

Benny R. Hillard

October 13, 1932 - January 22, 2011

Rev. Benny R. Hillard, 78 of Salisbury went to be with his Lord Saturday, January 22, 2011.

Born October 13, 1932 in Rowan County he was the son of the late Allen Jesse Hillard and Vera Harkey Hillard. He attended Woodleaf School, graduated from Catawba College and studied at Duke University. .

He was a former member of Gays Chapel United Methodist Church where he was a Sunday school teacher and lay speaker. This lead him into the ministry where he joined the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. He served Yadkin UMC in Yadkin, NC, Rowan UMC in Salisbury and Haywood Street UMC in Asheville. In 1981 he accepted the call to return to Salisbury as Senior Pastor of the newly formed Landmark Church where he served until his death

He was a Deputy and former Chaplain with the Rowan County Sheriff's Department. He was an avid reader, especially biographies, biblical history and stories of the old west where he had traveled extensively. He enjoyed music and especially the steel guitar.

He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret Jo Morris Hillard whom he married January 23, 1951; and a brother Charles Allen Hillard and son- in- law Matt Smith. Survivors include one son, Benny Lynn Hillard (Pat); five

daughters, Cathy H. Faucette (Mike), Harriet H. Pinkston (Steve), Lisa H. Houston, Robin H. Robinson (Mike) and Angela H. Smith all of Salisbury. Thirteen grandchildren, Katie H. Zino (Galeal), Mica F. Poteat (James), M. William Robinson, Hillary Robinson, Merritt Robinson, Jesse Pinkston, Scarlett Houston, Lauren Houston, Nick Houston, Megan Smith, Matthew Smith, Madison Smith and Malachi Smith. Six great-grandchildren, Ben, Bailey, Brooks, Bryce Zino and James, Jr. and Hayden Poteat and his faithful dog Lobo.

A visitation will be held tonight at Summersett Funeral Home from 6-8 PM with funeral services on Monday at 2:00 PM held at Landmark Church, with Pastor Mike Robinson and Rev. Ferrell Towns officiating. Burial will be at Rowan Memorial Park following services.

Memorials can be made to Landmark Church, 1910 Mooresville Rd., Salisbury, NC 28147.

Tribute Wall



“ *i am terribly sorry for your loss. Rev. Hillard was such a special man and he loved his family. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Lynn Miller-Hinson##imported-end##*

February 02, 2011 at 03:48 PM



“ *To all the Hillard family Benny Ray will be missed. Your Cousin and the keeper of the Klutz to Harkey family tree. Havis##imported-begin##Havis McDonald##imported-end##*

January 28, 2011 at 04:36 PM



“ *To Angela and children and the Hillard family. My sympathy to the family in their tragic loss. Benny was such a strong support for his family and church. He felt deeply for both and was there for all. I admired the sense of caring he showed to his grandchildren when I was there to visit. And how they responded back to their grandfather. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Nickie Augustine##imported-end##*

January 27, 2011 at 01:35 PM



“ Dear Angela and Hillard family - Our thoughts and prayers go out to you today in hearing of your dad's passing. The Lord saw fit to take him out of your earthly lives but he will always live in the memories you have made over the years. God bless each and every one and may His peace surround you and give you the strength to go through this trying time. We love you.##imported-begin##Shirley & Linda Parker##imported-end##

January 25, 2011 at 12:34 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. May God comfort you all.##imported-begin##Vickie Reavis Barnhardt##imported-end##

January 24, 2011 at 07:07 PM



“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God's peace and love surround you and keep you as He carries you through this time.##imported-begin##Jeff, Susan & T.J. Cobb##imported-end##

January 24, 2011 at 06:51 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each one of you. Benny shared a large part of our lives.

We are sorry that we could not be there to express our love and sympathy. Howard had emergency surgery for a ruptured appendix on Tuesday (1/18). He came home on Friday. There was no way that we could be there, but we are with you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Howard & Jan Myrick##imported-end##

January 24, 2011 at 04:24 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Pam Hylton Coffield and Staff at Stitchin Post

January 24, 2011 at 01:41 PM



“ Deepest sympathy in the death of Rev Hillard

January 24, 2011 at 10:03 AM

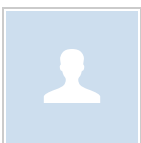


“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Pastor Hillard will always hold a special place in our hearts for he married us.

We will be praying that God will send you his perfect peace~

Mike and Amy Klutz

January 24, 2011 at 09:34 AM



“ With love and prayers

January 24, 2011 at 08:29 AM



“ Dearest Hillard Family,
You have our deepest sympathies. We are so sorry for the great loss you have suffered. We all know he is no longer in any pain- and he's walking with your mother and Jesus now.
We hope you will find comfort in knowing that there are many people praying for your whole family. We will have you in our prayers for quite a while. God be with each of you,
Truely,
Rick, Loretta,
Laura, Anna
& Dale Bogle##imported-begin##Rick & Loretta Bogle##imported-end##

January 23, 2011 at 09:20 PM



“ Dearest Hillard Family,
We are so sorry for the loss of your father, father in-law, grand father, and gret grand father. For many years he was a good Pastor. I remember him reading those books about the old west. We'd talk about them every once in a while. He was something else.
Please, Know this-- you All will be in our prayers for a while. We are so very sorry.
Truely,
Rick, Loretta,
Laura, Anna
& Dale Bogle##imported-begin##Rick & Loretta Bogle##imported-end##

January 23, 2011 at 09:08 PM



“ Cathy and Hillard family,
Just want you all to know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this time! Will plan on being at the funeral. Be thankful for the years you all had together and know that he and your mom will both be in your hearts forever. Your mom and dad are enjoying their anniversary together in Heaven. What a blessing that is for them but that doesn't make it easier on the children. Lifting you all up in love and prayers!##imported-begin##Debbie & Mike Heilig##imported-end##

January 23, 2011 at 08:30 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. May God Bless you and keep you in his care.##imported-begin##George & Anne Kimball##imported-end##

January 23, 2011 at 03:53 PM



“ Cathy, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. Losing your parents is so, so hard. He fought long & hard overcoming the loss of your mom & then health problems. He's in heaven now with God & your mom. Please know that my thoughts & prayers are with you and your family.
God bless!##imported-begin##Liz Faison Kershaw##imported-end##

January 23, 2011 at 01:08 PM



“ My most sincere condolences to the Hillard family and the Landmark church Family. Pastor Benny will be missed by many. Prayers for all those left behind to grieve.##imported-begin##Phillip York##imported-end##

January 23, 2011 at 12:33 PM



“ I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new I thought about you yesterday and days before that too, I think of you in silence I often speak your name All I have are memories and your picture in a frame Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part God has you in His keeping I have you in my heart. May you find comfort in the arm of an angel.##imported-begin##PATRICK A HILLARD##imported-end##

January 23, 2011 at 12:27 PM



“ our deepest thoughts and prayers go out to you at this very difficult time, we pray that the lord will give you strength and understanding , you can rest asure you are not alone, every saint of God is with you, MAY God richly bless you and keep you in the palm of his hand.##imported-begin##dennis &dorethea bost##imported-end##

January 23, 2011 at 09:40 AM



“ We are sharing in your sorrow with heartfelt sympathy. May these words of sympathy help to comfort you today and may loving memories bring you comfort, warmth and peace There are no words that can fill the emptiness in your heart, but perhaps it will help to know others care. I love you all and may God be with you. Myrtis, Dick & Eric##imported-begin##Myrtis Hellard Watts##imported-end##

January 23, 2011 at 08:34 AM



“ To the Hillard you have my greatest sympathies.

Pastor Benny was a Great Great Man and Pastor and has helped me through life in so many ways.

He will be missed so much.

Barry##imported-begin##Barry Carter##imported-end##

January 23, 2011 at 07:54 AM