



Rev. Dr. Jimmy "Jim" Conrad Gilland

July 1, 2023

The Rev. Dr. Jim Gilland, of Salisbury, North Carolina, died July 1, 2023 at Trinity Oaks Health and Rehab. A native of Rowan County, Jim was the son of the late Conrad A. and Edna Bradshaw Gilland. A 1951 graduate of Spencer High School, he received his BA from High Point College, a Master of Divinity from Duke University, a Doctor of Ministry from Drew University, and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity from High Point University.

A retired United Methodist pastor, Jim served churches in Lexington, Siler City, Hickory, Statesville, Asheville, Cullowhee, Charlotte, Brevard, and as Superintendent of the Greensboro District.

An exchange pastor to India, Jim traveled in 32 countries, and preached or taught in 394 churches and institutions on four continents.

A strong proponent of racial and gender equality and world peace, Jim had the ability to heal and motivate churches. He participated in many community activities, including Rotary International.

Jim is survived by his wife and best friend of 69 years, Glener Burns Gilland, a daughter, Rev. Gina Gilland Campbell (Arch) of Chevy Chase, Maryland; a son, Joel Andrew Gilland (Tina); and two grandchildren Caroline Gilland and Andrew Gilland of Charlotte. Also surviving are sisters-in-law Wanda Gilland of Salisbury and Elaine Gilland of Rockwell and many nieces and nephews.

A Service of Remembrance and Celebration will be held at First United Methodist Church, Salisbury at 2 PM Saturday (July 8). A private burial will be held at Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Salisbury.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Jim and Glener Gilland Scholarship, United Methodist Foundation for Higher Education, PO Box 34005, Nashville, Tennessee, 37203-0005. The scholarship is awarded to a student at Duke Divinity School from the Western North Carolina Annual Conference.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Gilland family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Chestnut Hill Cemetery

Salisbury, NC

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
217 S. Church St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Visitation

JUL 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a First United Methodist Church - Livestream in memory of Rev. Dr. Jimmy "Jim" Conrad Gilland*



Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center - July 08, 2023 at 12:06 PM

TM

“ *Dr Gilland was our pastor at PUMC when I was courting the girl who became my wife of 27 years so far, Laura. Although she was raised a Baptist, he helped make her feel a part of our congregation, and we still are today, with his warmth, sense of humor, and messages. He was great, and we missed him after he moved on for sure! Best, Tom M.*

Tom Miralia - August 31, 2023 at 03:14 PM

JM

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My husband and I had the great privilege of being married by Jim in 1995 at PUMC. We just celebrated our 28th wedding anniversary. We will always treasure our talks with Jim and his outstanding church leadership. Sending prayers to his family. He will be greatly missed. Jessica and Scott Meckes*

jessica Meckes - July 07, 2023 at 01:31 PM

SN

“ Glener, I was truly sorry to hear of Dr. Gillands passing. He was always kind to me while I worked at the church. I miss your letters. Let me know your current address so we can continue our correspondence. He was a good man of faith and he will not be forgotten.
Love, Sue Nealy

Sue Nealy - July 05, 2023 at 03:26 PM

KE

“ Glener and family, I have such happy memories of Jim for his leadership and friendship over the years. May you continue to find comfort and peace in the everlasting presence of our loving God.
Ken Eller

Ken Eller - July 05, 2023 at 09:51 AM

BM

“ Glener and family, I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I just had shoulder replacement surgery. If I am able to drive by the 8th, I plan to attend the service. If not, I will visit you as soon as I can. I am glad I got to see you both not long ago. My prayers are with you and your family. Love you.
Brenda Burns Morris

Brenda B. morris - July 04, 2023 at 03:51 PM

CY

“ We have many happy, appreciative memories of Jim and Glener. Upon Jim's death we ask that all who loved him may be aware of and strengthened by the ever present grace and peace of God.
Claude and Betty Jean Young

Claude & Betty Jean Young - July 03, 2023 at 07:41 PM

MM

“ *Glener, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. I will not be able to be in Salisbury with you for the service but my thought will be there with you. I feel so honored to have been able to sit by both of you in the Faith Sunday School class and get acquainted. You are both very special people and so kind and loving. Thanks for being that influence in my life. I love you, Mary Millar*

Mary Millar - July 03, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Jimmy "Jim" Conrad Gilland.*



July 03, 2023 at 02:48 PM