



Reverend Doctor Mills Junius Peebles

April 27, 1933 - April 4, 2018

The Reverend Doctor Mills Junius Peebles, 84, passed away Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at Carillon Assisted Living.

Mills was born April 27, 1933 in Bishopville, SC and was the son of the late Lawrence M. Peebles and Hannah Fraser Mills Peebles.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Clarita Smith, of Columbia SC. They were married on June 12, 1956.

A graduate of Bishopville High School, he received a B.A. degree from Presbyterian College, Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary and Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary. He served in the army reserves following graduation from Presbyterian College attaining the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

He was the organizing pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island, SC and became their first installed pastor. He was pastor of Nevin Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC and was the first Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, SC. Other pastorates include First Presbyterian Church, Bennettsville, SC; Columbia Presbyterian Church, Decatur GA; Fairview Presbyterian Church, North Augusta, SC; and First Presbyterian Church, Laurel MS.

In 1992 Mills was called to the Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Church (USA) where he served as Regional Representative and later as Interim Director of Assistance and Retirement Housing. He retired from the Board in 2000.

He served seven churches as interim pastor which were located in West

Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Christchurch, New Zealand.

In addition to his wonderful wife, Clarita, he is survived by children, the Reverend Lawrence Mills Peebles and wife Ann of Kinards, SC; Kathryn Anne Peebles Baker and husband Ben of Granite Quarry, NC; and Samuel Mills Peebles and wife Karen of League City, Texas; seven grandchildren: Laurie Fraser Peebles, John Mills Peebles, Sarah Kathryn Baker Boger and husband Clay, Hannah Elizabeth Baker, Benjamin Mills Baker, Matthew Mills Peebles, and Samuel James Peebles; and two great granddaughters: Olivia and Emma Boger.

Memorial services will be held at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC on Saturday (Apr 28) at 11 AM. The services will be conducted by the Reverend Doctor Ellen Fowler Skidmore.

Memorials may be made to the Forest Lake Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund, 6500 N. Trenholm Rd. Columbia, SC 29206.

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

Tribute Wall

RC

“ *Very Sad to hear that Mills passed away, but not unexpected. I did enjoy playing the organ for his services in Christchurch while heard Clarita were here. Mills always had the hymn "Spirit of the living god, fall on me" before his sermon.. I did enjoy very much my visit to Columbia and his and Clarita's hospitality. Mills took me to Augusta and the gate of the National golf course of the Masters, the zoo, the State House building and a movie and service at Forest Lakes..*

Rob Connell - November 16, 2019 at 07:08 PM

EJ

“ *I was saddened to learn from Toby that Mills, our Bishopville classmate has passed away. We attended BHS together for four years and graduated in 1951. Mills was always a kind and caring person with a wonderful gift for the ministry that he served most of his life. He will surely be missed by everyone who knew and loved him.*

Ellie E. Price, Charlotte, N.C.

Ellie E. Price Jr. - April 21, 2018 at 06:41 PM

MJ

“ *Mills and Clarita were in a Disciple Bible study with me at Forest Lake Presbyterian, just before moving to NC. I know it took great effort for him to be in the study, we became good friends and he always cared about my health and well being. If someone asked me to describe a true Christian, I would point them to Mills. I was privileged to be their Deacon at Forest Lake Pres.. This was bittersweet news to me via Facebook this week. I will miss him, however, I celebrate his life knowing he is pain free in his heavenly home. I have seen a bright red cardinal in my yard several times this week. Makes you wonder! Prayers to Clarita and all of his family as they celebrate his remarkably wonderful life.*

Mike Joyce

Mike Joyce - April 07, 2018 at 08:09 PM

DW

“ *I am saddened by your loss of your father. His father and mother were members of Bishopville Presbyterian Church when I was there. Lawrence, my older brother GDana Waters III and I were a part of the original DMin group organized near Bennetsville among about 37 other ministers. I have often remembered our fellowship and studies together. You and all the Peebles family are in my prayers for God's comfort and praise for our Heavenly Father for this faithful servant of Jesus Christ. May God bless you all.*

Dr David L Waters

Dr David L Waters - April 06, 2018 at 11:04 AM

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“ *Nancy Ruth Bracey Raines lit a candle in memory of Reverend Doctor Mills Junius Peebles*



Nancy Ruth Bracey Raines - April 05, 2018 at 07:53 PM

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“ *The Peebles' family has a very special place in the Bracey family's hearts. We have experienced much love and guidance from them. We love you. You are in our prayers.*

Nancy Ruth Bracey Raines - April 05, 2018 at 07:52 PM