



## Wilburn Joyner

April 13, 1923 - February 12, 2010

### Obituary of Rev. Wilburn Joyner

Rev. W. L. Joyner, 86, of Lakeland died February 12, 2010. Rev. Joyner was a spirited, empathetic and compassionate pastor who devoted his life to honoring God and touching the lives of everyone around him. Rev. Joyner was a clergy member since 1947 of the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He worked actively in the pastorate for 37 years serving churches in Tampa, Seminole, Lake Wales, Miami, Largo and Vero Beach. He was related to College Heights UMC, Lakeland, and also helped organize the original Lay Witness Missions in Florida.

Rev. Joyner was born April 13, 1923, outside of Moultrie, Georgia, and moved to Florida with his family six months later. Raised in Tampa, he was a graduate of Hillsborough High School, Florida Southern College and Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He moved to Lakeland from Leesburg in 2001 to reside at the Florida Presbyterian Homes with his wife, Jeannette.

Rev. Joyner was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Trudy Joyner, his sister, Vivian Mackiernan, his wife of over 61 years, Jeannette Galbreath

Joyner, and one daughter, Joy Lee.

He is survived by his brother, Orbrie W. Joyner of Mims. His surviving children and family are son and wife, Lynn and Priscilla Joyner, grandson and wife, David and Caitlin Joyner, great grandson, Austin Joyner and grandson, Steven Joyner all of Nokomis; daughter and husband, Jean and Robert Vanderslice, granddaughter, Renee Vanderslice of Lakeland and son and wife, Kim and Joanie Joyner of Sarasota, granddaughter, Kristi Joyner of Port Orange and grandson and wife, Shawn and Samantha Joyner of Jacksonville.

#### Visitation

Visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17, at the Beyers Funeral Home, 1123 N. Main Street, Leesburg, FL 34748

#### Services

A memorial Service for Rev. Joyner will be held Tuesday, February 16, at 2:00 p.m. at College Heights United Methodist Church, 942 South Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33803. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

#### Interment

Interment will be at Shiloh Cemetery in Fruitland Park on Wednesday,

February 17 at 12:00 PM

## Memorials

Memorial gifts may be made to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home,  
51 Main Street, Enterprise, FL 32725.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Joyner family, My deepest sympathies to all regarding the passing of Rev. Joyner. Rev. Joyner was very special to me growing up in South Florida and attending Wesley Methodist Church. I was honored when Rev. Joyner who was living in Lakeland at the time came to Miami to perform my marriage ceremony 48 years ago! Rev. Joyner brought the whole family - so honored and blessed to have them all witness this special day. I just found out about his passing which deeply saddens me. My love to all (Lynn, Kim and all the extended family member). Janice Burt Cramer Marriage ceremony June 30th, 1967 - Coral Gables, FL

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**Janice Burt Cramer** - September 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences to the Joyner Family. You are in our prayers.

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**Mack & Judy Wilcox** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM