



Rev. Winford J Spruill

March 28, 1931 - February 21, 2011

Rev. Winford J. Spruill

Winford Jonathan Spruill died February 21, 2011 in Decatur, Georgia after an extended illness. He was born March 28, 1931, to the late Velma Lovvorn Spruill and Charles J. Spruill. A 1949 graduate of Bowdon High School, Winford completed studies at West Georgia College in 1952 and Georgia Teachers College in Statesboro, Georgia, where he received a B.A. degree in Elementary Education in 1953. Drafted into the army that same year, he served at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and later at Nancy Ordnance Depot in Nancy, France. He served in the Armed Forces for two years during which he served a tour in France. After a 37 year-career, he retired from the Atlanta Journal and Constitution.

In addition to his parents, a brother, Julian L. Spruill; and a nephew, Roger Spruill preceded him in death.

Winford joined Corinth Baptist Church on August 25, 1945. For the remainder of his life, he was actively involved in church work and activities and often emerged in leadership roles. An avid lover of Southern Gospel Singing, he often chaired these events in the West Georgia area before entering the ministry. For a number of years, he served as a Sunday School Teacher and as Sunday School Superintendent before his ordination into the ministry occurred at Corinth Baptist Church in Carroll County in 1962. During his

ministry, he served a number of churches in Heard County.

Surviving Winford is his wife, Kathleen S. Spruill; two daughters and their husbands, Heather and Glenn Petero of Douglasville, Georgia, and Maia Elizabeth and Jeremy Noles of Dahlonoga, Georgia; three Grandchildren, Andrew Noles, Zachary Noles, and Seth Petero; a brother, Greene Spruill and wife, Juanita Spruill of Bowdon, Georgia; and, a sister, Gladys S. Bennett and husband, Jim Bennett of Carrollton, Georgia; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services for Reverend Spruill will be Friday, February 25, 2011 at 2:00 P.M., Bowdon Baptist Church where the body will lie in state from 1:00-2:00. Reverend Gerald Rogers and Reverend Darnell Teal will officiate. Music will be under the direction of Mary Francis Wilson with solos by Jeremy Noles and Timothy Kelly. Pallbearers will be Randy Spruill, Tommy, Charles, and Richard Spruill, Pete Bingham , Garry Archer and Rusty Clifton. Honorary Pall Bearers will be pastors and ministers of the Carrollton Baptist Association and any other minister who wish to participate. Interment will be in Corinth Baptist Cemetery. While flowers will be accepted, donations can be made to Carrollton Baptist Association Missions. The family will greet friends at Rainwater Funeral Home from 2:00-4:00 and 5:00-8:00 on February 24, 2011

Cemetery Details

Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery

79 Dot Road
Bowdon, GA 30108

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bowdon Baptist Church
205 Mill Street
Bowdon, GA 30108

Tribute Wall

DF

“ *With sympathy and love for a man of God....always cheerful and smiling. He was a joy to us and to so many. Praise God for his life and the many he touched while he so faithfully served God.*

Duane & Becky Yoder and Family - February 24, 2011 at 02:12 PM

CF

“ *We are so sorry to see Brother Winfred leave this world, we have always loved him. But we are comforted thinking about the meeting that is taking place in Heaven right now. I know Papa is sure glad to see him.*

Cater Family - February 24, 2011 at 01:54 PM

KP

“ *Dear Kathleen: I am so sorry for your loss. I know you will miss him as will many. He was so gentle and kind. My sincerest sympathies. I am praying for you and your family during this time. Kathy Parsons*

Kathy Parsons - February 23, 2011 at 08:14 AM

EF

“ *Kathleen, Although I did not know Winfred personally, I will never forget the kind and encouraging words from you and him on the CaringBridge website during the time that Gerald was dealing with his cancer. Your comments always brightened my day and encouraged me tremendously. I now offer to you my sincere condolences, as you know that I can truly know your feelings. How wonderful it is to know they are probably already "catching up" as they are again together! My sincere sympathies!*

Evelyn Foster

Evelyn Foster - February 22, 2011 at 05:04 PM

KG

“ *Mr. Winford was truly a blessing. Our church will seem empty without him but what an addition to heaven he is!!!! I'm blessed to have known him.*

With tremendous love, Katie, Marty, and Brayden Gann

Katie Gann - February 22, 2011 at 11:51 AM

JC

“ *He was surely a man of God. Cared so much for everyone, and he was there for my family especially in times of sorrow. One of those special people you will always remember.*

Jackie Chambers - February 21, 2011 at 05:18 PM