



The Reverend William Cline Hightower

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The Reverend William Cline Hightower, 83 of Springdale, AR passed away Friday, February 8, 2008 in Springdale, AR. Reverend Hightower was know by most as Brother Bill. He was born August 16, 1924 in Hartman, AR to Bryan and Rachel (Cline) Hightower.

Reverend Hightower received a BA Degree from Arkansas Tech University and did theological studies at Perkins School of Theology-SMU. He was invited to be a member of Pi Gamma Mu.

He was a retired Methodist Minister of the North Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church having retired in June of 1990 after 44 years of ministry. During his ministry he served in pastorates at First United Methodist Church in Pottsville, AR, Hoxie, AR, Ozark, AR, Paris, AR, Booneville, AR, Griffin Memorial Methodist Church in Paragould, AR, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Ft. Smith, AR, Piggott, AR, Central Avenue United Methodist Church in Batesville, AR, Nettleton/ Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church in Jonesboro, AR and was well as Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church in Springdale, AR. During his Ministry he served on many North Arkansas Conference boards including Evangelism, Missions, Christian Education, Trustees of the Conference, Pensions, and Ordained Ministry, as well as spent many years directing youth camps and assemblies and teaching in several Schools of Christian Belief. Prior to being called to the ministry Reverend Hightower taught History and English in public schools and was voted most popular teacher many times. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Springdale, AR

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty Louise Hightower whom he married April 26, 1946, one brother; Hoyle R. Hightower and one sister; Francis Harris.

He is survived by one daughter; Mary Griffey of Fayetteville, AR, three sons; Bryan Hightower of Fayetteville, AR, Rick Hightower and wife Joanne of Rogers, AR, Steve Hightower and wife Mary of Springfield, MO, one brother; Bedell Hightower of Fort Smith, AR, ten grandchildren; Zach Hightower, Nicolette Hightower, Erica Hightower, Jennifer Griffey, Rich Hightower, Ben



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Hightower, Bethany Craddock, Abigail Hightower, Hannah Hightower, Rebecca Hightower, and 6 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at The First United Methodist Church in Springdale with Bishop Max Whitfield and Reverends Mackey Yokem, Britt Skarda, Judy Van Hoose, and Craig Russell officiating. Burial will follow at Bluff Cemetery in Springdale.

Pallbearers will be Rich Hightower, Zach Hightower, Ben Hightower, Hoyle Wayne Hightower, Jim Cypert, Larry Douglas, Bob Chambers, and Charles "Ottie" Harber.

Honorary Pallbearers will be James Beaty, Don Rutledge.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church 206 West Johnson Avenue Springdale, AR 72764, Sequoyah United Methodist Church 1910 Old Wire Road Fayetteville, AR 72703, or The Alzheimer's Association 320 North Greenwood Avenue Fort Smith, AR 72901.

Visitation Date Time None Visitation Location Service Date Time Tuesday, February 12, 2008 2:00 Pm Service Location First United Methodist Church in Springdale, AR



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MB

Mitchell Lloyd (Friend Of Bryan) posted:

Bryan, My folks told me about your father's passing. I have many great memories from childhood of your father when he pastored in Paris. We were in the parsonage recently and I had to go back and try to recall where your room was. Hope all is well with you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mitchell

August 30 at 9:08 AM

RA

Rose Mary Sprinkle Ayers posted:

I was baptized by Bro. Bill more than 40 years ago at the Ozark FUMC. My parents thought the world of him and we later attended St Paul in Fort Smith while he was there. He had a positive influence on many young lives and was loved by so many others. I am sorry for your loss and I know he will always be with each of you in your hearts.

August 30 at 9:08 AM

EM

Elizabeth Duerr (Friend Of Mary) posted:

Mary, we just wanted to let you know we are thinking about you. I know your dad was such a big part of your life and that you will miss him. Please remember that we are thinking of you and praying for you. I'm sorry we could not make it to the funeral. Call me sometime if you feel like it. I think that your dad and mom are up in heaven together now. Love you, Beth

August 30 at 9:08 AM

RH

Roger Hightower posted:

He was a loving brother and uncle who will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Bedell Hightower, Iris Hightower, Roger Hightower, Daryl Hightower, Lisa Hightower, Sarah Hightower

August 30 at 9:08 AM

CF

Charles Rasberry (Friend) posted:

It is with great sadness I note the passing of my friend, Bill Hightower. I first met Brother Bill when he was pastor of my home church, Griffin Memorial, in Paragould. Our friendship continued over the years as he served other churches in Northeast Arkansas and elsewhere in the North Arkansas Conference. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family. Chas. Rasberry

August 30 at 9:08 AM



SC

Stacey (Greenlee) Collins posted:

Brother Bill was at St Paul in Fort Smith when my family attended church there many years ago. My parents, Bill & Verna Greenlee, enjoyed Br. Bill and always thought highly of him. I was actually in St Paul last year and enjoyed looking at all the past pastors' pictures on the wall. When I saw the picture of Br. Bill, it brought back fond memories of times at their home with the whole family and his time at St Paul. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Unfortunately, my siblings and I know how hard it is to lose both parents, so just know that little by little it will get easier. Let God carry you through this difficult time. Stacey Greenlee Collins

August 30 at 9:08 AM

JF

Janelle And Butch Baker (Friends) posted:

Family: We remember you in our prayers and thoughts. We know Rev. Hightower will be missed by everyone. Janelle and Butch Baker-Paris

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JF

John & Judy Noggle (Friends) posted:

Rich, Steve & Families, Your Dad & family was an important part of our youth. We will always cherish the many memories we had w/your family. Even climbing into the bell tower w/you two & Sally. God does have angels watching over us. Forty years ago this September, your Dad married John & me. As I remember it, your Dad was sick w/the flu but he sure enjoyed the homemade wedding cake. As John always enjoyed the homemade bread your Mother sent to Tech w/Rich. John was so glad Rich was his roommate during the spring of 1968. Our deepest & sincere sympathy to you & your families.

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RF

Randy Cale (Friend) posted:

Mary, Bryan, Rick & Steve, I was so sorry to hear about your Dad this morning. Please contact me if I can do anything for you. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers. Randy

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JS

John And Nick Wyrsh (Brother In Law Of Son Steve) posted:

Steve and family: Our condolences

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GF

Grady & Ermel Chancey (Friend) posted:

Rick & Steve: Sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

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KF

Kristina Amaya (Friend) posted:

You are in my prayers and he will always be in my heart. Love, Kristina

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