



Paul M. Gauntt Obituary

April 29, 1927 - May 4, 2003

A native of Langdale, Al., Rev. Gauntt was a United States Navy veteran, a graduate of Auburn University in 1950 with a BS in Engineering, and graduated from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 1953 with a Masters in Divinity. He served as minister in the Oak Bowery Circuit, as Associate Minister at Trinity United Methodist Church in Homewood, AL, as Senior Minister at Leeds First United Methodist Church, Tarrant First United Methodist Church, Norwood United Methodist Church, Cahaba Heights First United Methodist Church, Montevallo First United Methodist Church and Jasper First United Methodist Church. He served as District Superintendent for Birmingham West District in the North Alabama Conference and served as Secretary for the North Alabama Conference for many years. He also served as Director of Superannuate Homes and Ministry Affairs, retiring in 1991. He served as a delegate to Jurisdictional and General Conference and was a delegate to the World Methodist Council. He pastored several churches in the South Georgia Conference and was serving as Minister of Senior Adults at Porterfield Memorial United Methodist.

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul M. Gauntt Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Sincere Sympathy*

Pat Nortong - May 19, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am thinking about you and your family and keeping you in my prayers.
Sincerely, Linda*

Linda Cauley - May 14, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Mike Nobbe - May 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *A caring, always humorous,
dedicated United Methodist
Minister, brother-in law.*

Kimbrell Barefield - May 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *CARPOOLED WITH Paul while .*

Hugh Reynolds - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Joanne, We were so sorry to hear from Isabelle Gatlin about Paul's death. We love you and will be praying for you. With our sincerest sympathy, Betty and Sonny*

Betty and Sonny Logan - May 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *I have known Paul all of my life and he was such a role model for everyone who knew him. I never saw Paul without a smile on his face. My sympathy is extended to his family.*

Millie Sanders Jacobs - May 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *Paul M. Gauntt and his wife Joanne were "caregivers" for my cousin Grady Gerald before his death. Speaking for the Rowe/Gerald Family I extend condolences to the entire family.*

*Laura Anne (Rowe) Ackley
Albany, GA*

Laura Anne (Rowe) Ackley - May 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *We will always be grateful for Paul's performing our marriage service at Trinity Methodist Church in Birmingham, Al on Nov 23, 1960.*

Charlotte & Bill Walker - May 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *I have fond memories of Paul from my high school days at Trinity. He was a great help to me when I was having a personal crisis, and his gentle and wise counseling guided me through it.*

Charles Ellis - May 07, 2003 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ We cherish the memories of the years Paul served as our pastor at Montevallo First United Methodist Church. Paul was with us when our daughter Beth was born, and we were pleased that he was the minister who baptized her. His tenure at MFUMC was marked by dignity and grace, and we were sad when he was moved to a new church. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family members, knowing they will find comfort in the knowledge that Paul fulfilled God's high calling and, through his ministry, helped to further God's kingdom here on earth.

Herb and Barbara Milstead - May 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ We extend our sincere sympathy to Rev. Gauntt's family. We have fond memories of his pastorate at Burns Memorial UMC at Cotton, Ga. May God continue to comfort you
Sincerely
Herman & Nannette Roberts

Nannette & Herman Roberts - May 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ My daughter, Michelle, and I remember Paul especially at the time of my husband John's death in 1985. He was there for us.

Jeanette Andrews - May 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *A wonderful person, a n outstanding minister and best of all a good friend.*

Leeds First Methodist Church

Jim&MaryNelle McBrier - May 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy. You will be in our prayers.*

Jim and Cindy Moore - May 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Paul meant so much to my wife, Doris and me. He was an assocaiter minister at Trinity when Doris was a teenager. He was my minister at Cahaba Heights UMC; he married us at Trinity UMC in 1969 and he baptised our son, Nathan at Montevallo in 1976. My father, Luther Sparks, told me last night that he was closer to Paul than any other minister he'd had at Cahaba Heights UMC. They became good friends. I fondly remember Paul's down-to-earth demeanor and his quick smile. Hw will be greatly missed.*

Sam Sparks - May 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We have loved Paul and held in in very high exteem. He served as secretary of the No.

Ala Conf with great ability and dignity. While I was serving as bishop of that conference, he was always "my right hand" man. With numerous items for the conf. sessions, Paul had the ability to see that nothing was forgotten or overlooked.

Blessings on all the family and remember we are keeping you in our prayers.

Carl J. Sanders

*My association with Paul goes a long way back. I was working at Cahaba Heights Church while he was serving there. My grandparents moved to Bham and became part of that church. Paul had their funerals, my mothers and my husband, Tom, who was lay leader the four years Paul served Cahaba Heights. He also had the wedding ceremony for my daughter, Judy. As you see he was associated with four generations of my family so you can readily understand how much he has meant to me and all my family through the years. We will be remembering you in our prayers.
Love, Billie Jo*

Bishop Carl J. Sanders - May 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Paul's friendship goes back a long way. I baby sat Jim & Jan when they were at Cahaba Heights UMC. Paul married me and my husband, Skip in 1973. He has been a wonderful friend and will always be remembered. May our memories of Paul be a comfort to us in this time of sorrow. Love, Skip & Judy*

Skip & Judy Shipp - May 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ My mother, Mary Frances Joiner, and I treasured Rev. Gauntt's friendship. I particularly appreciated his attendance at my mother's memorial service despite his illness. He will not be forgotten.

Mari Jo Joiner - May 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Paul has been a really true friend to my family and me. He ministered to four generations of my family, in both happy times and sad, while pastor at Cahaba Heights UMC. He then moved to Montevallo UMC where I was attending college. He was there when I was ordained Deacon and seemed to know I wished my Dad was there, then we worked at United Methodist Headquarters together several years. Thank you, Paul. for being my friend. I love you and, Joanne, I love you and will be remembering you in my prayers.

Beth Perry - May 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Paul Gauntt was our pastor and friend while he was at the First United Methodist Church of Montevallo. We missed him very much when he left our church, and were saddened to learn of his death. We extend to his wife and his children our deep sympathy; we pray for their comfort in this hour of their bereavement; and, we join them in happy remembrance of Paul's good and useful life in God's service.

John and Lauris Stewart - May 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Paul Gauntt was many things. A wonderful husband to my mother, a caring and wise second father to me, and a loving grandfather to our children. Most of all, he was a true gift from God to our family, his friends, and anyone that knew him. We will miss him deeply, but we draw strength from the certain knowledge that he is now at home and at peace with his Lord.

To everyone that has been so supportive to our family these last few days, I want to say thank you. Your expressions are proof of a life lived in Christ.

Lon McNeil - May 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Jim,

We were very sorry to learn of your father's death. Please be assured that we will remember him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

John McGinley

John McGinley - May 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ JoAnn:

Ron and I was so sorry to read about Paul's death in the paper today. We plan to come to visitation this afternoon in Albany. Give our love to Lonnie and Jody too. Love Lucy and Ron Collins, Blakely, GA

Ron and Lucy Collins - May 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Visiting Porterfield UMC as the Vashti representative was a joy due in large part to Paul's warm welcome. I sat with him during the first joint UMM/UMW dinner I attended as the speaker and his warm conversation through the meal set my mind at ease and enabled me to do a much better job when it was my turn to speak at the podium. He was a joy!

Charles & Mary Ella Whatley - May 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Helen and I share in your shock and sorrow. May God's Easter promises give comfort and peace. Sam Rogers

Rev. and Mrs. Sam G. Rogers - May 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Praying for you. May God's presence be a powerful source of strength and peace.

Julian L. Tucker - May 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Joanne,
Just a note say we are keeping you in our prayers.
May God strengthen and bless you and your family at this time.

Dwight and Carolyn Bishop - May 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ We thank God for the precious life & personhood of a very able & effective man of God, Paul Gauntt. His leadership & ministry were blessings to many persons throughout his years. Our prayers & Christian empathy to Joanne & all the family. Grace & peace in Christ.

Hugh and Becky Davis - May 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Steady. Faithful. Concerned. Witty. All of these words describe Paul Gauntt for me. His passion and compassion for people spoke of his love for Christ. What a blessing Paul Gauntt was to my ministry and to the people of Porterfield Church. I am sad. I will miss him. He has influenced my life! One of the best things I did while pastor of Porterfield was to convince Paul Gauntt to come on staff as one of the pastors. Paul's investment in life will continue to pay dividends for countless individuals. Susan joins me in lifting up Joanne and the whole family in our prayers.*

Blessings on you all!
Tim Bagwell

Tim Bagwell - May 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Jim Gauntt and family at the passing of his father. Although I did not know Mr. Paul Gauntt, we knew his son Jim very well. Everyone has heard that "apple does not fall far from the tree" so with a wonderful son like Jim, we know that Paul was also a wonderful man that will be missed by many*

Jeff Broadfoot - May 05, 2003 at 12:00 AM