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Rev. Jerry F. Gamble

June 21, 1941 - July 19, 2023

Rev. Jerry F. Gamble, 82, of Morganton, NC, went home to see his Savior whom he served so faithfully on Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

Born in Cleveland County, NC on June 21, 1941, he was the son of the late John Frank Gamble and Minnie Davis Gamble.

Pastor Gamble's greatest passion was preaching the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, which he did for 65 years. He was privileged to serve five churches as pastor, but had a special bond with the people of Mount Home Baptist Church where he served for 52 years. Pastor Gamble was a mentor and role model for many. He was honored to serve on the Board of Associates of Gardner-Webb University, his alma mater. He also served a term on the Nominating Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and served two terms on the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. He was active in the Catawba River Baptist Association and served several terms as moderator. His legacy will live on for years to come.

Rev. Gamble is survived by his wife of 62 years, Shirley Hamilton Gamble; children, Joy Gamble Kurtz and husband, Chris, and John David Gamble and wife, April Clontz Gamble; grandchildren, Anna Grace Kurtz and John Grant Gamble; a sister, Lucy Gamble Brown, and her daughters Jean Brown Powell and Patricia Ann Brown.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 22, 2023 and from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2023 at Mount Home Baptist Church. The celebration of his life will be held at 4 p.m., Sunday at Mount Home Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mount Home Baptist Church, 2272 Mount Home Church Road, Morganton, NC 28655.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

I am sorry for such a great loss, but is life is just beginning in Heaven. With all love Cynthia Staton

–Cynthia Staton



Sincerest Prayers being provided for Mt. Home Baptist Church Family and Rev. Jerry F. Gamble family during this time of loss. May you find Peace, Joy, and Consolation.

–Wanda, Alexander and Preston Nichols

Pastor Gamble baptized me, married me, baptized my 1st son and dedicated my 2nd son. I grew up in Mt Home with his children. His daughter was a wonderful blessing as my 1st son's teacher at Liberty Middle School. His service to the community and God's kingdom is undeniable. May God grant you peace in the coming days as you deal with his Homecoming. Much Love, The Marler family

–Aimee Williams Marler



My sincere condolences to the family. I have fond memories of Pastor Gamble ministering to my grandparents(Red & Helen Waldrop) in their home when I was growing up. My grandfather became bedridden with MS and Pastor Gamble came by weekly to visit and bring a

copy of his sermon for them to listen to. Years later he came to my mothers bedside as she was being called home.. I will never forget her face when he walked in her room. And I will always be grateful for his words to me as he helped me prepare her funeral. He was truly a servant for the Lord and a reflection of His love. “Well done, good and faithful servant.” My prayers continue for the family- may they feel the peace only He can give.

–Angel Digh



Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during the loss of Preacher Gamble. He was such a wonderful friend and a great man of God. He led many to God while serving here on earth. I know he will be missed but we all have the great assurance that we will see him again one day soon.

–Dean & Vickie Icard



As my heart is breaking, I know you are rejoicing in heaven with the Lord. You did your job well Pastor, you saved me so many times with your kind words and knowledge of the Holy Bible. Condolences to his family and Church family. Fly high, till I see you again.

–Debbie Georges

My sincere condolences to the family. Pastor Gamble was a good friend to me and my parents. He was there with my brother and I when our parents had died. He was a very caring and loving person. He will be missed. Thank the Lord he has his wings now and are visiting with my parents and his loved ones. He will always be in my heart. God bless you all. In Christ, Dwenise Rice Davis

–Dwenise Rice Davis

Sending love and Prayers to all of Preacher Jerry's family, always enjoyed speaking with him wherever I saw him, and always relieved a Blessing the times I visited Mt. Home.

—Ozelle Greene Sotelo

Pastor Gamble was truly a man of God. He was my pastor throughout my childhood and into my youth. His words and true preaching of the gospel led me to salvation. Heaven has gained one of the true “preaching the word” pastors. My family and I will be keeping Shirley, Joy, John David and their families in our prayers. Hold your head high because your father never backed down from the Gospel and has been the reason many; like myself, came to know the Lord.

—Jon Robinson

Our love and prayers to Shirley, John David and Joy, Jerry was such a special friend going back to childhood until now. We shared many times the love and compassion we had for our people and he certainly loved you at Mt. Home. As a youth pastor he preached a revival in Union, SC and invited me to go with him one night. That night changed my life forever--because I met the girl that I would marry- thanks to Jerry. That was 61 years ago! God used him to bring many people to love the Lord and serve Him. We praise God for the privilege of knowing and loving Jerry Gamble.

—Rev Harold and Sossy Beam

—Frank and Robbie Moore



This pastor made me a member and saved me young! He is one of the best pastors I ever knew! I’ll love him forever and I will see him again! Prayers for the family through this hard time! HE IS IN GODS HANDS NOW AND ALL BETTER!!! LOVE TO ALL CHURCH FAMILY AND PRAYERS FOR THIS



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—Paigelyn Powell

I wont to send my condolences to the Gamble family I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Rev.Jerry Gamble. My prayers are with the family

—Billie Ann Berry



—Kenny



Preacher Gamble was such a dear humble man of God. I was just a child when he cMe to Mount Home. So many memories I have but will forever be grateful for the love and compassion he had for the church, God and his people! He was always there for so many in their time of need. He always gave his time and love to everyone! Not only was he my pastor but such a dear sweet friend and part of the family. He will surely be missed ! Love that I got to have the honor of knowing him and have him.as a pastor

—Roxanne Webb

I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to work with Preacher Gamble as church secretary many years ago. He had a wonderful sense of humor, as well as a wonderful gift of caring. He and Shirley became our friends. The suit that Jack was buried in, was given to him by Preacher. He had lost weight and asked Jack if he would like to have it, since he could no longer wear it. Preacher Gamble truly loved others and showed it, daily. (and everyone loved him!) With love &

sympathy to Shirley & all the family, Guinn Huffman

–Guinn Huffman

I have known Pastor Gamble since he was a little boy; having grown up in rthe same church in Shelby. He and his family were very faithful in honoring God with their love and presence in church ecvery Sunday as I and my family did,also. He was a very faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. We all shallmiss him as well as his wonderful wife, Shirley, my one and only sister and other family members and all the people of Mt. Home Baptist Church. Lets all remember Shirley, Joy, and John Davidand their children in our prayers at this time. God Bless All. We will see him again in Heaven . Praise God for that honor.

–Dot Hamilton McLawhon

Dearest Shirley & family: Thank you for sharing Jerry with so many in our community. We have been honored to call him a friend for many years. Jerry was such a faithful and humble servant and it did not go unnoticed. I'm thankful for the moment I had on Tuesday to let him know how much he has meant to us and that we love him. He is in the presence of his Heavenly Father and we will meet again. So long for now Jerry!

–Rev. & Mrs. Gary Garner



Pastor Gamble loved preaching the Gospel! He will be sorely missed! We know he is in a better place, and yet those of us left behind are truly saddened by his passing. My husband and I are praying for his family during this difficult time.

–Daphne Simmons

Such a great man has entered into the gates of heaven. I can only imagine all the people who went before him meeting him there, my Daddy being one of them. He will be missed here on earth. Shirley and family will be in my thoughts and

prayers in the coming weeks and months. Lisa Brittain White

—Lisa White

Not a member but attended there some. Preacher Gambles word's ring in my

ears. "Do you know my Jesus," truly Heaven gained a saint.

—Connie

This man of God blessed me every time I was in his presence. My prayers are with you, sweet Family, as you go through these days.

—Janice Brewington



Preacher Jerry Gamble was a wonderful Preacher and man. I was 10 years old first time I meant him and his wife. I have gone to church at Mount Home off and on over the years. Always enjoyed is preaching. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

—Connie Stroupe

So sorry to hear of Rev. Gamble's passing. My sincere thought and prayers are for the family. He was a wonderful man.

—Christine Braidwood

I want to send my condolences to the Gamble family. I had the pleasure of meeting this family in 1979 when my family moved to Morganton from Indiana. I have wonderful childhood memories of spending hours riding bikes, playing basketball and countless other activities with Joy and John David. Jerry and Shirley were always so kind, generous and all around wonderful neighbors, mentors and spiritual leaders. I just want to say that I am privileged to have known such a wonderful man as Jerry Gamble. While reflecting on my memories of Jerry, I remembered him driving that little red Volkswagen rabbit that seemed

of Jerry, I remembered him driving that little red Volkswagen rabbit that seemed a little small for a man of his stature. This memory made me chuckle and I hope it gives you all one too! Jerry you will be greatly missed! Love and Peace, Sherry Marsh Williams

–Sherry Marsh Williams

This gentle giant of a man of God will be sorely missed. We thank the Lord for his service to the kingdom of God. Served by working for Jesus here, serving through worship now in Heaven. Love you so much Shirley and family! Ron and Paula Gregory

–Ronald Gregory

A great man of God has entered the gates of heaven. We who knew him have a richer life and heaven is a place we long for knowing Pastor Gamble is there. My prayers are with the family for their lost. I know God will comfort all of you with His love. A great comfort is knowing where Pastor Gamble has gone to retire and we will join him soon.

–Van Lawing



My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Preacher Gamble will be missed.

–Kathy L Causby



I have no words of the sadness that I feel. Such a wonderful man, pastor and family. Burke County lost a great man and example of the Lord he was. My mom and I along with my son lived beside Mt Home for years and appreciate all the kindness and love that was shown every time we would walk or ride bikes in the church parking lot of

neighborhood. Please know I am praying for your family. Much love, and Thank you!

–Pam Cowan McLellan



–Anonymous



My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Preacher Jerry was an amazing man of God. He will now be able to laugh and joke with my daddy. Love you.

–Anonymous



So very hard to belive. Preacher Gamble was such a True Servant of the Lord. I am so Thankful to him for being with our family when we were treading troubled waters with mama having surgery in Chapel Hill to remove Cancer in her mouth. He drove to Chapel Hill the day of her surgery. When daddy got sick with heart failure. He has always been there for our family.

–Terry Moses

This was truly one of Gods great warriors.He was always just as friendly outside of the church as inside.Well done thy good and faithful servant,God just got a

true angel in Heaven with him.What a blessing he was to so many people hear on earth,he will be greatly missed.So long my friend until we meet again. Love The Smith's

—Darrell Smith and family

My sincerest condolences to the family and the families at Mt. Home Baptist Church. Hard to imagine the passing of a great servant of God who he served for many years as well as when I attended there. He was always available to assist his fellow followers through his services. I am sure he will greatly be missed by so many. Prayer's for the family who he loved and the congregation he served.

—Bobby Brittain

So sorry for ur loss praying for the family

—Amy Friedenberg

Such a wonderful preacher, I love hearing him speak and praise God. He will be so missed by so many. My prayers go out to the family.

—Lisa Korte



—Bruce and Rama Jean Franklin



Your Timberwoods family will miss you greatly!

—Timberwood

Praying for comfort and peace for this dear sweet family!! He was a true servant of God!! He was so special to our family for many many years!! We loved him and he was just like family to us!! He will definitely be missed by all!! Love and hugs to Shirley,Joy,JohnDavud and the rest of the family!!

—Ken and Carolyn Stamey

Praying for comfort and peace for this dear sweet family!! He was a true and faithful servant!! He was so special our family and we felt he was part of our family!! We loved him dearly and he will be missed by all!! Love and hugs to Shirley,Joy, John David and all the family!!

—Ken and Carolyn Stamey

Dear Shirley and Family, Jerry was one of the best men and best pastors we have ever known. He taught us many things through the years and we will be forever grateful. His humble spirit always blessed and touched our lives. Tanya and I are praying for all of you and for Mount Home. May God comfort you all with His peace, strength, and grace. We love you.

—Ed and Tanya Yount

Preacher Gamble was one of a kind. He baptized my son and husband around 1990. Then, he married our son in 2018. A part of me is sad knowing he is not here on earth. But I'm overjoyed that Preacher Gamble is waking with Jesus. I know he's happy. Our prayers go out to Shirley and his family. We love you preacher Gamble. Have a glorious time in Heaven.

—Lola Buchanan