



## Justice Franklin Warden

November 14, 1932 - November 14, 2012

Justice Franklin Warden died November 14 of heart complications. He was born in North Little Rock to J.Frank Warden and Della Caple Warden, Nov. 14, 1932.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister Frankie Dell Holsted and husband, Leon. He is survived by wife of 58 years, Dorothy Yarnell Warden. daughter. Elizabeth Warden, Dallas, and son Clark, Searcy.

He graduated from North Little High, Hendrix College, Vanderbilt School of Law, and Perkins School of Theology. He had an interesting career with Mehaffey, Smith, and Williams, now the Friday Firm then the Lord called and he entered the Methodist ministry in in 1969. He served as minister of evangelism at Highland Park Methodist in Dallas for 13 years. The Warden family returned to Arkansas. He served 16th. Section Methodist Church and Ward United Methodist in Lonoke Count for 7 years. Searcy became their home and he was an associate at First United Methodist for 3 years.

During this time, he wrote Trinity Bible Studies used throughout the United States, Korea, and Russia. He and Dorothy were guests of Kwang Lim Methodist Church 3 different years. Not only did they travel to Korea, but England, the Holy Land, Greece, and Europe. He was the guest minister at Waoli Church on the island of Kauai. He taught seminars throughout the states.

His most fun was his music. He played the piano, guitar, ukulele, and sang in several men's quartettes. He could never read music, but played and sang by

ear . He always had a shop and could repair almost anything. He and Dorothy sang in many groups plus the church choir. They shared so many things. He met her at Hendrix when he stepped on her at a bonfire. From then on their lives were intertwined.

His memorial service is Monday, 2 p.m., at First Methodist Church with Rev. David Orr, Rev. Tony Griffin, and Rev. Fred Arnold, an old quartette buddy. Frank, Dorothy Warden, 903 Skyline, Searcy AR 72143, (501) 268-9911, use [jfwdot@cablerynx.com](mailto:jfwdot@cablerynx.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Warden, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.* ”

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**Lynn Van Patten & Leon Van Patten** - May 04, 2016 at 06:05 PM

JH

“ I simply cannot fathom a world that does not have Frank in it... For my entire life, he has been a larger-than-life presence, and it seems simply surreal to think that he has moved past this Earthly life. As a child, I adored Frank- his soothing, melodic voice made church services so pleasant that I never understood why my friends complained about having to sit through their own ministers' sermons. Frank was so genuinely interested in our lives- in my life- that I always subconsciously sought his approval. To ever think that I had disappointed Frank, even now, would crush me. Oddly enough, though Frank knew me quite well, I was unaware of many aspects of his life outside the church. It was only at the funeral of a dear friend, seeing Frank again in person after many years, that I had a startling realization. Even though I had always planned to become an actress (and Frank immediately pointed this out to me- of course he remembered!), I instead went to Hendrix College (earning a degree with honors in Religion), then to law school. Sound familiar? And I did all of this without realizing that I was following in such esteemed footsteps. When I mentioned my myriad lawschool hardships to Frank, walking slowly together toward 16th Section Cemetery for the interment, he casually said "well, when I was in law school..." I was floored. Now, knowing what I do about Frank's path in life, I know that he is proud of me- and I cannot tell you how much that means to me. I will be getting married one month from today, and I hoped to see Frank's face at the hometown reception we will be hosting in January. I even hoped for a quick reiteration of our vows before Frank, as our ceremony venue provides its own officiant. Now, however, when I light the memorial candle at our reception, there will be one more angel lending his fire and light to the room. I love you, Frank, and I will continue to try to make you proud- for the rest of my life.

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Jera (Sumler) Houghtaling - May 04, 2016 at 06:05 PM

LP

“ Mrs. Warden,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Lynn Van Patten & Leon Van Patten** - February 10, 2016 at 03:57 PM

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“ My father & I always enjoyed Frank's company. He was a joy to be around and he was my friend. My only regret is not spending more time with him. I can only imagine his new "Gold Wing" in Heaven. What a joy to ride the perfect highway!

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**Irvin Van Patten** - February 10, 2016 at 03:57 PM

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**Jera (Sumler) Houghtaling** - February 10, 2016 at 03:57 PM

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“ Uncle Frank was a great man. LOL Irving at 'Goldwing in Heaven' I can see it now! He was an awesome, amazing uncle who was a big supporter of everyone he met. Aunt Dorothy, I'm so sorry for your lose.

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**Justin Holsted** - February 10, 2016 at 03:57 PM

CP

“ Shared a day with Frank and my father(Dale) on a trip to see the trumpeter swans near Heber a couple of years ago..loved to hear his stories and be in the company of such a fine genuine man.

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**Chuck Van Patten** - February 10, 2016 at 03:57 PM



“ So saddened to hear of Frank's passing.  
He was a wonderful, dear friend to my family and I.  
Thoughts and prayers are with his family.  
Joan and Kyle Batten- Searcy  
Marvin Stendel- Mountain View

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November 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We will greatly miss Frank Warden. He was such a unique person  
and always made me smile. Loved the stories about all the old  
families in Scott that he would tell me (Stephanie). He had an open  
mind and heart and will be greatly missed. We pray for Gods peace  
and comfort for Dorothy and the family.  
Much love,  
Stephanie, Dawn, and Christi  
AHH Strong Heart Clinic

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