



Rev. R. Edward Davenport

April 6, 2016

Reverend Ruel Edward Davenport was born on January 13, 1944, and entered into his final rest on the morning of April 6, 2016. He was born in Ellijay, Georgia, to the late Minnie Bramlett Davenport and Dewey Davenport. His beloved and faithful, wife and companion of forty-seven years, Mrs. Carolyn Louise Clayton Davenport preceded him in death in 2009. She served devotedly alongside of him in all of his ministry endeavors.

Edward Davenport accepted Christ as His personal Savior at the age of fourteen years old and was baptized in the Holy Spirit at the age of eighteen years old. He accepted the call to ministry shortly thereafter and spent the rest of his life doing what he felt God had called him to do. He served in many positions and roles in his fifty plus years of ministry. He immediately began to preach wherever God began to open doors for him to share the gospel. Not long thereafter, he was contacted to pastor his first church in Fairmount, Georgia, at the Ludville Church of God until 1968 where he launched his full-time evangelistic ministry. He enjoyed having his family travel with him for a full four years until he began pastoring in his second congregation. He served as Pastor to the Monroe Church of God in Monroe, Georgia, from 1972-1976. The church experienced exponential growth under his leadership and were able to relocate and build a beautiful sanctuary in the midst of troubling economic times. In 1976 Reverend Davenport received the prestigious honor of being elected to serve the state of North Georgia as the State Evangelism

Director for a four-year term. In 1980 he then received another high honor of being appointed to the state of Washington as the Administrative Bishop until 1984. It is important to note that at the time of his appointment he was the youngest minister to ever serve in that capacity. He then was appointed to the state of Texas to serve as Administrative Bishop from 1984-1986. In 1986 he then returned to his love of pastoring and shepherding people at the Buford Church of God in Buford, Georgia. Serving the people of Buford was one of the greatest highlights and joys of his entire ministry. He lovingly served the congregation as well as the city for the next twenty-seven years where he had the distinct privilege to be able to lead, disciple, and help grow multiple generations in their relationship with Christ. He then retired from his full time ministry where he happily returned to one of his former ministry cities with his new bride of six years Mrs. Rosella Miles Davenport for his retirement in 2012 until the present.

Edward Davenport is survived by his wife Reverend Rosella Miles Davenport of Monroe, Georgia.

Son and Daughter-in-law, Reverend Mark and Reverend Michelle Davenport, Pastors of City Light Church of Lagrange, Georgia.

Granddaughter, Alora Dannin Davenport of Lagrange, Georgia.

He is also survived by his wife Rosella's three beautiful children, their spouses, and ten grandchildren that he loved so very much.

*Reverend Cain and Reverend Abbie Hendrix of Loganville, Georgia, along with their children Haylie, Hannah Rose, Hallie, and Hunter.

*Eric M. Hendrix of Buford, Georgia, along with his children Cameron of Tucson, Arizona, and Cory of North Carolina.

*Reverend Haven Hendrix Thompson and Reverend Alex Frank (Trey) Thompson III of Rome, Georgia, along with their children Beau, Luke, Reid, and Ray.

He is also survived by his Sister, Irene and Brother-in-law Marvin Woffard of Ellijay, Georgia, and his Sister, Sue and Brother-in-law, Bob Semig of Jasper, Georgia. He is also survived by a beautiful family of Nieces and Nephews.

Celebration of Life Service: Tuesday, April 12, 2016, Buford Church of God, 4800 S Lee St, Buford, GA 30518 11:00AM.

Officiated by: Dr. Michael Baker, Administrative Bishop of North Georgia Church of God. Pastor Davenport will be placed in the church to lie in state at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016. Visitation will be on Monday for an open visitation from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the family will receive friends at the church Monday Eve from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Entombment will follow at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens Family Mausoleum, Buford, GA after the service.

Arrangements: Flanigan Funeral Home 4400 S Lee St, Buford, GA 30518.

Tribute Wall



“ I remember Pastor Davenport for preaching on the Sins that could destroy America. It was a 4 week series. Ed Davenport pastored Buford Church of God for a long time. Vince Harper

Vince Harper - October 27, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ Rev. R. Edward Davenport

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ What a wonderful blessing Pastor Davenport was to our family. An amazing man who served his flock well! "Well Done my Faithful Servant" rings out through heaven!

Vic and Monica Wilson - April 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Prayers for Rose, Mark and the rest of the Davenport family during this time of loss of a great man in Pastor Davenport. We know that he is walking the streets of heaven with Carolyn and talking with Jesus. Thank you Pastor Davenport for the wonderful messages and love throughout the years. This is not good-bye, but until we meet again.

John McDaniel - April 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Pastor Davenport has always and will always hold a very special place in our hearts. He was our Pastor as we were searching the Lord for our calling into ministry and he graciously allowed us to take our first ministry steps at the church that had been our home, loving us and directing us with that HUGE heart of his. As we stepped out into the calling of the Lord Bro. Davenport was one of our biggest fans and he never failed to encourage us every time we had the pleasure of seeing him. Every homecoming was another opportunity to be poured into both for our ministry and our family that we looked forward to each time. Our hearts are saddened by our loss of this great man but rejoicing in the gain that is Heaven's. Our prayers are with Sis. Rose, Mark, Michelle and Alora, all the while knowing there will be a great reunion day for us all.*

Russ, Kim, Caleb & Timothy Armistead - April 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Our condolences for your family you were an amazing man as well as an awesome pastor we will miss you!!*

Steven and Misty Stinchcomb - April 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Pastor Davenport was a great blessing to me and my family for many years. His big smile and kindness with my children were awesome. He showed great confidence in me at an early age and was always full of grace to others. Thank you Pastor D and Carolyn for making a huge difference for Christ.*

Todd Pealock - April 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Bro. D: you cast your net many, many years ago, and obeyed The Call of God. Fisher's of men became your life's goal. Though many times it was not an easy path, you continued and the joy followed, in the way of transformed souls. Though perilous at times, you trusted Him.

The gateway of Heaven is now filled with many of those souls. The journey produced and fed many, as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes.

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GB

“ I had the opportunity to fellowship with Church of God in Buford under the leadership of Pastor Davenport "year" ago. I attended Faith Free Full Gospel Church in Buford, and my Pastor and Pastor Davenport were friend. Pastor Davenport was an awesome Pastor. My prayers are with your family during this hour of breavement.

Gwen Bennett - April 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ To myself and my wife Brenda, Ed & Rose are very special people and friends. Ed is gone(home)but Rose, you are in our thoughts and prayers!

Rev. Johnny Anderson - April 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I attended Buford church for several years. At the time I was in the professional wrestling business and Pastor Davenport really loved wrestling. He would greet me with a "ROCK REGAL" and would allow me to call him "HEAVY D". Really loved this guy. Will never be able to say anything bad about him or his work for the Lord. God bless his family.

Jarvis Stowers - April 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Pastor Davenport was a great man. He was like a grandfather to me. I loved him very much. He will be greatly missed.

Starla Dean - April 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Starla Dean - April 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Pastor Davenport was a great man of faith and was my Pastor for 10 years. Working under him as the Children's Music Director was an honor. He loved the Lord and he loved children which made my job so much easier. He taught me so much about ministry and what really mattered. He had an amazing smile and was generous with it to everyone he met. I pray for his wife, children and grandchild that they be comforted during this time. We know he's with Jesus, but the hole left is still painful. Although, I'm not sure about tangible rewards up there, somehow, I think there might just be a new big red pickup driving down the golden streets of Heaven today.

CYNDI SMITH - April 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM