



Grady Carl Parrish

May 9, 1936 - March 13, 2011

Reverend Grady Carl Parrish, 74, of Frankfort, was called home to his Lord and personal savior on Sunday, March 13, 2011. Bro. Grady was born on May 9, 1936 in Lake County, Florida. He and his beloved wife, Mary Frances moved to Frankfort in 1986. Grady was the pastor of the Frankfort Missionary Baptist Church and worked for the Animal Control for Franklin County. He graduated from Groveland High School, Groveland, FL in 1954 and received his Doctor of Divinity from NABI. He was called to preach in 1973 and has pastored many churches in Florida and Alabama. He loved studying the Bible, was a history buff, loved to hunt and shoot trap. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Frances Parrish; his four daughters, Gail Todd, Gainesville, GA, Dixie (Drew) Lovell, Clarksville, GA, Sylvia Witherington, Land of Lakes, FL, Tami (Clay) Brown, Sherrills Ford, NC; his 13 grandchildren, Cheyenne Brinson, Chicago, IL, Charity (Michael) Phenis, Polk City, FL, Brittany (Anthony) St. John, Clanton, GA, Aaron (Amanda) Porter, Deltona, FL, Chelsea (Keith) Parr, Commerce, GA, Ashley Porter, Deltona, FL, Nathan Miller, Clarksville, GA, Dylan Brown, Lucas Brown, Sherrills Ford, NC, Garrett Witherington, Land of Lakes, FL, Bailey Jo Brown, Sherrills Ford, NC, Abi Lovell, Andrew Lovell, Clarksville, GA; his 7 great-grandchildren; his sister, Peggy (Punk) Sloan, Groveland, FL; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and colleagues. He was preceded in death by his mother, Annie Mae Hull; father, Austin Parrish; sister, Laverne Clark; and his brother, Earl Parrish. The pallbearers will be Wade Willingham, Dallas Bragwell, Houston Hovater,

Anthony St. John, Keith Parr, and Josh Everett. Honorary pallbearers will be any ministers who are present. Visitation will be 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2011 @ Spry Memorial Chapel. His body will lie in state from 1:00 ? 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at Frankfort Missionary Baptist Church, with the funeral following at 2:00 p.m. Bro. Johnny Johnston and Bro. Andy Lee will officiate at the service. Interment will be at Old Frankfort Cemetery. ?
The Lord is my Shephard, I Shall Not Want?

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Mary Frances, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

*Love,
Margaret*

Margaret Galassi Henry - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *Praying for your family. Love you.*

Polly Keel - March 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *The greatest man I've ever known has gone home to be with the Lord. I will miss my Papa, but know he's in a better place. I love you and will miss you every day.*

Cheyenne Brinson - March 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Very saddened to hear of Grady's death but rejoice that this is the beginning of new and everlasting life for him. Jim loves to tell "Grady" stories and happily remembers their high school days. We have been praying for all of you.*

Jim & Jeanette Blackburn - March 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Our prayer is that God will provide comfort for the family. We know where Grady is (all praise to the Lamb). Three preachers from our small class of 1954 wow God is good. We have two preachers in our crew (our son Douglas and his son John Douglas Dowdey III. God bless all of you.

John & Beverly Dowdey - March 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ MARY FRANCES, YOU AND GRADY HAD A GOOD LIFE TOGETHER, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY YOU HAVE. I WAS HONORED TO PLAY FOR YOUR WEDDING, SEEMS LIKE JUST YESTERDAY. I PRAY THAT YOU KEEP STRONG, GET WELL YOURSELF AND GOD WILL CARRY THROUGH THIS TIME IN YOUR LIFE. PEGGY I KNOW YOU WILL MISS YOUR BROTHER, HAVING LOST MINE I CAN RELATE TO THE LOSE OF A BROTHER.

CHRISTINE AND BOBBY HOWELL

CHRISTINE HOWELL - March 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Roy and I had the pleasure of visiting with Grady and Mary Frances a couple of times. We really enjoyed going to church with them, and hearing Grady preach the Word of God. This couple are so dedicated to our Lord, and live their lives so that one will never doubt their Faith.

Grady will be missed by so many friends and family. Our prayers are with Mary Frances, and I know she will stand with God's Word, just as she did before Grady was called Home to be with our Lord.

Grady was much loved and will be missed, but never forgotten.

God bless you, Mary Frances, and know that we are here, and love you very much. Roy & Mary Ann

Roy & Mary Ann Franklin - March 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Just read the news about Grady and my heart hurts. He was such a kind, giving man and a good friend of the Groveland Girl Scouts Mounted Unit. I am so sorry for the family. I always think of this when someone passes: The song has ended but the melody lingers.

Gail Hare - March 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ My deepest sympathy to Mary Frances and all of Grady's family. As one of two fellow pastors in his high school graduating class, I knew him for only the 2 years I attended Groveland High. We had a great visit at our last reunion as he shared of his teaching. May God be with you all in comfort, strength and peace. Easter came early for Grady this year! We rejoice in Christ's victory over death for Grady and each of us!

Keith Pearson - March 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ We pray God will give you comfort and peace during this time. Bro Grady was loved by many.

Patty/Gary Kenaum - March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Rest in peace our friend, we will miss you, but we know you are finally at home. Thank you for everything you did for us over the years.

Love Dale and Evelyn

Evelyn Scott - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ i am sorry about bro grady parrish i ove him so much my think and prayer are with his family

love jessica everett

jessica everett - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ May God bless you in your time of grief is our prayer. Your loss is heavens gain.

Rodney Rowe - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ So Sorry to hear of Bro. Grady's passing. Loved him in the Lord and learned so much from him while he was our Pastor. My prayers are with you.

Chester and Glenda Williams

Glenda Williams - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Grady is my friend he will be missed.
Gods Love

Rickey Jackson - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM