



Claude J. Gibbs

December 25, 1936 - June 26, 2008

Claude Gibbs, Jr., 71, of Bald Knob, went to be with our Lord, Thursday, June 26, 2008. He was born December 25, 1936 in Kinton, Arkansas a son of the late Claude and Lonely Gibbs. He was a 1957 graduate of Wynne High School and had worked as a truck driver in years past. In 1973 he surrendered to the ministry and attended the Mid America Theological Seminary from 1976 - 1979. Bro. Gibbs pastored 7 churches over the past 34 years which, locally, included Rocky Point Baptist Church and the Tupelo Baptist Church. He served as pastor of Central Baptist Church in Bald Knob for 16 years until his retirement on September 30, 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Gibbs; 3 daughters, Pam Roth and Rhonda Clark (Youles) all of Searcy and Debbie Runyon of Newport; special sons, Michael Runyon and Tony Roth; grandchildren, Jeremy Roth of Searcy, Cameron Roth Pfeiffer (Josh) of Loxley, Alabama, Staci Runyon of Newport, Lindsey Runyon of Bald Knob, Taylor and McKenzie Clark of Searcy; great-grandchildren, Kijah Runyon and Brynndon Pfeiffer; 2 brothers, Johnny Gibbs (Becky) of La Quinta, California and Ralph Gibbs (Carlie) of Sylmar, California; 2 sisters, Patsy Banks of Lynnwood, Washington and Phyllis Berry (Durwood) of Hemet, California; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Brock of California. He was preceded in death by 2 sisters and a brother.

Visitation will be at the Central Baptist Church on Sunday, June 29, 2008 from 6:00 until 9:00 P.M. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, June 30, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. at Central Baptist Church with Bro. Ledell Bailey and Bro.

James Hays officiating. Interment will follow in Shady Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob-Judsonia. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Memorials are requested to Central Baptist Church 1507 West Center St. Bald Knob, Arkansas 72010 or The American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ Pat and family, I am so sorry to hear of your great loss. But praise God we know Claude is in a much better place, sitting at the feet of Jesus.
My love, thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ to pat and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. the class of 1957 will surely miss him. we were really glad that he got to come by for a short time at our 50th class reunion.god bless, lora and oneal taylor

June 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We wish to extend our condolences to you and your family. Bro. Claude was a sweet man, one who always made you feel special. May every thought and memory of Bro. Claude be graced by God's peace to you in the weeks, months, and even years ahead. our sympathy and prayers,
Richard & Brenda

June 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat,
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We have fond memories of your and Bro. Claude's years in Wilmot.

June 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family,my heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow. You will have to help each other and remember that the Lord is with you. love and prayers to all

June 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat and Family: I'm so sorry to learn of Bro. Claude's death. I know this is a very trying time for each of you, with this great loss and the loss of Odell,both so close together. But each of you can take comfote in knowing the Bro. Claude is at this moment resting in the presents of his Lord and savior. Again I extend to each of you my deepest sympathy, and you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

June 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To his wife Pat and the extended Gibbs family
I am deeply saddened to know my dear friend and classmate is no longer with us here on this earth. We know he is where he has made plans to be all these years. May God bless all.

June 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I was very saddened to hear of Bro. Claude's passing. He was such a wonderful pastor. He was the same wonderful friendly man every time I saw him. I pray the Lord will grant all of you much grace and comfort at this time of such great loss.

June 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during the loss of Pastor Gibbs. He touched so many lives and was such a special person. He will be missed tremendously.

June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat, Girls and family:
Just a note to let you already know that our love and prayers are with you during this difficult time, yet we rejoice that Claude will never experience pain or sin any more because of what Jesus did for him on the Cross.
Claude is now experiencing by sight, what he lived and preached here on earth by faith.....

Love in Christ Jesus,
Charles and Rose Mays

May 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM