



Rev. Robert Thomas Heard

June 22, 1938 - December 27, 2011

Rev. Robert Thomas Heard, 73, of Salisbury, NC went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home.

Born June 22, 1938 in Meriden, CT, he was the son of the late John T. and Dorothy Parenteau Heard.

Robert was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas, TX, Baylor University in Waco, TX and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX. Ordained to the gospel ministry Rev. Heard served as associate pastor of his home church, Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, TX; pastor of Warsaw Baptist Church, Warsaw, VA; First Baptist Church, Danville, VA; Milford Hills Baptist Church, Salisbury, NC; Oakdale Baptist Church, Spencer, NC; and Stallings Memorial Baptist Church, Salisbury, NC retiring in June 2007. He was presently a member of Salisbury First Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent. Seeing the great need for families in Rowan County, Rev. Heard and two fellow ministers established the Crisis Assistance Network which later developed into the present Rowan Helping Ministries. He served on the executive committee for the NC State Baptist Convention. He was past President of the Rowan Ministerial Association and past president of Rowan Baptist ministerial Assoc. and a past moderator for the Rowan Baptist Assoc..

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Ann Toney Heard whom he married June 7, 1980, one son David Heard of Danville, VA, one daughter Susan Heard of Joplin MO, two grand children Elizabeth and Matthew Trexler of Joplin, MO, mother-in-law Margaret Toney of Salisbury, sister Cathy H. Cox, of Denton, TX, two brothers John Heard (Nancy) of East Lyme, CT, Peter Heard (Judi) of Falmouth Cape Cod, MA, and two nieces and 3 Nephews.

A visitation will be held from 6-8:00 PM Friday (Dec. 30) at Summersett Funeral Home in Salisbury

The funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday (Dec. 31) at First Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Dr. C. Kenneth Lance and Rev. Dr. John Paul Carter. Graveside services and burial will be conducted at 3:30 PM Saturday at Oak Grove Cemetery in Marion, NC.

Memorial may be made to First Baptist Church 223 N. Fulton St. Salisbury, NC 28144, and Rowan Hospice and Palliative Care C/O Rowan County Hospice House, 720 Grove St. Salisbury, NC 28144

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Ann, my parents, Harriet and Garland Wyatt were devoted to your husband. My thoughts are with you at this sad time. Sue Wyatt Holmes, Columbia, SC##imported-begin##sue wyatt holmes##imported-end##*

January 11, 2012 at 05:29 PM



“ *I love you daddy. You are home with your Lord and Savior.##imported-begin##Susan Heard##imported-end##*

January 03, 2012 at 09:53 AM



“ *ann,*

we were so sorry to hear about Robert. What a fine man he was! We always enjoyed helping him find just the right thing for you on special occasions. He was always so patient and kind and was very peticular about the gifts he purchased for you. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your familiy during this difficult time.

Pam and all the girls at the Stitchin Post.##imported-begin##pam coffield##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 06:09 PM



“ We were so sorry to learn about Robert and did not know when we saw you last that he was so sick.
Please know that we are thinking of you and family and you have our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Charles and Barbara Earley##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 05:40 PM



“ Ann, Robert was my minister and fried at Frist Baptist Church in Danville, Va. I attended your wedding 31 years ago. He was a great minister, a fine Christian man and a wonderful friend. I thought of him often but had no idea that he had been sick. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. In Christ Joy Burnett Give Susan and David a big hug from me. God Bless you##imported-begin##Joy Burnett##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 03:42 PM



“ Dear Ann,I am sorry for your loss.I did not know your husband.He had to be very special man if you,married him.You have always been a special person,giving and caring heart. God Bless you and your family, Brenda B. Mckinney##imported-begin##brendabmckinney##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 01:09 PM



“ Our heartfelt prayers are with you and your family during your loss. May God guide and bless you during this time and may friends and family be your support also.##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs Donald Cartner##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 09:14 PM



“ I send my condolences to the family. Robert was a great man that would always take time to council, or just answer a question. I did not realize that he had come "out of retirement" to do both of my parents funerals as well as my aunts. You will be surely missed Robert. May God bless you and the family and friends that have been left. May God wrap them in his arms and give them comfort and strength to carry on. -Love, Susie###imported-begin##Susie Nordman Guthrie###imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 02:47 PM



“ Dave,
I am so sorry for your loss, I know that there are really no words of comfort at this time, but I also know that God will see you and your family through this difficult time. I'm here if you need ANYTHING.###imported-begin##Chasity Gibson###imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 12:48 PM



“ Ann, both Patti and I were saddened to hear of Robert's passing. He was such a kind and loving person. I know that he will be a welcome sight to so many he helped lead to heaven. Our prayers go out to you and the family. May God Bless you in your time of grief.###imported-begin##Barry Chambers###imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 12:16 PM



“ Oh Ann,

I am so sorry for your loss of Robert. I can't even imagine how you must feel. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and will continue to be. Much love, Diane##imported-begin##Diane Brackett Rivers##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 10:46 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to Ann, to your mother, and all the family members of Robert. You have always been a great friend to me, and you and Robert have given so much to so very many people who love and admire you. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Linda McGee##imported-begin##Linda Mace McGee##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 10:09 AM



“ Ann and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. He is celebrating with the Lord now! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Miss you and love you as a sister in Christ.##imported-begin##Shirley Swicegood##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 09:56 AM



“ On behalf of the family of Sam and Nancy Collins, we extend our most sincere condolences.

Ann, we thank you for the many times you loaned him to us, to be by our side through difficult times.

We are grateful for the two of you. Robert will be missed, but his legacy will live forever in the many lives he touched. Gob be with his family during this loss.##imported-begin##Bunni Mills##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 09:14 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Heard family during this difficult time. We were all blessed to know Rev. Heard and for him to be a part of our lives. I treasure my years in high school when Mrs. Heard was one of my teachers at North Hills Christian School. Such a dear sweet man that touched more lives than he will ever know.##imported-begin##Kathy Teodorovici##imported-end##

December 29, 2011 at 08:46 AM



“ Sympathy is extended to the Heard family. Being life-long members of Gaston Ave. Baptist Church, we remember Robert and his ministry. Special thoughts to our friend Peter.##imported-begin##Tom and Susan Hamzy Kovan##imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 09:36 PM



“ Ann,
My heart breaks for you at the loss of your dear Robert. I'm so thankful that we got to meet him at the class picnic you got to come too - he was a fine person and I'm sure a fine Christian and minister. I know God has his arms wide open in welcome home to him. I will be praying for you as you adjust to not having him with you all the time and pray you feel God's love and grace every step you hesitantly take. Please know that your MHS Class of '66 classmates love you and are praying for you.

*Love and prayers,
Jean###imported-begin##Jean Shirley Revis###imported-end##*

December 28, 2011 at 09:09 PM



“ *May Christ our Lord bring peace and hope during these days of remembrance. Robert was a true man of God - we will miss his powerful sermons and caring spirit.*

Lyn and Jackie###imported-begin##Dr Lyn and Jackie Stike###imported-end##

December 28, 2011 at 07:25 PM