



Rev.. J.W. Loy Jr.

February 9, 1922 - November 6, 2021

Rev. J.W. Loy, Jr. D.D. age 99, was peacefully called home by his Lord and Savior on November 6, 2021 at The Citadel in Salisbury, following a period of declining health. Born February 9, 1922 to Jesse William Loy, Sr. and Mamie Edna Weaver of Salisbury, he became actively involved in church early in life. At the age of 9, he was baptized in High Rock Lake as a member of the First Baptist Church in Rockwell, where he taught boys Sunday School, led Wednesday evening prayer meeting, and led the choir until his mid-teens. In 1938, at the age of 16, he preached his first sermon. It was not uncommon for him to hitch up his pony wagon filled with hay bales for seating, and accompanied by his cousin Julia Beck, pick up church goers for Wednesday services.

He graduated from Granite Quarry High School in 1939 and began a radio ministry 7/13/1941 on WSTP in Salisbury, along with holding tent revivals throughout the region. In answering this call to the ministry and ordination by the First Baptist Church in Rockwell (1942), he graduated from Catawba College (1944), continued studies at Clarksville School of Theology, Piedmont Bible College, Emmanuel Baptist Bible College, Southeastern Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest, receiving a Doctor of Divinity from Trinity College of Florida (Alma Mater of the late Rev. Billy Graham), serving on their Board of Directors for many years.

Rev. Loy was instrumental in founding South Albemarle Baptist Church in Albemarle, pastored at Centerview Baptist and Lexington Avenue Baptist Church in High Point, and First Baptist Church in Locust. In addition, he authored two books: *The Gospel Tide* and *Anchors for the Soul*.

Having an eloquent bass voice, he sang in quartets, with musical abilities including piano, accordion, xylophone and occasionally an upright bass. He played acoustic guitar and at the age of 16 won 3rd place at the Original Fiddlers Convention in Granite Quarry, playing "The Great Speckled Bird" and "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again"

His love, first and foremost, was the Lord, sharing the gospel and his commitment to the church, followed by love for his family. In his early years he was known to fill his trunk with toys and fruit, drive to the poorest areas of the county, inviting all to share in Christmas; in later years regularly going to the local mall, sitting quietly, confident the Lord would lead someone to him, allowing him to witness: and frequently slipping away from holiday

gatherings to visit nursing home residents who had no family.

His favorite pastimes included flying a Piper Cub, riding his Indian motorcycle, tinkering with antique cars and fishing. Noted for a never-ending sense of humor, he removed the back seat of his car so he could "drag town" with his pony along for the ride.

Rev. Loy's legacy is the lives he touched through 90+ years of commitment in serving the Lord. Through many births, weddings and funerals, he always stood by, ready to extend a hand of compassion, friendship and love, remaining the most humble, unpretentious, selfless, loving man one could ever hope to meet.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 73 years, Dorthy Lee (Dot) Ragsdale. Left to cherish his memory is daughter, Shari Keller (Rex) of Salisbury, granddaughter, Christy Hart, Salisbury, grandson, Wesley Hart (Teri) Trenton, NC, step-grandchildren Heath Keller, Mooresville, Cody Keller, Lexington, great-grandchildren, Tesia Hart-Lawrence, Cameron Hart, Kylie Hart, step great-grandchildren Laura Keller, Sophia Keller, Valerie Keller, Heather Boyette, Grant Boyette, great-great grandson Zoda Lawrence, step great-great granddaughter Lucille Elizabeth (Lucy) Baker, and son, JW "Chris" Loy III of Lincolnton.

The family will receive friends 10-11 AM Monday November 15 at Franklin Baptist Church, Salisbury.

Services will follow at 11 AM with the Rev. Joe Thomas, minister of Franklin Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Rev. Loy's name to the Children's Ministry Franklin Baptist Church 3810 Hwy 601 Salisbury, NC 28147, Faithful Friends Animal Sanctuary 220 Grace Church Rd, Salisbury, NC 28147, Trinity College of Florida 2430 Welbilt Blvd, Trinity, FL 34655

The family would like to especially thank Pastor Joe and Norma Thomas, Dicy McCullough, and our church family at Franklin Baptist Church, for their outpouring of help and emotional support. With deepest gratitude, a prayerful "thank you" to Dr. Yuthapong Sukkasem, who provided compassionate care and support for Rev. Loy and family for many years.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Loy family. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>.

Cemetery

Rowan Memorial Park

Salisbury, NC,

Events

NOV 15 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Franklin Baptist Church
3810 Hwy 601, SALisbury, NC, US, 28144

NOV 15 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



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Shari and Chris,

I was a child at Locust Baptist when your family was there. I took piano lessons from your mother and have fond memories of both your parents. I remember your dad as a kind and thoughtful church leader. Your mom could make that piano rock!

I would like to extend my condolences to you and your families.

Cheryel Huneycutt Bray

Daughter of Roy and Minnie Huneycutt (both deceased)

Cheryel Bray - November 15, 2021 at 02:15 PM



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Shari,

We won't be able to attend the services for your dad on Monday. Is the church service going to be available on Live Stream?

Mother (Julia Beck) told us of many fun times she had with your dad as kids.

I remember being under your dad's preaching as a Junior High student in Locust.

The picture someone sent on this site is how I remember JW looking with his ready smile.

May your memories and past experiences with your dad comfort and encourage you.

Knowing you will see him again in Heaven is the best comfort anyone can have.

Blessings, Sondia & John Swartz

Sondia Swartz - November 11, 2021 at 11:19 PM



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Paul Hess - November 10, 2021 at 04:41 PM