



Francis Burl Curtis

October 14, 1929 - June 6, 2020

Francis Burl Curtis, 90, of Searcy, Arkansas left this life on June 6, 2020. He spent his earthly life preparing for the future life by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, serving as a minister of churches of Christ primarily throughout the Southeastern United States. A native of Lead Hill, Arkansas he matriculated to Harding College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible and English and a Master of Arts degree from Harding's Graduate School of Religion. While at Harding he met his future wife and best friend for the last 70 years, Mary Evelyn Hayes Curtis. Because of their love of God and each other they made a great team. For seventeen years they worked in the mission field of South Carolina. Mr. Curtis preached for five congregations in South Carolina, planting three of them. Side by side they conducted numerous home Bible studies, campaigns, Bible Camps, Vacation Bible Schools and owned and operated a Christian book store. Together they conducted over 100 Bible teachers' workshops in twelve states. They also operated Curtis Kindergarten in Searcy caring for preschool and kindergarten students for over thirty years.

What a man considers important is revealed in what a man writes. During his lifetime Mr. Curtis wrote hundreds of articles published primarily in the Carolina Christian magazine and the Gospel Light. He was also very passionate about his work with Truth Today World Mission School where he served on the Board of Directors and worked with those interpreting the Bible into foreign languages to ensure the interpretations were accurate. For many,

Mr. Curtis served as a powerful spiritual example. Humility before both God and His Word, his mind was steeped in the Scriptures and he searched the pages of the Bible when confronted with any question. He had a kind spirit, a deep appreciation for his roots in family and church and a joyous and optimistic spirit. Those who knew him were blessed by his rich and gentle wisdom. Mr. Curtis is survived by four children, Larry W. Curtis, Rebecca Ann McLain, Mary Beth Hoofman, Keven Scott Curtis, fourteen grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.

Interment will be at White County Memorial Gardens with a private graveside service for the immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his honor may be sent to Truth for Today, 2209 Benton Road, Searcy, Arkansas 72143.

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy.

Cemetery Details

White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road and Park Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall

CC

“ So sorry to hear of Burl's passing. He was minister at Bethel Grove Church of Christ when I lived in Arkansas, a truly great Christian gentleman in a community of wonderful folks. Many fond memories of that place and those people. Praying for God's comfort for Becky & Jeff and the rest of the family. - Crystal Thomas Carrigan

Crystal Thomas Carrigan - June 15, 2020 at 11:03 AM

MA

“ I worked at Curtis Kindergarten more than 20 years ago. Knowing Mr. & Mrs. Curtis was a great blessing to my life as their joy for life and humble & kind spirit for serving others was evident on a daily basis. Both - great servants of the Lord dedicated to good works for Jesus! May God comfort his family at this time.

Mamie - June 14, 2020 at 10:42 PM

BM

I'm blessed with to know Mr. and Mrs. Curtis. What was served in the family. Thank the goodness! Brad McAfee

Brad McAfee - June 15, 2020 at 12:18 AM

DH

“ MY Daughter Crystal went to Curtis Kinder Garden for 4 years .Mrs Curtis would meet her at the door.On the days that Mr Curtis was there he too would great every one .then came the saddest day ever for Him And His Wife they called me at work and said my daughter had been hurt very bad .I rushed over to find her sitting on Mrs Curtis's desk laughing her arm looking like an s she fell off the monkey bars and broke it. Burl and Helen were beside them self with grief ,I told them not to worry..well any way after getting her arm set and a big cast which i still have almost 40 years later .My daughter was the hit of the playground..THE next day i took 40 cupcakes to school so they could have a party.Burl smiled and took me aside and said Thanks that Mrs Curtis was very upset .They both got the biggest CUPCAKE Good BYE my friend it's hard to die with allthe birds singing in the sky.



Dennis Hughes - June 12, 2020 at 10:46 PM

BH

“ Im so sorry to hear of Burls passing. Such a sweet man. I enjoyed his many articles in the Gospel Light magazine. My sympathy to Evelyn, Larry, and Beth.
Sincerely, Beth Hendrix

Beth Hendrix - June 10, 2020 at 09:29 AM

JR

“ A rare gem in our times , I had the privilege of helping take care of Mr. Curtis over the past year . He never failed to mention ,thank you , he was a major role model to look toward to when practicing to be a better Christian. Many others today can follow his guidance if they were lucky to get a copy of his book. I ll miss our evenings together with the entire Curtis family ,especially the times Mrs. Evelyn and I got to spend with Mr. B. There really aren't enough words for the loss of a great man whom I got to see practice selflessness and humility till his end . It leaves me to remember these times and to do as I saw Mr. Burl did to always do the next right thing even in times that seems fit that one wouldn't. It also reminds of another great Christian Mother Theresa whom once said "We can t all do great things but we can do all things with great love." Mr. Burl lived for the lord and taught of the lord with great love and believed he lived what he taught . Bless him and his family during times .

Jason Rockett - June 09, 2020 at 02:57 PM

SO

“ I'm so grateful to have worked for this gentle, huge-hearted Christian! Evelyn, I'm truly sad for you & all the family. This is a giant loss to all who met him. Our love.
Sherry & Dennis Organ

Sherry Organ - June 09, 2020 at 12:47 PM

MH

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. Angels in heaven rejoice at his arrival.

Mike Hughes - June 09, 2020 at 08:20 AM

LA

“ L&P Internal Audit purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Francis Burl Curtis.



L&P Internal Audit - June 09, 2020 at 01:24 AM

ME

“ *Burl was a tremendous support for Leigh and I during a most difficult time when, as a young couple, we lost our baby to a birth defect. Our deepest sympathy to Evelyn and the children and grand children of this wonder soldier of the cross. May Gods tenderest mercies be on you all in this time of transition.*
Morris and Leigh Ellis.

morris ellis - June 08, 2020 at 07:06 PM

MH

I am so saddened at this news. My heart goes out to Evelyn and the entire family. Burl was a wonderful man, a wonderful teacher, and a wonderful source of knowledge and advice. I cherish the nine years we worshiped together at Bethel Grove.
Love and prayers.,
Mike Haynes

Mike Haynes - June 10, 2020 at 11:06 AM

DE

“ *Our hearts are sad with the passing of Burl, but we rejoice in his victory. He was a truly spiritual man who was concerned for the souls of men. The Alexander family sincerely appreciates the great contribution he made to the Gospel Light for many years. Evelyn, we love you and your wonderful family and wish we could be with you.*
Don & Lynn England

Don & Lynn England - June 08, 2020 at 05:37 PM

LT

“ Love, Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Francis Burl Curtis.



Love, Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre - June 08, 2020 at 05:16 PM

SF

“ The world is less today, but Heaven is rejoicing at the arrival of a true saint. We are forever grateful for the kind and gentle spirit of this man of God. Our love to the family. You are in our prayers at this time of separation.

Dottie and Steven Frye

Steven Frye - June 08, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ What a sweet, lovely, wonderful, spiritual man. He will be missed.

Cheryl Schramm - June 08, 2020 at 04:55 PM