



Reverend Larry Lee Arrowood

Mount Holly

On November 5, 2014, Reverend Larry Lee Arrowood peacefully slipped away in his sleep at Robin Johnson Hospice House, hand in hand with his wife and his family at his side. He woke up in Heaven with all its glory hearing his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ saying, "Welcome Home my child, Well done, thou good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Lord." Larry fought a brief battle with Mesothelioma, a cancer of the lining of the lung caused by exposure to asbestos. Larry was born March 23, 1935. He was the oldest son of the late Luther (Spike) Arrowood and wife, Florence Ward Arrowood. Also preceding him in death were two brothers, Luke and Randy Arrowood. He was a graduate of Mount Holly High School class of 1956.

Larry proudly served his country in the U.S. Army serving 1958-1960 in the 4th Division Artillery stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. After his time in the Army, he worked at Superior Yarn Mill (Tuckaseegee Plant), Southern Dye Co. (Sodyeco), Mt. Holly, as a welder, and TV station WCCB in Charlotte as an engineer working in the control room and at WCGC Radio in Belmont as chief engineer, announcer and disc jockey. Having been called at an early age for service as a Minister and Preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Larry began preparing for the task by enrolling and graduating from Gaston College, earning an Associate Degree in Religion University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Bachelor Degree in Religion. He also furthered his education at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest with a Master of Divinity Degree with a secondary Degree in Christian Education and then enrolled and graduated from Baptist Center for Biblical Studies in Jacksonville, Florida receiving a Doctor of Ministry Degree. Dr. Arrowood married the love of his life, and helpmate, Judy Lowe Arrowood on December 19, 1976 and together they served the Lord in many ways. Whether visiting the lonely in nursing homes, going on mission trips to share the Gospel, holding Prayer Meetings and Bible Studies in assisted living facilities, teaching Sunday School at an orphanage or serving as Full-Time Pastor at three churches. His first Pastorate was at Deep Springs Baptist Church in Peachland, NC, then West Point Baptist Church in Kannapolis and Gateway Baptist in Gastonia. Since retiring in 1999, Rev. Arrowood has served as Interim Pastor and Pulpit Supply in Gaston County for a total of 35 years in service to his Lord. He dedicated his life to God and in turn God blessed home with a devoted and loving helpmate, and as a team they served together with joy and love in the ministry. Larry was a master of story-telling and included rich illustrations in his sermons. He was said to use "word pictures" because his descriptions were so easy to imagine. Rev. Arrowood lovingly cared for his church families and was known and loved as "Preacher Larry". He and his wife have maintained many life-long friendships in each church in which they ministered and touched the lives of so many. He will be greatly missed. Larry loved preaching the Word of God, going to church, Southern Gospel Music, watching NASCAR, meeting his friends at Bojangles and watching old movies. But his greatest joy was spending time with his family and traveling and did so at every opportunity. Their travels took them to almost every state in the USA. Their trip to Israel was a dream come true and it enhanced his preaching tremendously. Their trips to

Hawaii, Niagara Falls, the Great Southwest and the Grand Northwest and the Holy Land Experience in Orlando, Florida were some of their favorites.

Larry leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife of almost 38 years, Judy Arrowood, a brother and sister-in-law, Terry and Gaye, a sister and brother-in-law, Bobbie Arrowood Bowen and Gene all of Mount Holly and niece Dr. Shannon Bowen of Columbia, South Carolina, cousins Irma Arrowood Gayan and husband, Dick, of Belmont, Ronald Ward and wife Ruby, Nathan Ward, Bearl Davis, Max Davis, Keith Arrowood, Gus and Pat Harper of Dallas, Barbara Harper Lawing, Gus Harper all of Mount Holly and many other cousins. Brother-in-law Vaughn Lowe and wife, Mary Lee, Nephew Darren Lowe and wife, Bobbi and Niece Andrea Lowe Ave and husband, Bob and grandnieces Ana, Laura and Emma all from Pensacola, Florida. Larry was baptized into the Christian faith and the fellowship of believers at Catawba Heights Baptist Church by his Pastor Max Pendleton and after retirement again joined Catawba Heights Baptist Church.

A service to celebrate the life of Rev. Arrowood will be held Saturday November 8, 2014 at 2:00PM at Woodlawn Chapel of Woodlawn Funeral Home, 375 Woodlawn Avenue, Mount Holly with Rev. Max Pendleton officiating. Others participating in the service are Rev. Scott Whitener, Terry Grigg and Marty Owens. Larry will be laid to rest from his labors in Hillcrest Gardens Cemetery, Mt. Holly. At the conclusion of the service at the cemetery, there will be a releasing of the doves. The family will receive friends from 6:00PM to 8:00 PM on Friday November 7, 2014 at Woodlawn Funeral Home and at other times at their respective homes. Pallbearers are Joe Schronce, Rev. Paul Crews, Richard Thomas, Danny Bailey, Jimmy Johnson and Rev. Bill Ewing. Honorary Pallbearers are Rev. Mack Pressley, Bill Cook, Jim Best, Rev. Don Mott, David Moore, Dr. Larry Kimel, Howard Duncan, Dean Tate, Cresful Horne, Harold Nance, Betty & Wade Sims, Pansy & Bud Jonas, Cecil & Ray Farmer and Rhonda Withers, Sonny Withers, Max Roberts, Marie & Bill Bagley.

The Arrowood family wishes to thank Levine Cancer Institute in Charlotte for their support and kindness. We will be eternally grateful for the gentle care and encouragement and love given by Cheryl Hiscox of Emerald Care in Gastonia, and to the Gaston Hospice and especially Robin Johnson House in Dallas for their help. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations in memory of Rev. Larry Arrowood be made to the Emerald Care 1050 X-Ray Drive, Gastonia, NC 28054 or Gaston Hospice. P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, Tennessee 38101-9929 or Gideon International, Post Office Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800. Woodlawn Funeral Home in Mount Holly, NC is serving the family.



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