



Rev. Melvyn Watson Salter

February 6, 1942 - April 13, 2025

Rev. Melvyn Watson Salter, age 83, passed away Sunday, April 13, 2025 at his residence. Melvyn served as Probate Judge in Cherokee County from 2008-2013. He entered into the ministry in 1957 at Inglenook Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL and continued in ministry his entire life. He was the longest tenured pastor of Centre First Baptist Church, serving over 21 years. He was a chaplain at the local hospital and nursing home. He was a faithful servant to his local community and churches all the years that he served.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 18, 2025 at 5:00PM at The ROC in Centre, with Bro. Eric Ellis, Rev. Eddie Nation, Rev. Tommy Price, Rev. Cedric Williams, and Rev. Scott Hosey officiating. Burial will follow in Cherokee Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 2:30 until the 5:00PM hour of service.

Pallbearers will be: Lanny Starr, Richard Lindsey, Johnny Roberts, Tom Wiley, Steve Sumners, Randall Wilkie, Charles Hincy, Frog West, Danny Smith, Jay Jordan, Vincent Oliphant, Billy Rex Miller, and B.J. Major.

Honorary pallbearers will be: John Evan's Sunday School Class, Monday Night Rook Club, Coosa Corner Breakfast Club, Tom "Tiny" Owens, Joe McElroy, Dr. James Walker, and John Coggin.

Melvyn is survived by his loving wife Doris of 61 years, son; Duane (Erin) Salter of Columbia, SC; daughter; Sheri (Jerry) Green, of Centre, AL; grandchildren; Hunter Huffman, Grayson Huffman, and Hayden Huffman, sisters; Mary Jo (Neal) Sanders and Linda (Ray) Hayes, brother in law; Robert Williams, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his Mother and Father; Roy and Ovell Salter, sisters; Marie Williams and Betty Dunning, and nephew; Dale Williams.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked, according to Melvyn's wishes, to have donations made to his granddaughter Grayson Huffman c/o Sheri Green.
Address: 10640 County Road 22 Centre, AL 35960.

All of the Glory to God.

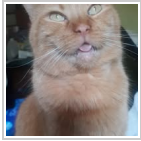
To God be the Glory!

Well done my good and faithful servant.

Perry Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

www.perryfuneral.net

Tribute Wall



“ Donna Palmer lit a candle in memory of Melvyn Salter



Donna Palmer - April 20, 2025 at 01:16 PM



“ Nick and Lana Whorton lit a candle in memory of Melvyn Salter



Nick and Lana Whorton - April 17, 2025 at 11:11 PM



“ Brother Salter gave me the opportunity to preach when I was serving as the Minister of Music. Later, he supported me to become the pastor of Centre First Baptist, even though I had never pastored before. He gave me crucial ministry advice and was a soundboard for me. We did many services together and ministered to several families together. I consider Brother Melvyn as one of my mentors and a spiritual father. His legacy will live on for decades in Centre and in the lives of the many people he touched around the country. "I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you" (Phil. 1:3).



Jim Wright - April 17, 2025 at 06:30 PM

PH

“ *Phylis Hill lit a candle in memory of Melvyn Salter*



Phylis Hill - April 17, 2025 at 02:49 PM

SF

“ *Steadfast & sure. It was a pleasure to know him in the short time I worked at Cherokee County Hospital. He was there whenever we had a tragedy & at other times of need. A true & faithful servant of God. He will be missed. We now pray for his family to be comforted with the presence of the Holy spirit. Sincerely, Sabrina Morgan Fells*

sabrina Morgan Fells - April 17, 2025 at 07:52 AM

GH

“ *Rev. Salter put in many hours serving the patients and employees of Cherokee Medical Center. He was as dependable as the sunrise and unfailingly gracious. He will be missed.*

Gala Hester - April 16, 2025 at 07:57 PM

DB

“ *Doug and Debbie Bankson lit a candle in memory of Melvyn Salter*



Doug and Debbie Bankson - April 16, 2025 at 07:15 PM

GW

“ *Loved Brother and Sister Salter. He was my first pastor at Billingsley Baptist Church*

George Williams - April 16, 2025 at 06:37 PM

DM

“ *Brother Salter was a wonderful man of God. He was one of our hospital chaplains for several years. I can't think of a time that he didn't come when we needed him. He was a true man of God! He will be missed by all who knew him. Take your rest Brother Salter. Praying for comfort for Doris and Sherry and the grands!*

Dolly McElroy - April 16, 2025 at 06:07 PM

WR

“ *Doris, Sherry & Family: Our thoughts and prayers to each of you and all your family and friends in the passing of Bro Melvin. We thought a lot of him over the years and always glad to meet and talk to him. We know he will be missed not only by his family but all the people that knew him . May God bless and comfort each of you. Wendell & Linda Rakestraw, Centre, Al*

Wendell O Rakestraw - April 16, 2025 at 07:21 AM

PM

“ *Panitha Malone lit a candle in memory of Melvyn Salter*



Panitha Malone - April 15, 2025 at 09:03 PM

SN

“ Rev. Salter will always have a special place in my heart. He and my Late Brother Kenneth Glass were very close. They server with the Carpenters For Christ for many years. 1n 1995 I helped to form a Scholarship Fund. Rev. Salter has been very Faithful to ThecAnthony Daryl Horton Memorial Scholarship Fund since it's beginning. We will surly miss him at Providence Baptist Church in Leesburg every year in November. My deepest condolences to his Family at this very difficult time 🙏🙏🙏



Sammie K Mccreary Nix - April 15, 2025 at 07:58 PM

DH

“ I met Melvyn Salter as an inexperienced young man at Pepperell Baptist Church struggling with a call to preach. He took me under his wing and his guidance by example and steadfast encouragement had a significant impact on my life. To say he was a mentor doesn't really capture what he meant to me and my family in Opelika. I am sure many others could say the same. Rest in glorious peace my friend. If anyone deserved to hear “well done good and faithful servant” it is you. Prayers for and all the best to Doris, Duane, and Sheri...
Dr. Darryl and Kathy Harrison

Dr. Darryl Harrison - April 15, 2025 at 07:37 PM

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“ 🙏 for the Salter family ❤️

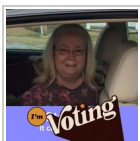


Teresa - April 15, 2025 at 05:46 PM

MR

“ Melon was first our pastor @ FBCC and then our loyal friend for the 23 years Dave and I lived full time in Cedar Bluff. Behind every good man is a special woman. Doris is and was that woman! I said many times I would like to be like her. He was at my door within 5 minutes of DOR's passing. I had not called him but he said Dave was heavy on his heart that day and he stopped by. What a comfort he was to the family ! He stayed with until Dave was taken to Perry's. Prayers for Doris, Sheri and Duane and all the family. A tremendous loss for all of you but I know you rejoice he is now inside those heavenly gates!
Melba Rogerd

Melba Rogers - April 15, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ Sue Love sent a virtual gift in memory of
Melvyn Salter



Sue Love - April 15, 2025 at 04:26 PM

LW

“ Leigh Ann Wright lit a candle in memory of
Melvyn Salter



Leigh Ann Wright - April 15, 2025 at 03:33 PM