



Rev. George L. Zorn Obituary

September 13, 2007

George Luey Zorn, 92, a minister in the United Methodist Church, died September 13, 2007. The service will be Saturday, September 15, at 11 AM at First United Methodist Church in Albany, GA. Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors (229-883-4152) in Albany is handling arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Albany, P.O. Box 448, Albany, GA 31702, or to the charity of your choice. The son of a tenant farmer, he grew up in rural Barbour County, Alabama. Though they were unable to do so themselves, his parents N.T. (Bud) and Lilly Zorn strongly encouraged him to seek higher education. He attended the University of Alabama where he was the commanding officer of the ROTC corps, and subsequently taught high school mathematics. Feeling a call to the ministry, he attended Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He married Sarah Elizabeth Austin of Dunwoody, Georgia, in June, 1941, a marriage interrupted only by her death 61 years later. Together they faced the challenges of World War II and the rigors of ministry in service of the Lord and Church they loved. During WWII he served under General Patton in France, as Deputy Chaplain of the 3rd Army. He would later share his memories of this close contact with the General in speeches to civic organizations. He completed 30 years active duty and reserve service, retiring with the rank of Colonel. George and Sarah Zorn served churches in Micanopy, FL, and Macon, Sylvester, Valdosta, Tifton, Waycross, Thomasville, and Albany, GA. Reverend Zorn held key leadership roles in the South Georgia Conference, and was twice elected to the General

Conference of the United Methodist Church. His ministry was characterized by a Christ-like life and uncompromising diligence in service in God's vineyard. He was known for his wonderful prayers and sermons delivered without aid of notes, and recitation of many poems from his prodigious memory. He touched many lives in his long career that continued well beyond his retirement in 1979. As a husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, he was without parallel, and blessed his family with love, faith, encouragement, and inspiration that will be eternal. He was preceded in death by wife Sarah Zorn, sister Helen Zorn Purcell, brother Thad Zorn, and great granddaughter Ivy Austin Zorn. Survivors include three sons, Dr. George L. Zorn Jr. (Jane) of Birmingham, AL, Dr. Richard L. Zorn (Kathy), and Dr. Donald A. Zorn (Taska) of Tallahassee, FL. Ten grandchildren, Dr. George L. Zorn III (Jenni) of Kansas City, KS, Dr. Kristin K. Zorn of Pittsburgh, PA, Dr. Carolyn Zorn Wright (Hess) of Demopolis, AL, and LeighAnne Zorn Crosby (Jason), Kelly Austin Zorn, Brian Christopher Zorn, James Tyler Zorn (Cassie), Sarah Kathryn Zorn, Thomas Austin Zorn, and Susanna Taylor Zorn of Tallahassee; and eight great grandchildren, Tucker, Barrett, Sam, Zoe, and Briggs Zorn of Kansas City, Jane Wiley and George Austin Wright of Demopolis, AL, and Camryn Zorn of Tallahassee.

Tribute Wall



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“ *I am so sorry I just learned of George's death. He was my neighbor across the alley and when he moved to Tallahassee, I had written him a few times. I am so sorry I was not aware of his death until today or I would have attended his services. I will be sure to write to Amy Rossignal who was his neighbor directly behind him. She is in a nursing home in Columbus, GA. She is 91 and not doing well. May God be with all of you during this time. Love and prayers, Joanne Jasper*

Joanne B. Jasper - September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ No matter who or how long we had our Fathers, it is a sad day to have them with us no more. Mary ann and I send our prayers at this time.

Baxter Byerly - September 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT REV. ZORN. HE WAS SO SPECIAL TO MY MOTHER AND MY FAMILY. PLEASE KNOW I AM THINKING OF ALL OF YOU AND KEEPING YOU IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. HE WAS SUCH A SPECIAL MAN!

DEBBIE TENHAGEN SUTTON - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To the Zorn Family: Bert and I are so thankful that we had the privilege of knowing such a warm, wonderful man. He loved his family and our Lord very much. It was evident in his actions and words. Again, thank you. Jean and Bert.

Jean and Bert Messer - September 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dr. Z,
May all your tears and sorrow eventually fade away leaving memories of your Dad to help you through each day.
Your O.R. Family

Debbie Acree, Cynthia Golson, LeeAnn Barfield - September 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Again a mighty oak has fallen in the forest of God's Kingdom. "Bro." Zorn has finally reached the point in life he preached about and yearned for. His soul has sipped from its temporal remains to set him aflight to the place God has prepared for him. Once there, the Trinity can only say, "Well done my good and faithful servant!!" Wrap yourselves in the peace, love, and comfort Bro. Zorn taught his entire--it shall get you through. Please know that the Zorn Family at large has you in its prayers today and in the months ahead as you adjust to life without the honorage Rev. George Luey Zorn, Sr. May the grace of God cover you like a Barbour Co. dew, His love cover you like a Lodi spring freshet and warm your heart like fresh biscuits from a wood stove at the Zorn Home Place. Much love to each of you in the Family Zorn!

Yours as a Zorn,

Steve Elliott

Son of Mary Martha Zorn

Grandson of Willie Delmus Zorn

GGrandson of Oscar Winston Zorn

GGGrandson of Cat. Dennis Harrison Zorn-Zornville, AL

Steve Elliott - September 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Dear Zorn Family, Today we read in the Tifton Gazette of Rev. Zorn's passing . As you come together to celebrate his exemplary life and to say your earthly goodbyes, we know the memories you have and the stories you will hear from others will warm your hearts and soften the loss of a very special part of your life. Rev. Zorn performed our marriage ceremony in December 1962 in Tifton's First United Methodist Church. He had a wonderful way of counseling with couples before their vows were taken. We were very fortunate to have his counsel then, and his advice has often been honored during our 45 years together. We have never forgotten him and his kind manner and firm Christian leadership. He will be remembered as a true servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are so glad that he was there for us!

Tommy & Bonnie Carmichael, Tifton GA - September 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ My grandfather, George Harvey Zorn, was Luey Zorn's first cousin. George L. Zorn spoke at my grandfather's funeral in 1967. I think I would be G.L.'s third cousin once removed. My aunt Ellen Council in Waycross, Ga. , told me about his death. My grandson's name is Austin Matthew Forshee, but his name Austin comes from his Great- Great- Great- Grandfather(George Austin) who was a brother of Bud Zorn. My dad was William Austin Zorn of Jesup, Georgia. I was so sorry to hear of his death. Karen Zorn Forshee, 4106 Wellington Way, Gainesville, Ga. 30507

Karen Zorn Forshee - September 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ As an extended member of the Zorn family who is just becoming acquainted with this branch of my family, let me express my sincere condolences to each of you on the loss that you are experiencing. I wish that I had known your father, grandfather and g grandfather personally.

Claudia B. Waits - September 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Deare Zorn Famly. More than 60 years ago Reb. Zorn led a devotion at Wesleyan College at a youth conference. Without introduction, he quoted a little poem which begins "Isn't it Strange...". I have used that little poem in various settings, and I am thankful for his using it. I know your wonderful memories will sustain you in your grief. God bless you.

Joyce Nutt Turrentine - September 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ We are saddened to learn of your father's death. May you feel the strength of God's grace as he helps you thru this time of grief.
Sincerely.....
Karen Clark Strickland & family (former employee)
Nell and Joe Clark
Blackshear, GA

Karen Strickland - September 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Don, Taska & Family:
Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. How sad for us to have to let them go but how joyous for him going to be with our Lord!

Bernard S. Pearson & Family - September 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ I always have great memories of visiting the Zorns at their home with my grandmother Ruth Ten Hagen when I was young. The Zorns were always welcoming and were great friends to my entire family. My deepest regrets go out to Mr. Zorn's family in their time of loss.

Robert Thompson - September 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *SUNDAY WORSHIP AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WAS FIRST ON MY PARENTS AGENDA WHEN THEY RETIRED IN ALBANY, GA IN JUNE, 1977. WITHIN 90 MINUTES OF THEIR VISIT, DR. GEORGE ZORN WAS SITTING IN THEIR LIVING ROOM WITH A WARM WELCOME TO ALBANY AND TO FIRST CHURCH.*

MONTHS LATER, WHILE A MEMBER AT PORTERFIELD UMC IN ALBANY, I EXPERIENCED A CALL INTO ORDAINED MINISTRY UNDER THE PASTORAL LEADERSHIP OF DR. DONALD M. KEA, I ATTENDED BOSTON SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND RETURNED TO PORTERFIELD AND HAVE SERVED ON HER CLERGY TEAM FOR TWENTY FIVE YEARS.

THIRTY YEARS HAVE COME AND GONE AND STILL I AM OFTEN VISITED BY THE KIND VOICE OF DR. ZORN AS HE CONVERSED WITH MY FATHER AND MOTHER AS WELL AS HIS PROMPT EVANGELISTIC SPIRIT.

I AM ALSO VISITED BY HIS AFFIRMING COLLEGIALLY AND HIS GRACIOUS POETIC NATURE.

PLEASE KNOW HOW YOUR FATHER ENRICHED MY LIFE AND BLESSED MY SOUL. I AM ASSURED OF HIS CONTINUED LEGACY IN THE LIFE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND IN EACH OF YOU.

*BLESS YOU!
NANCY J. SCARBROUGH
SENIOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR
PORTERFIELD UMC*

REVEREND NANCY J. SCARBROUGH - September 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM