He was much more than just a pastor. He was a friend, a mentor, a father figure, a counselor, a shoulder to lean on and he will be missed greatly.

As a father, though as busy as he was, he never missed a band concert, marching band performance, ballet recital or softball game and drove his daughter Angela back and forth to everything. He was active in PTO and chaperoning as well as not thinking twice to dress up as a clown for school carnivals and birthday parties and making sure his sick at home daughter had a home visit from Santa Clause. He introduced Angela to travel around the United States and Europe. He was not just a father, but a best friend and confidant. His light will always shine bright.

Rev. Stamey is preceded in death by his wife Anne King Stamey of 57 years. He is survived by his daughter Angela van Elden, son-n-law Franciscus (Ramon) van Elden and beloved black lab Delilah as well as a sister in law and several nieces and nephews.

There will be no service at this time. Due to the rise of covid cases in the area, the family does not want anyone feeling they need to make a choice of health or service. There will be a memorial at a future date once it is safer to gather.

Comments



“ Chap was my best friend through and through I miss him I remember when he gave me a metal lead pencil now that he is gone I cherish it more than ever -Olivia

Olivia - October 14, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ You were the first person that ever made me really connect with the idea of who God is. I know you are now with God, Mrs. Ann, and so many people from Edison Baptist Church.

I will never forget our group that accepted Christ, and I was so excited to be baptized by you. In fact, on the first day of fourth grade, I chose to share my baptism as the highlight of my summer. Sidenote: My teacher, Mrs. Warrick was more than thrilled for me, too.

Thank you so much, Brother Rodney. You knew how to scare me and the other boys, but you also clearly loved us. It's no surprise there were so many of us that summer who chose to be baptized by you.

You also did a lot for my MiMi, my PaPa, and the rest of our family. Please know how much you meant to me, our family, and so many people in this neck of the woods and beyond.

I heard COVID-19 played a role in your passing. If you can ask God to speed up the vaccines or something, I promise to make it up to Him. Thank you again for sharing with me the gift of eternal life.

Branden Lane - July 31, 2020 at 06:52 AM



“ Angela, I'm heartbroken to read this. Rodney was a very special person to me. I love him like a father and still greatly appreciate his patience with me and the many times he gave me his wise counsel during my most formative years. As you probably know, many people who knew me in my teenage years figured that I'd end up leading a sad and troubled life. Instead, I became a productive member of society who's served my country and served my community in public service and through many philanthropic works. I don't say this to brag. I say it to point out that had I not had Rodney in my life during those formative years, I probably would have ended up leading that sad and troubled life most felt I was destined for. Your father helped make me want to become a better person. I'm know that I am but one of many who Rodney touched in a most positive way. I've learned that we all live as an example to others around us. Some as an example of how one should live, the rest as examples how one should not to live. Rodney was the epitome of the example of how one should live and the world is a better place because of his existence in it. Lastly, as I know you realize how lucky you were to have him in your life, I know how devastated you must be at his loss. You have my most sincere condolences, but I also want you to know that you have my most sincere appreciation and my love for sharing him with so many of us.

Doug Kirkpatrick

Douglas Kirkpatrick - July 30, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ Angela, I am so saddened to learn of your father's death. He was such a fine pastor and gentleman. My parents, Elizabeth and O.O. Simmons, adored him. Once when visiting us in Chattanooga, they drove over to Blue Ridge to visit him. May your wonderful memories of him sustain you in the days ahead. With love, Joanne Simmons Smith

Joanne Smith - July 28, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ I remember the first time I heard Rev Stamey preach. I came to Central Baptist with family friends (Jimmy & Joyce Dill) and he was talking about baby Angela. I was so moved I begged my parents (Ernest & Hazel Swain) to come to this church to hear him preach. They loved him as much as I though they became Angels long before Rodney. My prayers are with Angela and her family.

Kris Paul - July 27, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ Rodney was a very special friend to our family, The Swains. We loved him dearly and know he is on the right arm of our Lord. Bless you Rodney Stamey.

Sherry Swain Fournoy - July 27, 2020 at 10:32 PM