



Edgar David Sullivan

September 1, 1928 - August 15, 2015

Edgar David Sullivan passed away August 15, 2015 in Paauilo, HI at the age of 86 after a long courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. He was a longtime missionary to Japan and pastored in Hawaii and Arkansas before moving back to Hawaii in 2011.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Velma Sullivan, his brother Don Sullivan and sister Carolyn Andrysko; and son-in-law George Gonzalez.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Neva Joyce (Nixon); his 4 children, son David of Paauilo, HI; daughter Ruth Chandler of Colorado Springs, CO (husband Greg); daughter Mary Souza of Paauilo, HI (husband Shawn); and daughter Sharon Gonzalez of Lihue, HI. He has 6 grandchildren: Jayce, Heather and Sean (David); Jennifer and Timothy (Ruth); Joshua (Mary), and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was born September 1, 1928 in Detroit MI. He graduated from high school in 1946 in Mabelvale, AR. At the age of 21 he accepted Christ as his Savior and received the call to ministry that same year. He attended Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, AR from 1949-1953. He did further studies under Buell Kazee in KY before accepting the pastorate of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Greencastle, IN in 1953. It was there that he married Neva on May 27, 1955.

He was called as a missionary to Japan in 1960 and after preparation arrived in Japan in February 1962. He did missionary work in the Noborito,

Tachikawa, Yokohama and Tokorozawa areas until 1973. He learned to speak fluent Japanese on the mission field.

The family moved to Okinawa to continue missionary work in 1973. He ministered in Okinawa until 1988 when he became ill and returned to the states to Arkansas for surgery. After a full recovery he accepted the pastorate of the Garden Isle Missionary Baptist Church, Kilauea, on the island of Kauai. He pastored there until 1999 when he returned to Arkansas.

He ministered at Judsonia Missionary Baptist Church until 2011 when he moved back to Hawaii to the Big Island to live with daughter Mary and her family. He resided there until his passing.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the missions fund of your local church.

Services for Brother Sullivan will be held August 29th at Kaneohe Missionary Baptist Church, 45-131B Waikapoki Rd, Kaneohe HI 96744. Visitation will be at 10am and a Celebration of Life Service at 11am.

Tribute Wall

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“ Ed will always be remembered by us and the people at Cascade Missionary Baptist church for his friendship and encouragement. We will always remember him Happy and full of life and loving and praising the Lord. God bless Sister Neva and the family

Steve and Marie Christoffersen - February 10, 2016 at 01:29 PM

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“ Our love and prayers to all the family. Eddie and family set the standard for missionaries.

Pharris & Ellen Hughey - February 10, 2016 at 01:29 PM

RW

“ I personally only met him once in the late 80s, but Cloverdale Baptist Church is rejoicing through grief.

Randy Winesburgh - February 10, 2016 at 01:29 PM

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“ I have fond memories of the young couple going to church camps and churches, telling of plans of going on the mission field. We have enjoyed hearing of his work and the lost soul that he was preaching to. Love to the family in their lose but heavens gain.
Shirley Carothers

Shirley Carothers - August 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What a beautiful tribute and what an incredible life he lived! I'm so blessed to be part of this family. We are all sending our prayers for you all. So glad that he's not hurting any longer and he's with our Savior. Love you!*

Christa C. - August 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM