



Rev. Othell LaFerney

August 3, 1937 - November 29, 2020

Memorial services for Reverend Othell LaFerney, 83, of Gilmer will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church in Gilmer with Rev. Keith Weaver and Rev. Tommy Harden officiating. Inurnment will be at Friendship Cemetery in Gladewater at a later date.

Rev. Othell LaFerney passed away Sunday, November 29, 2020 in Tyler. He was born August 3, 1937 in Gregg County to Luther LaFerney and Ethel Nowlan.

Rev. LaFerney graduated from East Texas Baptist College with a BA in Theology. He was the former pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Gilmer, where he retired in December 2018. Rev. LaFerney faithfully pastored various churches in East Texas for 51 years.

Rev. LaFerney served our nation in the Navy as a chaplain's aid assigned to the USS Yorktown from January 1958 until January 1962.

Rev. LaFerney was preceded in death by his father, Luther LaFerney; mother, Ethel Nowlan LaFerney; most beloved and faithful wife, Zeda Fern LaFerney, who served alongside of him for 51 years; daughter, Sonya Nolan; sisters, Darlene, Eva Nell, Ouita, Ima Jean, Letha and Bonnie; two brothers, Junior and Leonard.

He is survived by his second wife of 12 years, Shelia Wilson LaFerney; and his loving family, including daughters, Denise LaFerney Weaver and husband Keith of Gilmer and Tammy LaFerney Harden and husband Tommy of Tyler; son, Kevin LaFerney of Amarillo; grandchildren, Michael Golden, Ashley Golden, Trista Harden Garner, Taylor Harden Creedon, Stephen Nolan, Kristen Nolan, Kamyille LaFerney Amburgey, Kelsey LaFerney Crain, Cheyenne LaFerney and Cassie LaFerney; and 11 great-grandchildren.

If desired, memorials may be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Faith Baptist Church
2426 State Highway 155 S
Gilmer, TX 75645

Inurnment

DEC 5 (CT)

Friendship Cemetery
28805 CR 3107
Gladewater, TX 75647

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Othell LaFerney



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 03, 2020 at 03:06 PM

BL

A very nice video

Bonnie LaFerney - December 03, 2020 at 10:41 PM

DT

Beautiful

Dyanne Tolleson - December 04, 2020 at 05:19 PM

CH

Beautiful Tribute!!!

Carol Harris - December 06, 2020 at 09:58 AM

JP

What a wonderful tribute to Othell, his family and his ministry! Joe Dean Phipps

Joe Dean Phipps - December 10, 2020 at 01:49 PM

KS

Loved this video...will be missed

keith smith - December 23, 2020 at 11:12 PM

JP

“ Othell was a fine man, loved and respected by all who really knew him. He and I shared life as high school classmates, and MORE SO as football teammates who 'knocked heads together'. He transferred into the Kilgore Bulldog team as a junior, and immediately was beating me out as a starting tackle. However, in a preseason scrimmage at Palestine that first year, his leg was fractured and he missed the entire season. "Sorry about your injury, Othell, but thanks a lot for moving me up to a starting role!" However, the next year we experienced our senior year season together and our team, and, the two of us, individually, enjoyed some successes. All of our teammates gave credit to our fine, solid, head coach, Ty Bain, who taught us leadership and was such a positive influence for all of us. Unfortunately, I "missed" most of Othell's adult years, since we lived far apart, during which time he clearly followed his 'leader', Jesus, and lived an outstanding life, influencing for 'good' many, many, folks. But we had some great visits, and 'caught up' on our lives, at high school class reunions. What a wonderful model of a man, and an encourager, he was! Othell, you will be GREATLY missed! Your old buddy...Joe Dean Phipps

Joe Dean Phipps - December 10, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Othell LaFerney.



December 05, 2020 at 11:32 AM

NH

“ Carol and I have known Othell for 13 years. We enjoyed trips together, preaching together, and staying in his and Shelia’s home numerous times. He was a man of conviction, faith, and genuine Christian living. We will miss him. Nick and Carol Harris

Nick Harris - December 05, 2020 at 10:32 AM

TD

“ He was the pastor that Baptized me. RIP

Teri Brumley Dixon - December 05, 2020 at 12:52 AM

DK

“ Brother LaFerney was preaching the gospel at Everett Baptist Church Hooks, TX when my husband & I got saved! We are very thankful he was faithful to present the gospel & help disciple us as new Christians!

Doug & Barbara Kyles - December 04, 2020 at 11:43 AM

BL

“ I never saw him much through the many years since my family and I didn’t live near him but the few visits were nice and I remember teasing that I was smarter than he because I was born on 8/1/37, two days before he was born. Lol. He was a very likeable person and I know he will be missed but he is in a wonderful place now!

Bonnie LaFerney - December 03, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ 56 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 03, 2020 at 03:03 PM

JH

“ I'm so sorry to hear about his passing. He was my Pastor in the 90s. Baptized me in 1993. I can still hear him preach as a child. Prayers for all his family.

Josh Hawley - December 02, 2020 at 09:59 PM

MI

“ I am so sorry to hear of Brother LaFerney's passing he was a big influence on my early walk with Christ. We will miss him here but we know that he rejoicing in heaven today.

Michael - December 02, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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“ I’m so deeply sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of him and your family growing up. Othell baptized me at age 12 and helped me walk with Christ. He had a warning smile and a laugh that lit the room. Your family always made me feel welcomed in your home. I love you all! Sending prayers of comfort. I know he is walking the streets of gold and rejoicing in his homecoming.



Debra Pilcher (Day) - December 02, 2020 at 10:33 AM

BW

I am so deeply saddened by the death of Bro O, but I know the celebration in heaven was awesome when he stepped through the pearly gates and saw his Jesus and loved ones there, condolences to all family and loved ones. He did the memorial for my husband last month and as always he was great! i have so many memories of times when we laughed, prayed and cried together, he helped me in so many ways to count, Rest in peace Bro O 🙏 You will be greatly missed ❤️

Betty Warren - December 02, 2020 at 03:47 PM

YH

“ Tammy, Denise and family: I am so sorry for your deep loss. I'd love to be there in person, as you were for me when my mother died. I trust you will have many hands and feet available to minister to you. Please know you have our prayers and our love.

Yyuvone Heidelberger - December 01, 2020 at 10:47 PM

NF

“ Such a sweet man. Prayers to the family. ♥

Nancy and Chris Ferguson - December 01, 2020 at 07:09 PM

TA

Thank you so much Nancy!

Tammy - December 01, 2020 at 07:28 PM

NF

“ *Nancy And Chris Ferguson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Othell LaFerney*



Nancy and Chris Ferguson - December 01, 2020 at 07:07 PM