



Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.

November 3, 1930 - July 11, 2017

Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby, Jr., 86, of West Point, Virginia, went to his heavenly Father on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin Franklin Kerby, Sr. and Mary Catherine Baber, and sisters Ethel Flippo and Mary Campbell.

Marvin is survived by his wife and companion of 66 and-a-half-years, Nancy Farrar Kerby, his four children, Joyce Sweet, Wayne Kerby (Melissa), Rick Kerby (Judy), Lori Kerby; his eight grandchildren, Jennifer Wolfe (John), Michael Sweet (Kelly), Timothy Sweet (Michelle), Andrew Bunch (Deidre), Ian Bunch (Ashley), Bailey Bunch, Seaton Kerby, Natalie Kerby; and his nine great-grandchildren, Elaynah, Adelyn, Karoline, Emily, Ella, Ava, Charlotte, Alyssa, and Cyrus.

Marvin was graduated from Rockfish Valley High School in Nelson County, VA, and the University of Richmond, Richmond, VA. He received God's call for full-time ministry at the age of 15, and responded by earning his Master of Divinity Degree from Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., and additional training from the school of Pastoral Care, Winston-Salem, N.C., and School of Pastoral Care, M.C.V., Richmond, VA.

Reverend Kerby was ordained by Hebron Baptist Church, Afton, VA, October 1956. He first held a field of five churches - Clifford, Fairmont, Massie Memorial, Mineral Springs, and St. Stephens - before serving full-time for 10 years at Vesuvius Baptist Church, Vesuvius, VA, followed by 31 years at First Baptist Church in West Point, VA. He retired in 2000 and was honored to be

named the First Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Church. In retirement, Mr. Kerby served as interim pastor at Emmaus Baptist Church, New Kent, VA, and Poroporone Baptist Church in King and Queen County. He also served full-time at Glebe Landing Baptist Church, Laneview, VA.

Mr. Kerby was very active in his community, having served on the West Point Town Council for 18 years and West Point School Board for 16 years. He had been a member of the West Point Kiwanis since 1970, and served seven times as President of the West Point Ministerial Association.

Among his numerous awards and recognitions, Mr. Kerby received Joint Resolution No. 5175 from the Commonwealth of Virginia, House of Delegates, September 8, 2006, for his dedication to church and community affairs, and a Resolution from the West Point Town Council as a faithful supporter of civic and community affairs.

Reverend Kerby conducted thousands of revivals, homecomings, funerals, and nearly 750 marriages. He was a cancer survivor, active in the cancer support community. He was a recognized community minister and never lost sight of his mission to serve the Lord by loving and serving people. Marvin was well-loved and will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and community. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Marvin & Nancy Kerby Scholarship Fund, c/o First Baptist Church, P.O. Box N, West Point, VA 23181.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16th at the Robinson-Olsson Auditorium, 1040 Thompson Avenue, West Point, VA 23181. Interment will be private. The family will receive friends 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, at the auditorium. The funeral service will be live streamed, Sunday, beginning at 1:45 p.m. at <http://thecube.com/e/739267>.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15.** 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

W.T. Robinson/Sture G. Olsson Civic Auditorium and Fine Arts Center
1040 Thompson Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Service

JUL **16.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ Mr. Kerby was my great grandfather. He was always someone i could talk to and thow i never got to see him much every time i did he always gave me the biggest hug with the biggest smile on his face and ask me how i am doing. He sadly passed when i was only ten years old. My dream ever since i was a little girl was that he would marry me and my future husband one day, see me in my homecoming and prom dresses, meet his great great granddaughter or grandson. But he will now be watching from above and always looking out for me. I am now about to finish my freshman year in high school and everyday i miss him and wish he was here to see all of my accomplishments like when i got my varsity letter my freshman year. One of my favorite memories of Pawpaw was when we were in the parade for the crab carnival and all the great granddaughters got to ride along the best part was how everyone was cheering him on and thanking him i never thought that many people knew him but we find out that he had done at least one thing for everyone at the church and helped them threw good and bad times. I will always remember pawpaw and love him dearly. i love you pawpaw <3

Adelyn Sweet - May 29, 2022 at 08:23 PM

RH

“ Rev. Dr. Milton A. Hathaway lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.



Rev. Dr. Milton A. Hathaway - August 09, 2017 at 09:51 PM

RH

“ It was my privilege to have met Rev. Kirby during my first pastorate in King William, VA, during the early 80's. He always met me with a smile and was never too busy to inquire how I was doing, and how was the ministry. His smile showed that he genuinely cared. He was a pastor's pastor and I am grateful to have known him. My prayers and thoughts are with his family and the First Baptist Church family.

Rev. Dr. Milton A. Hathaway - August 09, 2017 at 09:50 PM

MR

“ Rest in peace Rev. Kerby. You were a "rock" for many people. My sympathy for all the family.

Maureen Radford

Maureen Radford - July 27, 2017 at 10:29 AM

DV

“ Reverend Kerby was one of God's greatest creations . He was truly a man of God. He will forever hold a special place in my heart. His gentle and kind personality was equally shared with everyone. I am so thankful to have had him as my pastor at Glebe Landing Baptist Church and for being a friend to me and my family. His smile and laugh that shook his whole body is an image I will never forget. Thank you Reverend Kerby for all you have done for me, my family as well as others. Nancy and family my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Nancy thank you for walking beside Reverend Kerby all of your years together. You also hold a special place in my heart.



Debbie Bryan Tappahannock, VA - July 17, 2017 at 11:04 PM

DB

Debbie Bryan

Debbie Bryan - July 17, 2017 at 11:06 PM

CA

“ *Reverend Kerby not only talked the goodness of God but he walked the path.. Everywhere he went he showed he was a man of God.. When he hugged you there was a feeling of love for hours.. Such a good man that will be missed by so many.. We were truly blessed to have been able to know him...
May God wrap his loving and comforting arms around the Kerby family- Nancy, Joyce, Wayne, Rick, Lori and many others in his family..*

Love, Carole and RN Coffman

Carole - July 16, 2017 at 02:57 PM

CA

“ *Carole lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.*



Carole - July 16, 2017 at 02:48 PM

LW

“ *Mr Kirby meant so much to our family and was always there as a comfort and encouraged.
I hope that all of you feel all that love and caring come back to you at this time of his passing. May you be comforted by this and know we hold all of you in our hearts during this time of loss.
Thank you for all the years of sharing Mr Kirby with us. We will always remember all of his kindnesses.*

Linda W Wilson - July 16, 2017 at 02:41 PM

TA

“ Not only did we lose a regular customer we lost a dear friend. We will forever remember Mr. Kerby's smiling face as he would step into the kitchen to check on us. We only hope they serve hush puppies in heaven.
Tony, George & Staff



Tony Ashikkis - July 16, 2017 at 02:00 PM

PH

“ Your work is done!!! And you did it well. Rest in peace now until we meet again.

Peggy Hogge - July 16, 2017 at 11:55 AM

MC

“ May God comfort you and keep you during this difficult time.

Marie S. Carter - July 16, 2017 at 07:39 AM

CP

“ Reverend Kerby will be deeply missed. He led the funeral services for my Dad, my Mom and my aunt with love and compassion. God bless his family. Curtis Powers

Curtis Powers - July 15, 2017 at 11:09 PM

DN

“ Brother Marvin was the most respected man and I can't begin to explain the impact that he had on my own life as he often talked to me in his soft spoken language and you can bet if you listened closely you were going to learn something most important to help you through whatever it was that was troubling you ! I have been very blessed to have had him as my pastor, buddy, and more so someone that I could always look up to for answers that seemed to have been hiding from me .. he took the time to explain both sides of the pasture but when he had finished speaking I knew what decision was necessary to correctly face any issues. May this town and surrounding areas know just how close Jesus was to us by simply having the honor of knowing such a devoted and dedicated man as Brother Marvin Kerby !!!

Dennis Norman - July 15, 2017 at 08:04 PM

GC

“ Dear Nancy, Joyce, Wayne, Ricky, Lori, and families, Marvin held such a loving part of my heart. He was always there for me with a smile and a hug. His words were always so comforting, he knew just what to say. He helped me through some very trying times but also some very joyous occasions. I called him "Marvelous Marvin" and he called me "Glorious Gloria". It was a joy to see him and Nancy at the Arts Alive performances. Thank you family for sharing him with us. He will surely be missed by so many people whose lives he has touched. With much love and heartfelt sympathy,
Gloria Couch and Inez Hawthorne

Gloria Couch - July 15, 2017 at 05:41 PM

PB

“ *Condolences to the Family during this difficult time. Your are in our thoughts and prayers.*

The Bush Family

Mike, Trish, Michelle and Kim

Patricia R Bush - July 15, 2017 at 12:34 PM

SH

“Where do I start with everything Mr. Kerby has done for me and my family? First of all, my mother Nancy Edmonds was on the pulpit committee to bring Rev. Kerby and his family here to West Point to First Baptist and God has truly blessed this town and community with his love of Christ he and his family have shared with everyone since day one that they arrived in West Point. He not only was he a minister, he was a friend. He married Howard and me in 1974, dedicated our son Will into the church, baptized Will and Howard, married Will and Devon, dedicated their 2 daughters, Addison and Riann. Those were the happy memories. Mr Kerby's daughter Joyce kept Will when he was around 3 or 4 and Mr. Kerby would go by and visit and the kids called him PAWPAW. Will came home one day from Joyce's and said PAWPAW was there and I said who and he said it was Mr. Kerby. He was also there when times were tough and sad with the sickness of Howard's Father and Mother and with us through their funerals, but always showing us the way to get through the hard times. He was also there for my dad when he had cancer and passed away. He has been there to counsel many people. One time he told me Sheree, if you can not do anything about it, you need to let it go. I believe those were the hardest words he ever told me. Howard just got out of the hospital yesterday with a knee replacement and we both kept thinking Mr Kerby should be walking through that door any moment. He always had a 5th scence about him. He would just show up in tough times and we would say who called you and he would say no one, I just felt I needed to be here. We will miss Mr. Kerby's smile and kind words no matter what the situation was. He was the POPE of West Point and he will truly missed.

Sheree Edmonds Hilton

Sheree Edmonds Hilton - July 15, 2017 at 11:54 AM

BH

“ We lost a wonderful man but God gained a Beautiful Angel. He will truly be missed and never forgotten. He had a beautiful smile. He touched so many hearts. My thoughts and prayers go out to Nancy and the children. He will I'll always remain in my heart.

Beverley Humpries - July 15, 2017 at 10:38 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr..



July 15, 2017 at 05:37 AM

JE

“ An amazing man from what I consider to be the greatest generation. All of our families are so blessed to have had his love, support, and guidance over the years. Not only did Mr. Kirby deliver God's word in a style that was both powerful and endearing, he was so wonderfully practical when giving advice to those trying to get through a tough situation – what a combination! I know that as teens growing up in the Church my peers and I totally enjoyed and always looked forward to the experience that Mr. Kirby created for us – something you rarely see today.

Anyway, I believe dad has been building an extremely nice pulpit up there and now, one of his all time favorite people is going to be able to use it.

Jimmy Edmonds

Jimmy Edmonds - July 14, 2017 at 10:43 PM

SL

“ Mrs Kerby and family. You can never know how much Rev Kerby meant to me. He was always there for me whenever I needed him. I know you will miss him terribly but know he is with Jesus and those friends & family who have gone before❤️❤️❤️

Susan Brizendine Langley - July 14, 2017 at 09:44 PM

MA

“ Nancy and all the children, When you think of all the precious memories, they will bring you ROSES IN DECEMBER! The love BOB and I have for the family is unending! Thank you for sharing your love with us. In Christian Love, Marianna and Bob Chestnutt

mariannachestnutt - July 14, 2017 at 01:56 PM

RC

“ I will miss my dear friend Rev. Kerby, He always had a smile and kind words of encouragement for me. He will always be a fond memory in this barbershop. We love and pray for your family. God gained another angel. Sincerely. Rebecca Carter - West Point Family Barbershop

Rebecca Carter - July 14, 2017 at 11:10 AM

CF

“ Charles, Haley, Dan Waddell & Family purchased the Red, White & Blue Standing Wreath for the family of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr..



Charles, Haley, Dan Waddell & Family - July 14, 2017 at 10:29 AM

BC

“ *This man will truly be missed. He loved everyone unconditionally and children held a special place in his heart. He was a key factor in my life and in my beliefs. I know God said to him "Well done, my good and faithful servant". My sympathy goes out to the family. You are all in my prayers.*

Bob Carter

Bob Carter - July 14, 2017 at 08:21 AM

LB

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family .May God Bless you during this difficult time*



Lacy & Liz Buie

Liz Buie - July 14, 2017 at 08:19 AM

VB

“ *What a sweet, loving and wonderful man! Whenever a member of our family was ill, in the hospital or passed away, he was always there to pray with us and offer words of encouragement. West Point has lost one of its most beloved citizens and he will be greatly missed. We offer our condolences and prayers to his family.*

Vic and Sharon Britton

Vic and Sharon Britton - July 14, 2017 at 06:32 AM

LN

“ Rev Kerby was so filled with the Holy Spirit that he exuded the Holy Comforter. In his presence I, and many others, felt "the peace that passeth all understanding." To whom much is given, much is asked, and he served and he served, and he served. I thank you God for the gift of knowing this special man. Lynne Norman with my mom, the late Lorraine Norman

Lynne Norman - July 13, 2017 at 10:47 PM

SW

“ Sandra Wilson lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.



Sandra Wilson - July 13, 2017 at 09:54 PM

SW

Mr. Kirby was a faithful servant of his Lord. We shall meet again sir in our heavenly home.

Sandra Wilson - July 13, 2017 at 09:59 PM

PH

“ Our family and Kerby family seemed to intertwine from the time they moved to West Point through each generation and it continues today. My father called him Rabbi. I called him Mr. Kerby, I called him Marvin, but most of all I called him friend. Too many memories to share I will summarize by saying, the best sermon Marvin Kerby preached was the way he lived his life with love, compassion, and respect for all.

Hugs to a Nancy and Family

Patricia Lynn Hilton

Patricia Hilton - July 13, 2017 at 08:26 PM

AV

“ I am so heartbroken this man has helped me through so much
In my life & my family in fact I went to his church for many years that he preached at he gave me my first Bible and taught me the song Jesus loves me when I first was able to start learning things I still have a little things that he had gave me over the years to help me with things that I did not understand in life Couldn't of asked for a better person
No matter where he saw me he always acknowledge me I would always get what I called my Marvin Lovings & and he never really knew Traye but he opened him with welcome arms to the community
One thing I can say the man never judged anyone & has one of the biggest hearts that you will ever know ... I Thank my grandmother joyce for introducing me to such an amazing person!
It's my understanding you are resting internal peace with the Lord you have always spoken about how great that day would be would you get to meet your father in Heaven what a joy that would be end it would be one of the best days of your life now you are able to do that 💔
Thank you for being the one who baptized me many years ago and helped me get through my grandma's death I wish you knew how much you have impacted the community you were like a grandfather to me and my sister
As we lost our grandfather many years ago I am more than grateful that you were able to help me be able to go to college as well to further my education with The Kerby scholarship fund I will be forever grateful for that!
I Can't imagine the pain in Nancys heart of losing her soulmate nobody should have to face that!



April Vandegrift - July 13, 2017 at 07:12 PM

LH

We hugged and shared prayers so many times we felt he was with us permanently and we could communicate even when he wasn't with us physically. That's how strong a bond he had with the Lord and his people. There will be an emptiness in our hearts but his hugs and prayers will forever be with us.

Larkin and Brenda Hundley - July 14, 2017 at 04:43 AM

AR

*Dear Nancy and children, I do not know what to say. Mr Kerby always had a smile on his face. He visited my mom every time she was in the hospital or nursing home. He would always bring her a gift that she just loved. His love of God never faltered. He was bigger than life. I will pray for comfort for you all. I love you!
Anita and Harry Roy*

Anita Roy - July 14, 2017 at 08:35 PM

MJ

“ *Love and prayers for the family.*

Mark and Pam Jackowski - July 13, 2017 at 06:55 PM

LL

“ *Rev. Kerby was very supportive to my mom and family during my father's passing. He will be greatly missed.
LeAnne Lawson*

LeAnne Lawson - July 13, 2017 at 05:38 PM

UT

“ *Ute lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.*



Ute - July 13, 2017 at 05:06 PM

DN

“ *Mr. Kirby was always there for whoever needed him. We will miss his smile and laugh. He was such a man of God. He was a great support to my family. It is good to know he is now with our Savior. Our love and prayers are with Nancy and the family.*

Derwood Norman - July 13, 2017 at 04:47 PM

VC

“ *My Heartfelt Sympathy goes out to Nancy & Family. We were so shocked to hear the sad news of Reverend Kerby. We enjoyed seeing Nancy & Marvin Kerby each Wednesday night at Bible study, he will be so missed. I know he's with God in his Glory. I will never forget his wonderful smile and little chuckle. He was the fabric of our community, and a GODLY GODLY man. He loved his Nancy so much, it was so obvious & his family. He is with the Lord, the best place anyone can be. It's nothing no more soothing then to know your love ones are with the Lord, and he would want everyone to know, that all can be with the Lord if all will accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Prayers are with the Kerby Family.. Peace be with all!!!*



Vic & Jan Crowell & Family - July 13, 2017 at 02:11 PM

CJ

“ Reverend Marvin Kerby, when we hear that name, it warms our hearts and puts a smile on our face. He has affected so many of our lives in so many ways. Mine, yes.. Preacher, Baptism, Marriage, Funerals, Birth of our Son, and a Friend. EVERY Time I've seen him over the last 30 plus years, I've always gotten a hug, smile, and a good talk. YOU will be missed by so many of us....GOD BLESS YOU! RIP... Love, Corey, John, & Johnny Jena



Corey, John, & Johnny Jena - July 13, 2017 at 12:13 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr..



July 13, 2017 at 11:58 AM

WJ

“ Mr. Kerby was always there whether it was for a death in the family or to officiate at our wedding. He will be missed but we know where his spirit is now and that provides all with comfort during this time of his passing. Mrs Kerby, we love you and you are and will remain in our prayers as will your family.

With Love and prayers,
Terry, W S, Megan and Courtney Gay

William S Gay Jr - July 13, 2017 at 11:02 AM

CA

“ Casey lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.



Casey - July 13, 2017 at 10:42 AM

CA

“ Mr. Kerby was a true representation of a man who had joy and peace in his heart. He was selfless, kind, compassionate, wise, and loved to sing God's praise in Sunday School and church. His chuckle and smile were contagious. Many candles of love, of many colors, I light for you, Mr. Kerby, and your family this morning

Casey - July 13, 2017 at 10:39 AM

JL

“ Some say this is not a time for tears but a time to rejoice. I, myself find it very difficult to rejoice. Mr Kirby was always a loyal friend to me and my family and his love and support will never be forgotten . I would like to extend love and support to Mrs Kirby and family from the entire Lee family and pray they find peace durning this trying time.

Jackie Lee - July 13, 2017 at 10:24 AM

JP

“ We all knew this day would come, but hoped it would not come during our lifetime. We wanted him to be here to be a part of our funeral, which he was for so many. Now he is with them in a better place. He preached about Heaven and I think about how he must have reacted when he saw it. Heaven is beyond any of our imaginations. One thing for sure, when he got there he heard the words, "well done thy good and faithful servant." He was a pillar of the town and will be missed by all, but not forgotten. Nancy and family, may God give you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Glenn and I send our love and all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Judy and Glenn Palmer - July 13, 2017 at 09:50 AM

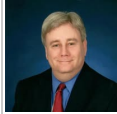


“ Rev. Kirby is no doubt with our Heavenly Father in the Kingdom of Heaven. Rev. Kirby would not want you to cry for him, but his greatest desire would be for those who have not accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior to do so, and to accept God's greatest gift; which is "our" salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord as he did so many years ago.
Rev. Kirby helped so many people. I was ordained by him in 2013, and with God's help, his, and many others... I am now the Chaplain at Eastern State Hospital.
Many people have been blessed by Rev. Kirby, many people are men of God, but Reverend Kirby was in many ways, "God's Man!"

God Bless...

Chaplain Bill and Kim Sirman
West Point, Virginia

William Sirman - July 13, 2017 at 08:46 AM



Type-o... "Hospital," Marvin would laugh!

William Sirman - July 13, 2017 at 08:48 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr..



July 13, 2017 at 07:36 AM



“ Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.



Thomas - July 13, 2017 at 04:15 AM



“ sorry



Thomas & Libby Widgeon - July 13, 2017 at 04:14 AM



“ I was not ready to say goodbye. Thank you for always being there when my family & I needed you. Your smile will be in my memory forever.

Jill Lee - July 12, 2017 at 11:34 PM



“ *Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr..*



July 12, 2017 at 11:01 PM



“ *Go rest high on that mountain
Son, your work on earth is done
Go to heaven a shoutin'
Love for the Father and the Son.*

Rev. Kerby loved the mountains and he spent a lifetime loving and working for our Lord! He was the closest person I know to the Lord. He was the Hand of God on earth. He was well respected in all communities. I know those who went before him are in a happy place right now to have him with them. He was a kind and gentle man and was always there when you needed him. He spent many hours, days, months, years, visiting people all over, spreading the gospel and praying for everyone he came into contact. He always made the time and the time he spent was special to those around him. He provided so much love and support to his family and they too provided the same love and support to their Mom and Dad. I am honored to have known him most of my life and know his wife Nancy and they both have been a blessing to me and my family. Love you both!!! I am honored to call Rev. Kerby my life long pastor.

Carol Armstrong - July 12, 2017 at 09:57 PM

CH

“ Reverend Kerby is a great man of God. He welcomed everyone in his home and was a stranger to no one. He touches the hearts of everyone that meets him. One thing that always made out trips to Eastern Virginia special, was to go see the Kirby family. He will be missed by us and all that knew him, but he is with our Heavenly Father, in a special place, and I can't wait to see him again.



Crystal Hall - July 12, 2017 at 08:59 PM

LC

“ Larry And Roxanna CLORE lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.



Larry and Roxanna CLORE - July 12, 2017 at 08:45 PM

BE

“ Beverly lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.



Beverly - July 12, 2017 at 08:32 PM

FW

“ *Franklin & Rhonda Walton lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.*



Franklin & Rhonda Walton - July 12, 2017 at 08:20 PM

 Scott
Hart

“ *For me, a recent passing of one of His saints, Marvin Kerby, struck quite close. He was a point of reference to look back on when I would lose my focus. He was a great comfort and source of counsel. He was the one that remained calm even when provoked so far as to become angry.*

Somehow, I always knew he would be there. But now he is not. And though, time and distance has seen us grow apart, there was always that bond that would draw us together. When we would have an opportunity, he would make time just to have lunch with me.

Now he has passed on to the glorious presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And it is He alone that made our friendship in this world possible. To me, he was the embodiment of what it means to be Christ-like. I ask myself, “what good did his passing accomplish if I am so sad?” Just this...

As I saw Christ in him, I want people to see Christ in me.

Scott Hart - July 12, 2017 at 07:31 PM

GH

“ George and Ruby Harwood purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Red for the family of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr..



George and Ruby Harwood - July 12, 2017 at 07:06 PM

PY

“ Patsy Yarrington lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.



Patsy Yarrington - July 12, 2017 at 07:05 PM

CH

“ Crystal Hall lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.



Crystal Hall - July 12, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ Rev. Kerby will always have a special place in the hearts of the Carter Family. Through all the events of life - the birth of a child, the unity of marriage, the end of life and everything in between, he was always present. Our family is praying for the Kerby family and we are here if you need anything. We feel your loss and find peace that he is with his Savior. He was such a great man that meant so much to so many.

Janet Carter - July 12, 2017 at 05:48 PM

JP

“ *Mr. Kerby was very special man, I have known him all of my life.he was always there when ever you needed him,He always had a smile on his face and a kind word. He never knew a stranger .My husband was just saying when my mom passed away that he talked to him like he had known him for years,but in fact he just met him.Our thoughts and prayers go out the family.*



Julie & Carroll Pugh - July 12, 2017 at 05:40 PM

LC

“ *I will miss his hugs he gave the best hugs . He was the best pastor I have ever known . To his family I will keep you all in my prayers.*

Lisa Crowe - July 12, 2017 at 05:36 PM

FA

“ *Fr. Jim Arsenault lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.*



Fr. Jim Arsenault - July 12, 2017 at 04:47 PM

AW

“ Reverend Kerby will always hold a special place in our hearts. He readily welcomed us to First Baptist Church when we moved to West Point. He was the best listener and we always left church on Sunday feeling a little lighter after listening to his sermon. He married Walker and I in 1998. I will never forget it rained during the ceremony and he said those were God's tears of joy. Reverend Kerby brought comfort and joy to all he encountered and will always be remembered.

Amy Ware - July 12, 2017 at 04:41 PM

DH

“ He showed me the way.
He led me to the water where he then Baptized me.
He is at that place that has been prepared for him.

David Hilton - July 12, 2017 at 04:09 PM



“ I met Pastor Kirby at Glebe Landing Baptist Church. He has been the first Pastor in my life who has been able to gain my trust to give me hug. He loved everyone he came across and will always be remembered.



Linda Mcquillen - July 12, 2017 at 04:03 PM

Bob
Quell

“ A true man of God, which would light up any room he was in. There at any time of need and always knew what to say to bring some comfort to a troubled soul.



Bob Quell - July 12, 2017 at 03:12 PM

JC

“ Jennifer Carr lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.



Jennifer Carr - July 12, 2017 at 03:04 PM

JH

“ Rev. Kerby was truly a gift from God. In his time here with us on earth he was a faithful servant to the Lord, spreading his words of wisdom, words of comfort, words of joy, words of encouragement and words of faith. He would be there for you at the drop of a hat. There will never be another Rev. Kerby and we all feel as though we have lost a friend and big part of our families. Thank you to the Kerby family for sharing such a wonderful man with us. I love you Rev. Kerby and you will forever be in my heart.



Jennifer Haynes - July 12, 2017 at 03:00 PM

TF

“ The Webb family purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr..



The Webb family - July 12, 2017 at 02:58 PM

HA

“ *Harriet Ammons lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.*



Harriet Ammons - July 12, 2017 at 02:51 PM



“ *Homer Humphreys III lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.*



Homer Humphreys III - July 12, 2017 at 02:49 PM

JB

“ *Joyce Bristow lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.*



Joyce Bristow - July 12, 2017 at 02:47 PM

LS

“ *I did not know Rev. Kerby well, but I remember his ready smile and his friendly demeanor. He was obviously a warm, caring, compassionate person. I wish I had known him better. Even so, somehow I feel I have lost a friend. My heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.*



Liz Speake - July 12, 2017 at 02:26 PM

DF

“ Donna Fudala sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.



Donna Fudala - July 12, 2017 at 02:20 PM

KA

“ Kim And Chris Avery lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.



Kim and Chris Avery - July 12, 2017 at 02:16 PM

JH

“ I loved Rev. Kirby. He married Bill and I in 1975 at the West Point First Baptist Church. Always there for our family in good times and bad. Will miss his warm embraces and his love for his fellow man. He was truly a man of God!

Jane Carter Haynes

Jane Haynes - July 12, 2017 at 01:26 PM

BH

“ Where do you start? Rev. Kerby was a quiet, gentle, Godly man. I can still see that smile and friendly handshake. I can hear him say can I pray for you and he was talking about right then and there. If you had a child with you he would say "wait right here" and he would go out to the van and bring back some type of toy. I could go on and on, however, I think the best way to sum it up is We had Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, Frank Robinson who set high marks that will or have been broken. Rev. Kerby you set that bar so high I do not think it will ever be attain nor broken. You will be sorely missed.

Bill & Susan Hodges

Bill Hodges - July 12, 2017 at 01:05 PM

TB

“ Rev. Kerby was truly a man of the people. ALL People, young, old, male, female, white or black. He saw all of us as " children of God " My life was blessed to have know him. TOMMY AND DONNA BUNCH

Thomas Bunch - July 12, 2017 at 12:54 PM

NO

“ Norma lit a candle in memory of Reverend Marvin Franklin Kerby Jr.



Norma - July 12, 2017 at 12:45 PM

NO

Tears are flowing but I have the memories to last a lifetime. Reverend Kirby was a intrical part of my life for over 30 years. From marriage, dedication of my son, and the death of my mom. He taught me to keep strong in the Lord and he would see me through it all. My condolences and love to the family.

Norma - July 12, 2017 at 02:16 PM

JW

My thoughts are with the family..he was sent to this world with a purpose and that purpose was filled many times over...We. are all better people for having known him

Janie Wampler - July 12, 2017 at 02:42 PM

JB

Marvin's smile would brighten up your day. He was a friend to all and a pastor to all. I know I Will miss his smile and his hugs. Marvin has been there for me in the good times and bad times. God has called another Angel home, and He will be missed here on earth. Nancy you and your family are in our prayers, send our Love to you. Willard & Joyce Bristow

Joyce Bristow - July 12, 2017 at 02:45 PM

BE

Rev. Kerby had it all. A warm smile, a sincere handshake, words of divine wisdom and a loyalty to all people. He loved the Lord and he loved his family. He was truly a man sent from heaven to serve a purpose and he accomplished that over and over again. He will surely be missed. Our loss, heavens gain. Jim and Beverly Ross

Beverly - July 12, 2017 at 08:31 PM

PR

*Rev. Kerby was a vessel of God's Love that he poured on everyone who was blessed to meet him. We will truly miss his quick smile and caring greetings. Rest my brother in Christ, we loved you but God LOVE you best. Our condolences to the family and friends.
Mason & Plunard Robinson*

Plunard Robinson - July 13, 2017 at 04:11 PM

FR

Marvin Kerby was a man of God whose heart was always in the place it ought to be. His first commitments were to Jesus Christ. He molded his life, his goals and his ministry from that starting point. But he also knew how Jesus taught that caring was one of the prime characteristics of his followers. Marvin was a clear demonstration of what that meant. Furthermore, those of us who knew him well know that his orthopraxy matched his orthodoxy. His walk matched his talk. He loved being a pastor and considered it an honor to be a servant of the living Christ. If you knew him, you loved him, and he will be sorely missed.

My prayers and best wishes go out to Nancy and family and the people who knew him as pastor and friend.

Fred R. Skaggs

Fred R.Skaggs - July 14, 2017 at 02:20 PM