



Gerald M. Burnett

December 11, 1932 - August 2, 2012

Anderson-Gerald M Burnett, 79, of Anderson, passed away on August 2, 2012. He was born on December 11, 1932 in New Castle, Indiana, the son of George and Lulu Barkdull Burnett. His family moved to Middletown at an early age and Gerald graduated from Middletown High in 1951 and Marion College in 1957 with a degree in Religious Studies. Gerald felt a passion and calling for small rural churches. He served 4 ½ years at Allen Bethel Church and 2 years at Ovid Community Church, serving under the leadership of John K. Summers. In the fall of 1966, Rev. Burnett went to Markleville North Christian Church to "help out" and served the Markleville Church and Community for 35 ½ years before retiring in 2001. Following a small retirement, Pastor Burnett served as the Pastor of Visitation for 7 years at North Anderson Church of God and Madison Park Church of God. Gerald was also employed for 33 years as a computer programmer for General Motors. Gerald is survived by his loving spouse whom he married June 6, 1952, Phyllis Myers Burnett, of Anderson; daughter, Cherie Greg Ritz of Pendleton, son, Jay Kyra Burnett of Pendleton; brother, Don Burnett of Anderson and brother, Jim Sylvia Burnett of Denver, CO, grandsons, Adam Tara Ritz, Dustin Ritz, Travis Burnett, and Tyler Burnett. Also surviving are three step grandchildren, Lauren Glover, Christian Glover, and Olivia Glover; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by father, George Burnett, mother, Lulu Burnett, a sister-in-law, Ruby Burnett and infant son, Timothy Dwayne Burnett. Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 8, 2012 from 2-8pm at Madison

Park Church of God; 6607 Providence Drive; Anderson and one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Services will be at 10:00 AM, Thursday, August 9, 2012, at the church with Rev. Jim Lyon officiating. Burial will take place in the Grovelawn Cemetery, Pendleton. Memorial contributions may be made to Madison Park Church of God P.O. Box 2479 Anderson, Indiana 46018, Markleville North Christian Church P.O. Box 162 Markleville, Indiana 46056 or University of Michigan-Merkel Cell Research, Memo-In Memory of Gerald Burnett, University of Michigan-Dermatology Attn: Lorena Gilbert 1910 Taubman Center, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-5314. The family would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the nursing and hospice staff on the 5th floor of Community Hospital, Dr. Eddy, Dr. Elsharty and Dr. Patel's care on Gerald's behalf. www.loosecares.com.

Tribute Wall

RD

“ *Phyllis-It is no secret how much Gerald and you have meant to my family. My father thought of him as his own brother. We have no doubts that we will be able to reunite dad and Gerald again. Our deep loss is such a TREMENDOUS GAIN to Heaven. That was his goal, and now he's sitting at the feet of Jesus! We love you and will keep you close in our prayers!*

Rick & Sharilyn DeCrautos - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *As we all feel the loss of Gerald. My heart goes out to all the family at this time of loss. Gerald has been such a blessing to so many in his many efforts to serve our Lord. I recall Sunday after Sunday at the little Church In Markleville, his words to remind us - This is a day that the Lord has made - -Let's rejoice and be glad in it - There is rejoicing in Heaven this day as a warrior has come home !!! I pray that Gods peace be upon you In His service -Jeff*

Jeff Seal - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *My sympathies for your loss. Gerald was a great neighbor and dear Christian. He made Imy Lane a great neighborhood. He always had a smile on his face and always had a kind word. He lived his faith and showed genuine care for his fellow man. Madison Park Church has suffered a great loss. See you in heaven, Friend.*

Kevin Spear - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I would like to say how grateful we were to brother Gerald for all his visits to see our granddaughter. He was always welcome. He visited through MPC. He always brought the Son shine when we needed it the most. I know he is rejoicing in Heaven with Jesus!!!

Dovella Boyd - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GY

“ To all the Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Gerald was such a good Man and Minister. Prayer's go out to all of you at this difficult time. God Bless.

Greta York - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ so sorry for your loss ,

patricia passwater weaver - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Phyllis and family, I will be thinking of you all this week. Can't be with you, but please know you are in my heart and prayers. Gerald was Oh so good to me and my family in time of need. He will be greatly missed by our family and so many others. With his soft touch, I always felt I was being touched by our Lord, Master and Savior. God Speed to you all in this time of sorrow, but oh how he is rejoicing. No pain, no struggle, just peace. In loving memory, Barbara & Dick Byer and family

Barbara Byer - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Phylis; I have many fond memories of Gerald.I flew him to Waycross,Ga.in May 1952 where he got his License to preach.Also he renewed our wedding vowels at our Farm/Airstrip at Brownsburg,IN.at a family and friends reunion in 2004.we offer our heart felt condolences for your loss.Linda and Estan Fuller*

ESTAN FULLER - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *Sorry to here about your lost. Robyn and I were talking about both of you and lmy Lane just this last Sat. Then I was talking to Leslie Sun. and she told me about your lost.*

George Wilson - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *What a kind and gentle spirit was Gerald. He always had such a sweet smile and a gentleness in his approach to ministry. Never making demands on others, only on himself as he felt called. Paul and I know he has heard those words we all strive to hear one day, "Well done thy good and faithful servant." Now we know that he couldn't have had the impact he did without the support of a loving wife who walked along side him every step of the way. You too have been a "good and faithful servant". We love your family and you are in our prayers during this difficult time.*

Kim Gustin - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Gerald was such a blessing to me and my family. He married Mike and I in 1972. Dedicated our three babies. He and Phyllis were there with love and support through the loss of mom and dad. In 2002 he married Mandy and Matt. And was with us throughout Mike's long illnesses. And when Mike passed once again Gerald held our hands in comfort. There are no words to express how much Gerald will be missed. Rest in peace dear friend.

Linda Wright - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ A Great Pastor, he did tremendous sermons and did alot for the community of Markleville. He will be missed, God rest his soul, one of the many who resign next to Jesus above, watching us.

Ruth Chadwick Burns - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of this tragic news. So many fond memories of the whole family. Wish I could be there in person to help honor his memory and share my love with you all. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love & God's blessings to you all!!

Becki Canfield - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ It was honor to know Gerald. He counseled us prior to performing our marriage ceremony in 1999. Countless times he prayed with us, and our family. I believe his best sermons were on Homecoming Sunday, I know there were many in Heaven ready to welcome him home, because of his faithful service to God's Kingdom. He made this world a better place and we will love and remember him always.

Mikah & Darrin Wilson - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Gerald Burnett was always a positive person and always had a kind word for everybody that he came in contact. Having known Gerald and conversing with him from time to time has made me a better person.

Jerry/Kathy Wright - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ Phyllis, Cherie and Jay, Jeff and I are deeply saddened to learn of Gerald's passing. He was such a wonderful caring man and we will always remember the warm smiles and kind words he always had for us. I'm so honored that he was able to "marry us" in 1979 - obviously, it stuck! Your entire family will be in our thoughts and prayers as you travel this newest path without your true north. But, we will also rejoice in the life he was graced with while on Earth and rejoice even more greatly of the Heavenly life he is now embracing with that huge warm smile. God Bless you all, Love, Jeff and Nancy Sue

Nancy Elsworth - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ What rejoicing in Heaven!! SO-O-O many lives were touched, blessed & changed by Bro. Gerald's ministry. He will be waiting on his family & friends to join him. Dustin, he'll be leaning over the banister of Heaven in October - with that sweet smile of his, asking God personally to bless a new chapter of your life. God bless all of you!!

Frances Phillips - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We are so sad to hear that Gerald has passed. Gerald was a true father figure and spiritual mentor to our family. Our prayers and thoughts with the family! We love all of you! Tim and Julie schnepp

Julie Schnepp - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Cherie, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family in this time of loss. Sarah and David Smith

Sarah Smith - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Gerald was a wonderful person. We were fortunate to have known him. God Bless You. Roger Reason Beverly Baugh

Roger Reason - August 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ I worked with Gerald on many services over the course of eleven years. You will never meet a man with more passion and integrity for the families he was serving or for God. I wish you all the best in your time of loss and the peace of knowing that he has finally made his way home after his long journey. God Bless.

Patrick E. O'Connor - August 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM