



Rev. Edward Lee Bitner

September 5, 1934 - November 18, 2015

Rev. Edward Lee Bitner, of Salisbury, NC passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at UNC Healthcare in Chapel Hill, NC.

Born September 5, 1934 in War, WV Rev. Bitner was the son of the late Dena Lee Young and Elmer Bitner.

Rev. Bitner was a graduate of Spencer High School. He served in the US Air Force for 20 years. He also worked for Norfolk Southern Railroad for 24 years. Rev. Bitner was ordained at Trinity Baptist Church in Spencer, NC; he also served many other churches including: Providence Baptist Church, Parkdale Baptist Church, Oakland Heights Baptist Church, and most recently Carmel Baptist. Rev. Bitner enjoyed playing golf along with working in the yard and gardening.

Along with his parents, Rev. Bitner was preceded in death by his step-father, Walter Sims; brother, Marvin Bitner; sister, Ruby Turner (Carl).

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 62 years, Delores Trexler Bitner; daughters, Vicki Ann Lyerly (Marshall), Shari B. Solomon (Eddie); sister, Maxine Bitner Sims; step-sister, Maedell Estes; grandchildren, Michelle Wiener (Robert), Tyler Solomon, Nicole Barton (Adam); great-grandchildren, Abby Barton and Kaisey Barton; along with numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held from 10-11AM Monday, November 23, 2015 at Carmel Baptist Church. Funeral service will follow at 11AM with Rev. Sy Ponds and Rev. Brian Smith officiating. Burial with military honors will conclude at Rowan Memorial Park cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Carmel Baptist Church, 2100 Mooresville Rd, Salisbury, NC 28147 and Providence Baptist Church, 620 Andrews St, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Bitner family. Online condolences and memorial tributes may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Carmel Baptist Church
2100 Mooresville Road
Salisbury, NC 28147

Service

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Tribute Wall



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November 21, 2015 at 05:10 PM



“ *Dear Delores and Family,
Brother Ed was a dear friend to me and admired pastoral leader. I always felt the love of Christ when I was in his presence. He was a faithful servant of God who inspired many people to trust and love Jesus. I enjoyed his company, his joyous spirit and his positive attitude. He will be sorely missed among the churches of the Rowan Baptist Association. I personally share your grief at your loss of a dear husband, father and friend. However, I know with certainty that he is in a far better place, receiving the rewards of a faithful servant of Christ. He now beholds the beauty of the Lord. God bless you all.*

*Dr. Dale Robertson
Pastor, North Main Baptist Church
Salisbury, NC*

Dr. Dale Robertson - November 21, 2015 at 09:56 AM