



Rev. Charles M. Pirkle

March 1, 2020

Rev. Charles M. Pirkle, age 85, of Buford, GA passed away on Sunday, March 1, 2020. He is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Julia Garner Pirkle; his four children, Susan Pirkle Mikan and spouse, Alden Keith Pirkle, Charles Philip Pirkle and Julie Pirkle Van Tassel and spouse; seven grandchildren; and twelve great grandchildren. There are many, many more extended family members and dear friends that we include in this list. Rev. Pirkle was born August 25, 1934 in Norcross, GA. He was ordained as a minister at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church in Duluth, GA. Rev. Pirkle was pastor of five Southern Baptist Churches in his fifty-seven years as an ordained minister including Sharon Baptist Church, Suwanee, GA, Teamon Baptist Church, Griffin, GA, Sugar Hill Baptist Church, Sugar Hill, GA, and Airline Baptist Church, Gainesville, GA where he was Pastor Emeritus upon his first retirement. Afterwards, he was called by Friendship Baptist Church in Buford, GA where he was a member and his final retirement was December of 2018. His love for the Lord has brought over one thousand lost souls to Jesus and twelve men were ordained into the ministry as well as many ordained in other positions of ministry under Rev. Charles' leadership. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home. A private interment will be at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens in Buford, GA. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday, March 3rd from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The family requested that anyone desiring to bring food to deliver it to Flanigan Funeral Home reception

room. Flowers accepted or memorial donations may be made to Friendship Community Baptist Church, 3784 Friendship Circle, Buford, GA 30519 or to Airline Baptist Church, 3368 White Sulphur Road, Gainesville, GA 30501 in memory of Rev. Charles M. Pirkle.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Charles M. Pirkle*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Praying for your family in Brother Charles' home going. He was my Pastor in September 1973, when as a 9 year old boy I trusted Christ as Savior and Lord, in response to his clear gospel presentation. I knew I needed to be rescued from sin, and Jesus was available. As a 20 year old, a Sunday night message, with Charles in tears, began the process in my heart to experience God's call to ministry. Thankful to serve in ministry, and thankful for Charles Pirkles' impact in my life.*

Mike Sarna - March 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ Charles, "Preacher Pirkle" to most everyone, Was a man I always enjoyed sharing a few moments with, any time I saw him. I grew to love him and respect him as a good, and humble, Man of God. we had many discussions over a meal at the Sugar Hill Drive-in. My last seeing him was as he presided over someone's funeral, and I told him that day how much I thought of him and how real and comforting a message he always delivered whenever he preached a funeral! He was and always will be in my mind because of his ability to pay tribute to the best of the person he was there for, and the God he loved so much, at the same time. I told him that day that no one ever had done it better in my eyes. None of us will ever be perfect but one, and he knew The One and Only One who was, on a personal basis. May you Rest in Peace Preacher Pirkle, and Thank you for blessing my life! May God's grace and Mercy bless your family left behind until the day we all meet Up Yonder in Glory Land. A life well lived and a Job well done. Thank you, Brother.

William M. Knight - March 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BN

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RD

“ I had the honor & privilege of knowing Preaching Pirkle, He was a good, kind, hard working man of GOD, I have known Charles for many years, I first met him when I worked for Kelly B. Willard many years ago, Charles would bring his cars & truck for Kelly B. to work on, & I worked on them for him. Me & my wife were going to get married, I had asked a couple of other local Preachers that I knew if either would perform the wedding ceremony for us, neither one would, because Ann had previously been married, so I asked Preacher Pirkle if he would perform the service, (needless to say I was scared because we had been turned down twice already) he said to me Son I can't say that I will marry y'all until I first speak to the both of y'all, & yes I was frightened to death because I had never been that close to a Preacher. Well Ann & I set up a time to meet with him @ his home to talk, so we went & after about 30 minutes (seemed like 30 hours) we were through & I ask him have you decided yet Preacher Pirkle ? & he said he had made his decision after about 5 minutes into our conversation, that he didn't take his decision lightly, he felt in his heart that we were sincere about the wedding, (he didn't want to marry someone that wouldn't stay married for long) well long story short, with Preacher Pirkle's Blessings this August 18, if the GOOD LORD allows time to go on we will have been Married for 41 years !! Thank You Rev. Charles Pirkle for having the insight that we would always be together !! And one more thing Preacher Pirkle we will see you on the other side ,
REST IN PEACE ! Ricky & Ann Denson

Ricky Denson - March 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ We are one of many that Preacher Pirkle touch, while our Lord Blessed this earth with his present. I know the angels were shouting Sunday morning when Jesus sent his special angel to take Preacher Pirkle home..Julia, we love you and Charles,we're praying for you and your family during this time. Love and Prayers, Keith, Carolyn Garrison

Keith&Carolyn Garrison - March 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Rev. Pirkle was a unique minister of the gospel because he could get his point across by using a humorous line or story. I remember one sermon where he said, "If you don't want the devil to get your goat, don't let him know where it's tied!" I've always remembered that saying. He was very down-to-earth and at the same time very humble. He will be missed. Our condolences and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time but I know he is rejoicing in Heaven!

Arvid and Jane Tolan Johnson - March 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KU

“ We are so sorry for your loss. However, we know he is dancing and praising the Lord in Heaven along with our Dad, Don Pye. They were so close and Brother Charles held a special place in all or families lives. It is never easy to lose a father and a husband but please know you are in our prayers and thoughts. Love Kathy, Donna, Earl and Janie Pye.

Kathy Pye Upchurch - March 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *May God comfort you all during this time. I am so sure he's resting and rejoicing in the presence of the Lord. However, I understand how painful it is for us left behind to be sad and mourn their absence. Preacher Pirkle was very special to my husband because he was the one who helped lead him to Jesus. He was saved at Airline when he was pastoring there. Praying for you all now and in the days and months to come.*

Greg & Areta Morgan - March 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *So grateful to be one of the twelve men ordained into the ministry because of Rev. Charles Pirkle. Brother Charles and Julia shaped Michele and me into the people we are and we will never tire of thanking God for them. I have so many wonderful memories of Brother Charles and I smiled this afternoon as I thought of him in heaven--what a glad reunion day! All our love and prayers for Julia and the family.--Todd & Michele Linn*

Rev Todd Linn - March 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM