



## Pastor Earl Carpenter

January 6, 1928 - March 26, 2013

Pastor Earl Carpenter of Fayetteville passed away March 26, 2013. He was the pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Riverdale for 47 years and is survived by his wife of 67 years, Idell Carpenter of Fayetteville; daughters, Joyce Strickland of Riverdale; Diane Gilbert and her husband Gene of Fayetteville; son, Jerry Carpenter and his wife Cindy of Fayetteville; sister, Pauline Watson and her husband Leon of Arley, AL; brother, Robert Carpenter and his wife Mittie of Cullman, AL; grandchildren, Terri Gober and her husband Bill; Shane Strickland and his wife Glenda; Timothy Gilbert and his wife Heather; Regina Shigemori and her husband Jason; Katie Carpenter and 6 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Friday, March 29, 2013 at 11 o'clock at Sandy Creek Baptist Church with remains placed in state at 10 o'clock. Rev. Philip Johnson, Pastor Robert (Bob) McCurry and Pastor Bobby Carpenter officiating. Interment to follow at Sherwood Memorial Gardens. Those wishing may sign the on-line guestbook at [www.parrottfuneralhome.com](http://www.parrottfuneralhome.com). The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory. 770-964-4800.

# Tribute Wall

K.

“ Sincere condolences for your loss. May God comfort you and bring you peace through the loving promise of the resurrection.

K.Carney-Rev.21:4 - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Dear Sister Idell,  
Our hearts and prayers go out for you and your family. Brother Earl was a dear friend and brother and will be greatly missed. We love you and may our Lord be with you and comfort you during this time.  
I Thess. 4:13-18  
Love,  
Tommy and Ann Smithwick

Tommy and Ann Smithwick - March 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ The Carpenter Family, We're so sorry to hear about Mr. Carpenter passing away. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time. Bless you,  
Theresa and Margaret Clegg

Theresa Clegg - March 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ Joyce, Shane & Glenda, Cody, Tori, Terri & Bill, Shanna, so sorry about the loss of your father, grandfather & great grandfather. Fill your sorrow and emptiness with all the many memories made to get you through this tough time in your lifes. No more suffering or pain, left this earth to join his Heavenly Father, rejoicing with the Angels!  
You are in my thoughts and prayers! Love you

Vickie Davis - March 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Bro. Earl was a one-of-a-kind, a true "character" in the finest sense of the word. It was my pleasure to have known him several years. I have fond memories of the gentleman. To his family: I'm sorry for your loss, but I rejoice in his victory.

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**Gary Daniel Baldy** - March 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Thank you for allowing us to care for Mr. Carpenter and getting to know all of your family. You all will be missed.

Sincerely-

*Alicia Shaw*  
Social Services

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**Kindred Transitional Care and Rehab-Lafayette** - March 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Jerry,  
Our prayers are with you and all of your family in your time of loss. Our thoughts will be with you. Remember that absence from here present with the Lord. May God Bless and Keep You and Your Family.

*Joe and Fairy Wortham*

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**Joe Wortham** - March 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Pastor Earl Carpenter. In this difficult time remember that God never forgets righteous people. He promises they will possess the earth, and reside forever upon it. Psalm 37:29. May you find comfort in God's promise and in knowing you can have the chance of reuniting with your loved ones again in an earthly paradise.

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**Barbara** - March 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ 1 Th 4:13-14 "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." We are sorry for your loss but rejoice to know that Bro. Earl is in the presence of the Lord he lovingly declared! I can still hear the brother's "Amen" as the gospel was preached. :) How good to know that, for those who are in Christ, it is far better "to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (2 Cor 5:8) Amen! With love and prayers...

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**Jamie and Lori Walker** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ To me Brother Earl was a brother, and a friend. Through the years he stood by me; counseled me; prayed for me; encouraged me; loved me, and was always telling me to stay close to Christ. Though I failed to do that as I should, I did do it. The rest of the way in my life I will be strengthened by his wonderful support. I pray for all the family in your loss.

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**charles woodruff** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ So happy for Brother Earl but sorry for the family's loss. We sure have missed you all! May God help you through this time of healing. Love you all!!

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**Brenda Ludecke** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ With our deepest sympathy.  
In Christs Love,  
Brett and Nancy Smith

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**Brett and Nancy Smith** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Pastor Earl Carpenter

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**Mike & Elaine Strickland** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Dear Sis. Idell, just want to tell you I am sorry,so, so sorry,for you & your family's loss. My heart goes out to you, dear sis., for the loss of your lifetime partner. May Christ hold you close in His peace that passes all understanding. For in Him we live & move & have our being. May God bless you with His abiding love. And we know that now Bro Earl is truly at rest with our Lord & Savior. In Christ, Carol Peterman

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**Carol Peterman** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ We have such comfort in His Word. "Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away." Isaiah 51:11 Rejoicing in Brother Carpenter's Homecoming, and praying that God would draw close to you and your family.  
With Love, Ward and Shannon

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**Ward and Shannon** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dear Sister Idell and family,  
We are remembering the family in prayer on the passing of Bro. Earl. He will be remembered for his gentleness, kindness, love of the Word, and a man of prayer.  
Our love to you and the family, Roger and Nancy Schroeder

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**Roger and Nancy Schroeder** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ We thank our dear Lord for the opportunity of knowing this faithful minister of the gospel for these many years. He and his dear wife were dedicated to the gospel and to its ministry in every way and always with cheerful hearts. They have been an inspiration to us both over the years. Only eternity will reveal their good effect upon the Lord's sheep!  
Gene and Diane Breed  
Isa. 57:1 ¶ The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

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**Gene & Diane Breed** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ We say "Good Night" to another dear soldier in the Lord and one day we will say "Good Morning". What a wonderful man! Our thoughts and prayers to out to all of you during this time.

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**Jerry and Betty Everett** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Where would I even begin to say what Earl meant to me. I've known him for many years. Many church services, meals and fun times with him & his family, Not only was he was my Christian Brother, he let my family have his daughter as my sister-n-law. He will be truly missed. Love to all the Carpenter family.

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**Susan Strickland Patteson** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ We loved Bro. Earl and he leaves behind a wonderful testimony. We are praying for all the family.

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**Buster and Kytha Dockins** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. love in and thru CHRIST  
claudette & shannon

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**claudette thomason** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM