



Rev. J. Clyde Yates

February 13, 1930 - February 5, 2013

Rev. J. Clyde Yates, Jr., 82, who made his home in Salisbury the past 45 years and in the Gables Community since 2005, passed away February 5, 2013, in Trinity Oaks Lutheran Nursing Home.

Clyde was born on February 13, 1930 in Wake Forest, NC, son of the late Rev. J. Clyde Yates, Sr. and Mrs. V.C. Yates. Clyde attended Mars Hill College, received his BA degree from Wake Forest University, a BD degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and an MA degree from Appalachian State University. Clyde completed the Pastoral Care Program at Baptist Hospital as well as studied at several other colleges and universities. From 1955-1969 Clyde pastored churches in Nash, Columbus and Greene Counties. From 1970-1992 he served numerous churches as interim pastor in Rowan, Cabarrus, and Davie Counties and taught special education in the Rowan-Salisbury school system. As a member of Milford Hills Baptist Church, he served as RA leader, Sunday school teacher, deacon, and worked on many church committees. For years he led a prison ministry here in Rowan County. As Director of the Rowan Southern Baptist Association Brotherhood, Clyde constructed churches, built Habitat houses and assisted in disaster relief both locally and around the world. Wherever there was a need, Clyde wanted to be there to help and to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. He enjoyed as a hobby wood work and was a member of the Wood Carver Club.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Frances Bullard Yates, son John Yates

and his wife Ruth, their children Daniel, Laura, and Kyle of Austin, TX; daughter Mary Walser and her husband Charles, and their daughters Margaret and Hannah of Greensboro, NC; sisters Sarah Goare, Rachel Wall, Martha Brady, Phyllis Harvel, Elaine Rogers, Doris Rogers; brothers, Richard Yates and Robert Yates. The Yates family, including spouses, nieces and nephews, have been an example of how a large and close Christian family can bring blessings to others.

Burial will be held on Saturday (Feb 9) in City Memorial Park (Salisbury) at 10:00 AM and will be followed by family visitation from 10:30 am to 12:00 PM at Milford Hills Baptist Church. The memorial service will begin at noon at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Milford Hills Baptist Church, 1238 East Colonial Drive, Salisbury, NC 28144 or the donor's choice.

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

Tribute Wall



“ A friend of mine once came to me and said have you heard Clyde Yates had died. I was saddened by this news but rejoiced that he was with the Lord. And then I saw someone at Lowe's that I knew and it was Clyde Yates. I told him he was the prettiest angel I had ever seen and that someone had told me he died. He told me not yet and I hugged him and told him if he got to heaven before I did to tell my husband Maurice that I loved him. Now he has gone to be with the Lord. He was a wonderful Pastor, a wonderful friend and I loved him dearly. My tears fall with the tears of his family but he is happy with the Lord. My deepest sympathies.##imported-begin##Dianne Massey##imported-end##

March 01, 2013 at 09:44 AM



“ The Lord is richly blessed with the presence of a wonderful man.##imported-begin##Robert Cranfield##imported-end##

March 01, 2013 at 09:36 AM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of Pastor Yates passing. Though I know he is where he has wanted with the Lord, I grieve his passing with those who love him. He was pastor of my church as a child and he also was the pastor for my first wedding. I will forever treasure the memories of his time in my life and the church I attended as a child. My Mother gave Pastor Yates a statue of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus and I know how much he loved it. And I know how much he meant to my family and to me. He is now with our Lord and also having great conversations with my Poppy, Maurice Massey. You all have our deepest sympathy.
Janie G. Hamsey###imported-begin##Janie Hamsey###imported-end##

February 28, 2013 at 09:25 AM



“ Mrs Yates & family,
So sorry to hear of Mr. Yates death! He was always so involved with our church, while I was growing up. He always had a smile for everyone. He will be missed! Will keep you all in my prayers!###imported-begin##Lynn Jones Mahon###imported-end##

February 12, 2013 at 10:49 PM



“ Frances & Family,
So sorry to hear of your loss and our loss as a community as well.###imported-begin##HJ & Wanda Kesler###imported-end##

February 09, 2013 at 01:27 PM



“ Sorry I was babysitting I'll see you later. Love Shirley##imported-begin##Shirley Russ##imported-end##

February 09, 2013 at 11:34 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Frances and all of Clyde's family and friends. We have only known Clyde since moving to the Gables in 2007 but he always had a smile and friendly word. We will miss him, but we have no doubt that God will grant him continual growth in His love and service.##imported-begin##Dawn, Warren, & Helen Detgen##imported-end##

February 08, 2013 at 03:41 PM



“ Clyde Yates was a wonderful man of God. His service to God and man is something all of us should strive for, but few of us will accomplish.

We will all miss him; his faith and service should inspire all of us to duplicate his relationship with God.##imported-begin##Gordon & Cynthia Correll##imported-end##

February 07, 2013 at 08:37 AM