



## Dr. Arven L. Croy Obituary

June 28, 1925 - March 15, 2007

The Reverend Doctor Arven Levoid Croy, 81, 465 Sunset Boulevard, Dewton, Georgia, died Thursday, March 15, 2007, at Palmyra Medical Center, Albany, Georgia. The funeral service will be at Radium Springs Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia on Sunday at 2 PM, with burial to follow in the Oakridge Cemetery, Tifton, Georgia at 4:30 PM. The Reverend Carl Dunn will officiate. Born June 28, 1925 in Tift County to Susie Neal Croy and Charlie Milton Croy, Dr. Croy resided in Tifton until 1957. Dr. Croy served in the United States Air Force during World War II, after which he was employed with the United States Postal Service for a period of 13 years. On April 16, 1955, Dr. Croy was licensed to the Gospel Ministry and was ordained in June 1956. He received his formal education from Norman College, Norman Park, Georgia and Mercer University, Macon, Georgia. He was awarded his Doctor of Divinity from Southern Baptist School for Biblical Studies, Jacksonville, Florida. Dr. Croy was an active and full time pastor for over 50 years serving churches in North Florida, North Georgia and South Georgia, including churches in Albany and Newton, Georgia. During his ministry, Dr. Croy served in various capacities on the associational and state convention levels including serving on the Georgia Baptist Convention Executive Committee and Georgia Baptist Royal Ambassadors Advisory Committee. He served several years as a Royal Ambassador State Camp counselor and led several Regional Training Sessions for Baptist Brotherhood and Royal Ambassadors. He retired from the ministry after his health began to decline. Dr. Croy also

served on the Baker County Mental Health and Inter-Agency Councils, and the Baker County Historical Society. He was instrumental in canvassing the county cemeteries for the Baker County Historical Society's "History of Baker County Book". Dr. Croy is survived by three daughters, Yvonne Gilbert and her husband, Bill, of Sugar Valley, Georgia, Celeice Burch and her husband, Jarrell, of Baker County, and Elaine Croy of Newton; three grandchildren, Paige Galt and her husband, Jason, of Newnan, Georgia, Matthew Burch and Jeremy Burch of Baker County; several nieces and nephews also survive. Dr. Croy was preceded in death by his wife, Julia Virginia Matthews Croy, to whom he was lovingly devoted to for 58 years. He was also preceded in death by his parents, brothers and sisters. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Saturday from 5 to 7 PM.

# Tribute Wall



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I was very fond of Dr. Croy. He baptised me at Newton Baptist Church. I am the former Kathryn Pierce Ethell. My prayers go out to each one of the family members. I was unaware that Mrs. Croy had passed, however, they will be united once again. God Bless you. Kathryn*

**Kathryn Pierce McAllister** - March 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Dear Yvonne and family. I was so very sorry to hear your father passed away. I did not know until Sunday afternoon. We had family in for Aunt's 90th b'day and did not check my e-mail. Your mother was my second cousin. Your mother and father had attended several family reunions in the past. I know he will be missed greatly. Although we have not actually visited since the passing of your mother, we were great e mail buddies. Sometimes his e-mail would give me such a spiritual lift. You all are in my thoughts and prayers and if I can ever do anything for you please let me know. I would love to keep in touch. From our family to yours our heart felt sympathy and love. Gail

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**Gail Hart Shelton** - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Bro Croy we love you very much and we will miss you so much here on earth, but what a joyful day it will be when we get to see each other again in heaven  
We love you rest in peace love the Spargos

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**John and Grace Spargo** - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Celeice and Family,  
I was so sorry to hear of your father's passing. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.

With love through Jesus,

Sue

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**Sue Fisher Hill** - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ I was so sorry to hear of Arven's death. He and I took a senior adult group to Branson, Missouri one year. He also joined me on a trip to the British Isles. He was a dear friend and colleague in ministry. The world needs more folks like Arven Croy. My prayers are with the family during this time. Treasure the memories.

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**Phill Nall** - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Dear Family You are in my thoughts and prayers.I pray God will comfort you and keep you in his care.we didnt get to see each other often but I know you had sweet and loving parents.

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**Ethelene Hart** - March 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Bro. Croy will always have a special place in my heart. He was my Pastor while I was growing up in Newton. He officiated my wedding to my first husband in 1986. My thoughts and prayers are with you all

Renee Rizzo

(Oxford & Mary Rouse's oldest daughter0

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**Renee (Rouse) Rizzo** - March 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *To Bro Croys Family*

*We wish to express our deepest sympathy for your father. What a wonderful man he was and loved his family so much. It has been my pleasure to know Bro. Croy, as well as the late Mrs. Croy and my friend Elaine. Bro. Croy was my grandmothers pastor (Mrs. Mary Butler) as well, as my mother and my pastor at Radium Springs Baptist Church. I loved him so much, and I love Elaine too. I will never forget Bro. Croy and one day I will see him again in heaven.*

*Love Forever,*

*Barbara (aka/Bobbie/Radiums Pianoist for 6 years until 2005)*

*Mickey and my Mother (Helen Shirran)*

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**Barbara & Mickey Redding** - March 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM