



Alton Howard McEachern

September 3, 1932 - January 3, 2009

Dr. Alton H. McEachern, 76, of Sharpsburg, GA died Saturday, January 03, 2009. He was born September 3, 1932 in Thomaston, GA to the late Howard & Opal Oxford McEachern.

Dr. McEachern was a graduate of Mercer University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, University of Glasgow in Scotland, and Mansfield College in Oxford, England. Dr. McEachern pastored many churches including Log Cabin Baptist in Macon, GA, Graham Baptist in Dupont, IN, South Park Baptist in Louisville, KY, Westmoreland Baptist in Huntington, VA, St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville, KY, First Baptist Church of Greensboro, NC before becoming the founding pastor of Cornerstone United Methodist in Newnan, GA. He was an active member of the Newnan community where he was a member of the Rotary Club.

The funeral is Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 11:00 am at CORNERSTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH with Rev. Terry Thompkins & Rev. Joe Watson officiating. Burial will follow at Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery in The Rock, GA. The visitation is Monday evening between 6:00 & 8:00 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA 30263. Memorial contributions should be made to Cornerstone United Methodist Church, 2956 Hwy 154, Newnan, GA 30265.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Butler McEachern of Sharpsburg; children, Suzanne Case of Louisville, KY, Kathy McEachern of Louisville, KY, Bonnie

Hawn of Boston, MA, Mike McEachern of Hickory, NC, Andrew McEachern of Greensboro, NC; step-daughter, Shannon Harrelson of Browns Summit, NC; 10 grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Bethany Baptist Church in Thomaston, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cornerstone United Methodist Church
2956 Sharpsburg McCollum Road
Newnan, GA 30265
(770) 304-9397
<http://www.cornerstoneumc.com>

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Please, if possible, pass these brief words to Bonnie Hawn, daughter of Alton McEachern. Bonnie, I just found out about your dad's passing. I am so sorry. I think of you often and wonder how you are doing. I do hope you remember me as I had the privilege of serving as your pastor briefly at Far Hills Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. I would appreciate hearing from you. My e-mail address is ken_mahanes@pba.edu. God bless.

Ken Mahanes - February 04, 2009 at 05:52 PM

LL

“ My heart goes out to the McEachern family. Dr. McEachern was my pastor during my teenage and young adult years, and I have great memories of the McEachern kids and Shannon through the FBC youth group. I am so sorry for the loss. I also lost my mom, Dot Lomax, earlier this fall. I am praying for strength and peace for all of you. Much love, Laura Lomax

Laura Lomax - January 16, 2009 at 11:23 AM

DH

“ Brother Al married my husband and me in 1964, when we were members of Westmoreland Baptist Church. We will never forget his wonderful sermons and the pre-marriage counseling sessions. What an impressive man of God! And what a fine man! He will be missed.

Donna Brouse Holcomb - January 14, 2009 at 08:05 PM

KL

“ My deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Dr. McEachern. After reading the obituary, my prayer is that I can be as committed to Christ as he was. May the Lord bring comfort and peace to the family.

Kumar Lakhavani - January 09, 2009 at 01:00 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. McEachern. He was mine (and my family's) pastor at FBC in Greensboro. There were some fond memories. I know that he will be missed greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Laurie Poole Brown - January 08, 2009 at 07:16 PM

DV

“ SUZANNE, SORRY TO HERE OF YOUR LOST. DALE VISH WAGGENER CLASS OF 1971

DALE VISH - January 07, 2009 at 02:31 PM

HR

“ Virginia, I was a friend of Glenn. I am visiting my daughter in Fl. I learned of Alton's death from the C-J. I met you all first in Madisonville, and saw you at your parents funerals. Alton had a great ministry and I know he will be missed. God bless you and the family. WE still miss Glenn . IN Christ, Hughlan Richey

hulan richey - January 07, 2009 at 02:17 PM

BB

“ Thinking of your family during this difficult time. Much love and peace to each of you. Beth

Beth Brannon Barwick - January 07, 2009 at 06:46 AM

RM

“ Tracie & Family - Our family is sending our thoughts and prays to the Family. I am the son of Gladys Oxford McPherson, Sister of Opal Oxford McEachern. Mother was always Gleaming when she spoke of "AL". ' She spoke very highly of "AL". She spoke as if Al walked on water. We still think so. The McPherson Family sends our Love, and feelings.

Randy McPherson - January 07, 2009 at 02:33 AM

GS

“ sorry to hear about our loss, read in the Courier Journal

Geary Sparks - January 06, 2009 at 09:24 PM

GW

“ To Mike McEachern and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. The memories you have will be a comfort to you in the future. Keith

G Keith Wells - January 06, 2009 at 08:03 PM

MS

“ Dearest Virginia and Family, my Prayers and Sympathy are with you today. Find comfort knowing that now he is with our Father and in such peace. Please call on me if I can help out in any way. Love , Margie

Margie Stephens - January 06, 2009 at 04:36 PM

JB

“ Mike, Sorry for your loss. It is never easy to lose a family member. You and your family will be remember in our prayers.

Joe Brantolino - January 06, 2009 at 03:58 PM

RN

“ I was saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Alton McEachern. I use to be a member of First Baptist Church when Dr. McEachern was the pastor. I always enjoyed hearing Dr. McEachern's sermons. His message always inspired and taught me how to be a better person and serve my fellow human beings. I remember having conversations with him in the church parlor after the morning service. May God bless you during this time and you have my deepest sympathy.

Robert Nunn - January 06, 2009 at 02:23 PM

M(

“ Our family sends our deepest sympathy for the loss of Dr. McEachern. My in-laws here in Louisville (A.B. and Dorothy Harmon) made several visits with him over the last several years. Many times they would take my mother who lived in Griffin when they would make their visit. My mother always thought very highly of Dr. McEachern and my inlaws are very sad about his loss. My husband Allee has also always spoken very highly of the great things that Dr. McEachern did as pastor of our church - St. Matthews Baptist. Again, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know it is a very difficult time for your entire family.

Mrs. Allee B. Harmon (Susan) - January 06, 2009 at 01:55 PM

FN

“ We share in your grief and understand the loss of the father of a family. Your farther was our favorite pastor and we love the memories we have and him and each of you. We would like to contact you if you will contact us with your e-mail. Our prayers and sympathy are with you. Fondly, Fran, Bruce Nield II, Brent and Brook Catlett

Family of Fran Catlett (Dr. B. N.) - January 06, 2009 at 01:10 PM

LR

“ Mike, I never met your father but knowing the fine son he had in you tells me he must have been a giant to you. My thoughts and prayers are with you and family at this time.

Larry Regan - January 06, 2009 at 11:26 AM

MJ

“ Dear Virginia and Family, I'm so sorry for the loss of your precious loved one. Al was such a dear, sweet man. May your faith carry you through in peace and love.

Marilyn Johnson - January 06, 2009 at 10:54 AM

DN

“ Virginia and family, We found Cornerstone within a few days of moving to Sharpsburg in 1995, and were present for the laying of the actual cornerstone. Al helped Dave and I form a Cub Scout pack at the church with our twin sons as Tiger Cubs. Brian and Stephen received their Eagle Scout awards Saturday, January 3, and Al is in the scrapbooks of their Scout history. We were just talking about him last week. We have very fond memories of Sharpsburg and Cornerstone, Katie sang in the Children's choir. His sermons were some of the best we have ever heard. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Condolences, Donna Nock

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Donna Fournier Nock - January 06, 2009 at 10:02 AM

LC

“ I have such wonderful memories of "Al" when he was pastor at Graham Baptist Church near San Jacinto back in the 1950s.. My sympathy to all the family. Lilian Carmer

Lilian Carmer - January 06, 2009 at 09:34 AM

JG

“ Dear Virginia & Family: I was saddened to learn of Dr McEachern's death. I considered him a friend as well as my pastor. He was influential in my decision to join FBC. He is the best pulpit preacher we have had in the lineage that includes Dr Bowen and Dr Lolley. My favorite of his sermons was when he challenged us to consider "If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict?" I regret losing contact when you moved to Georgia, but I tried to call when I visit my daughter in Atlanta. We should rejoice that this good servant has gone to be with the Great Shepherd forever. John Gee

John Gee - January 06, 2009 at 09:02 AM

BR

“ So sorry to hear that your father/husband/Grandfather, etc. passed away. We were members at First Baptist Church when he was the minister there. We were fortunate in having him marry us 25 years ago. I loved him dearly and felt him to be one of the very best speakers, Ministers and people that I ever had the pleasure of knowing. Please know that we care deeply. Lovingly, Bill & Jo Robinette.

Bill & Jo Robinette - January 05, 2009 at 10:16 PM

JS

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. Al was a great preacher and I enjoyed working with him At Cornerstone United Methodist Church with my late husband Linwood. Much love, Jean Stevenson

Jean Stevenson - January 05, 2009 at 05:13 PM

SW

“ Mike: I want to extend my condolences to your and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Sincerely, Sue Woodfield

Sue Woodfield - January 05, 2009 at 04:56 PM

CA

“ We are so very saddened to hear about your loss. I came to know you well, Mike, and I know that your dad had a great influence on you and on everyone who knew him. Surely, God is with you and your family and I know that you will seek his comfort.

Cecil & Gail Anderson - January 05, 2009 at 04:49 PM

MT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this time. We fondly remember Dr. McEachern and each of you from Greensboro days. May the Lord comfort and strengthen each of you. Blessings, Martha and Harry Thetford

Martha and Harry Thetford - January 05, 2009 at 03:16 PM

CM

“ Mike and Family, We are extremely sorry to hear about your loss. We know this is a difficult time but trust the memories will carry you forward. Please know that we will be remembering all of you in our prayers.

Chuck & Debbie Mobley - January 05, 2009 at 02:21 PM

KB

“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to the family... Kent, Vera (formerly Barfield), Kelli, Holli Benfield

Kent Benfield - January 05, 2009 at 01:41 PM

SJ

“ To Mike McEachern and Family. My deepest condolences to you. May the God of Peace give YOU peace as you journey through this valley. You are in my prayers.

Sheila D. Johnson - January 05, 2009 at 01:26 PM

KS

“ I know Mike McEachern from working with him at IRS. Just knowing Mike, I know what a wonderful man his father had to have been. The life of a good man reaches far beyond simply those he knows. I think Mr. McEachern has a circle of influence that extends to many, many more people than most of us will ever dream of influencing. My concern, my sorrow and my prayers are with all of you. Kay Schedler

Kay Schedler - January 05, 2009 at 12:51 PM

JF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Janet Fandre - January 05, 2009 at 11:23 AM

OS

“ To Mike and Family: I just want to express my deepest sincere sympathy for your loss. I pray that you will be comforted and blessed with wonderful memories as you begin your healing journey. May God continue to Bless you.

OLANDA SAMPLE - January 05, 2009 at 11:03 AM

DS

“ Mike, sorry to hear about the passing of your father. If there is anything that I can do for you or your family now or in the future, please let me know. Sincerely-Dennis Scott

DENNIS J SCOTT - January 05, 2009 at 10:50 AM

TT

“ Mike, Sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers will be with you and your family.

Tony Treat - January 05, 2009 at 10:21 AM

CW

“ Mike, My heartfelt sympathy is with you and your family today. The recent passing of my mother makes me aware of what you all are going through right now. She too suffered w/ Alzheimer's disease. Just keep the wonderful memories in your heart an know that now the sun has seemed to set on one so very dear, a soul who lived so well remains forever near. May God's grace be with you and your family during this difficult time. Connie W Ward Greensboro, NC

Connie Ward - January 05, 2009 at 10:13 AM

NA

“ Mike, Thinking of you and your family during this time with prayer. What a very fruitful life your Daddy had. May you and your family be encouraged with the memories of his labor. Nancy Armstrong IRS-LMSB:W-S

Nancy Armstrong - January 05, 2009 at 09:51 AM

JM

“ Mike and family, My prayers are with each of you. I pray God will bless and strengthen you during your grieving and that through it all, your faith in God will sustain and help you.

Joe McKinney - January 05, 2009 at 09:47 AM

SS

“ Mike: I was so sorry to hear about your dad. I know you will miss him. Even when our parents have been ill for a long time it is hard to let them go. I know this from my own experience. I will be praying for you and the rest of your family members. Susan Showfety

Susan Showfety - January 05, 2009 at 09:46 AM

JB

“ Mike, I'm very sorry for the loss of your father -- you and your family will remain in my thoughts. Let me know if I can assist in any way. James Bolen

James Bolen - January 05, 2009 at 09:36 AM

DB

“ I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. Know that the entire family is in our thoughts and prayers as you endure this difficult time. Hold fast to your faith and let God carry you through. Bless you all. Debby Bullock and family

Debby Bullock - January 05, 2009 at 09:28 AM

KS

“ Mike & family - I know your father was a special man. He has a place in heaven and I know you will take comfort knowing he is with GOD and has entered his enteral home. You will miss him but you have memories to never forget him. All our love and prayers...Kim, Kevin & kids.

Kim Smith - January 05, 2009 at 09:16 AM

AJ

“ Al and I were cousins and started first grade at Ben Hill. I started mid-year and was allowed to sit in the desk with him on my first day because he was the only classmate I knew. I last spoke with him by phone while he was in Greensboro and I was visiting for a few hours with a college classmate of my daughter (L-R). We shared some memories of days long ago when we were both still in Thomaston. Please accept my sympathy. One of my early memories was of Al's intent to go into the ministry - at such a young age! Not many of us fulfill our early dreams. He did.

Anne Jones - January 05, 2009 at 09:04 AM

AD

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are sorry to hear about your loss. I have fond memories of him as my pastor growing up. I wish I could be there with you all. With Love and Sympathy, Ann

Ann Cranford Durbin - January 05, 2009 at 06:30 AM

SC

“ Daddy, we know you are home with the Father who has prepared a place for you. Thank you for what you have meant to everyone who knew you. Please watch over Virginia and us, your family who will join you when our place in heaven is ready. Love, Suzie

Suzanne Case - January 04, 2009 at 06:38 PM

RG

“ AL WAS A SWEET AND LOVING MAN. OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU LOVE, BECKY, JULIE, HANNAH, GRACIE, NELLIE

REBECCA GHOLSON - January 04, 2009 at 09:20 AM