



Rev. Boyd Reeves

February 24, 1947 - April 5, 2012

Gerald Boyd Reeves, 65, of 1801 Kentuck Church Road, Ringgold, VA died on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at Danville Regional Medical Center. Rev. Reeves was born in Thomaston, GA on February 24, 1947 a son of the late Jerry Lewis Reeves and the late Dorothy Ragan Reeves. He was a 1965 graduate of Yatesville High School. He was captain of his high school basketball team, MVP, and leading scorer of the 1965 Triple A high school team and elected to the 6A Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. He went to serve our country in the US Army in the 82nd Airborne and served during the Vietnam War. After high school he graduated with a BA at Georgia Southwestern College. He then went on to receive a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. After graduation he was a pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Dawson, GA, Potecasi Baptist Church in Potecasi, NC, and Vandola Baptist Church, in Danville, VA. He also went in to the mission field and was part of the International Mission Board. While in France he attended L'Institut de Touraine, Tours and graduated with a level five French certificate. He also served as a missionary for the International Mission board in Martinique, French West Indies as well as in Montréal Quebec for 18 years. Rev. Reeves then went to be the pastor at First Baptist Church in Niceville, FL, for nine years and he was a representative for the International Mission Board of Trustees. In January of 2009 he went to be the pastor at Kentuck Baptist Church where he was the current pastor. On November 28, 1968 he was wed to and is survived by his wife of 44 years, Maxine Day Reeves. In

addition to his wife, Rev. Reeves is survived by two daughters, Alisha Dawn Samples and husband Benjamin of Lexington, SC; Luanne Reeves Davis and her husband, Chris Davis of Blair, VA; five grandchildren, Alyssa Samples, Levi Samples, Abigail Davis, Samuel Davis, and Madison Davis; two brothers, Jerry Reeves and his wife Cheryl of Lenoir, NC and James Reeves and his wife Elaine of TX; and adopted daughter Mandy Davis and her son Kameran Reidel of Fort Walton Beach, FL. In addition to his parents he was predeceased by one granddaughter, Faith Lynn Reeves in 2007. A favorite quote of Reverend Reeves was "I must decrease, He must increase." He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and his church community. The funeral service will be conducted Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Kentuck Baptist Church by The Reverend Owen Duncan, The Rev. Dr. Haywood Day, The Reverend Scott Bortz and The Reverend Jerry Reeves officiating. Interment will follow in Floral Hills Memory Garden. The family will receive friends on Monday, April 9, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church and at other times the family will be at the residence, 1801 Kentuck Church Road, Ringgold VA 24586. Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Reeves family.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Maxine, Dawn, Luanne, Jerry, James*
Just learned of the death of Gerald from my Mother.
Wanted to tell each of you that we are thinking and praying for your family.
One special memory is playing baseball in the front yard of Uncle Lewis and Aunt Dot's House on Waymanville Road...Remember the GOOD TIMES...Lamar & Allene Reeves and Aunt Odessa

Lamar (Sparky) mReeves - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Maxine and Family...Smokey and I were greatly saddened to hear about Gerald's death. We pray that God is providing you with the strength to get through this very difficult time. He was a wonderful family man and I know will be missed by so many.*

Barbara Bauman - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *God Bless and care for you is our prayers. You all were such a blessing to our family.*

Love,
The Chastain and Horrigan families.

David and Gayle Chastain - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ *hello from Turkiye. I meat with Mr. Reeves 10 years ago. His wife ,Mrs. Reeves was my English Teacher.. I am so sorry for the death of this precious person.I would like to offer my deepest sympathy.*

ciler yilmaz - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Maxine,

Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time. Pastor Reeves was such a delight and we enjoyed getting to know both of you. He will be missed. May God Bless. Ron and Sema Smith, Hickory, NC

Ron and Sema Smith - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *My sincere sympathy to you and the family during this time of great loss. May you feel the presence of God surrounding you.*

Eva Smith - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Jerry & Cheryl, Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family for your loss. Tommy & Faye Payton*

Tommy Payton - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Cheryl, Jerry & Family...Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family. Wish we could have been there for you. Love, Darlene & Perry Copeland*

Darlene Copeland - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Maxine and family, I always remember when he announced a death in church he would say the "___ has broke camp this morning" and is on to heaven. The pain now is real but the knowledge of the blessed hope in eternal. al and sandy*

Al and Sandy Schlechter - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Gerald and I grew up in Thomaston together and played against each other in the local recreation leagues. We went to different high school but then went on to Norman College together where we were roommates and teammates. He was an outstanding basketball player and a very good baseball player. I was his roommate when he decided to go into the ministry. Oh, the stories I could about Gerald, Jerry, and I at Norman. We always traveled home and back to school in that old 1954 Pontiac. He was my friend, my brother, and a terrific man. I am truly devastated by his passing.

Jim Fowler - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My dear Maxine, our heart goes out to you and your family. You and Gerald were so vital to our church at a time that we needed your vitality and sweet spirit. Both of you will always hold a special place in our hearts. Praying for God's comfort.

Joe and Susie McCaslin - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Dawn, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rhonda Raven - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Dearest second family, Ps 30 says that joy comes in the morning. Gerald is now praising his precious Savior , he has gotten to see his loving momma he just lost and gotten to put his arms his dad he lost more than 30 yrs ago! How much rejoicing he is doing right now!!! Amen and amen! He is just waiting on us to share it with him. May the Comforter put His precious arms around u all at this time and hold you until that time. Press on. Sisters and brothers. Press on! We love u.

Jerry and Kea Eldreth - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Maxine
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this time. If I can ever be of any service to you please call on me.
Love
Rock

James "Rock" Elder - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ What an incredible Christian man, witness, and friend of God! What an incredible loss to our church and his family! To be like Pastor Gerald really was a glimpse of Christ on earth. How many men can we honestly say that about? I have known three in fifty years--each one, men after God's own heart. How glad I am for Gerald; we will miss his face, but his footprints in this world will live long past his body--and they will always lead people toward Christ.

Terry McGhee - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ I will never forget the day Gerald and Maxine came to Vandola Baptist Church. A great christian man, but not one who thought christian's had to be "stuffy" and not have fun. I remember how he said as a young man he would practice preaching to the trees, rocks or anything else he could find. Will never forget his chicken imitation. I pray that some of these fun memories can make you smile through your sadness.

Vera & Philip Reid - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Gerald is the only Pastor I've ever had who was also my best friend. We loved and grew so close to him and Maxine while they were in Dawson. Here are a few memories I want to share. First, I remember many times when Gerald and I would go into the pines across the road from their house and lay prostrate on the ground and pray together for our families, our church, and for God's will to be done in us and through us. And how God did use Gerald... as friend, pastor, missionary. Gerald's goal was for God to use him up for His glory. You have now accomplished your life goal my friend; now enter into your reward! Our families were always together; even when we went out at midnight in a horrendous thunder storm to go get a cup of hot chocolate and a doughnut. Or when we helped them move to Potecasi and shared a motel room, and burst into laughter when Maxine read our devotional for the day "There is a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing." I'll see you again soon my friend.

Donald Watson - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Rev. Reeves' passing. My prayers are with Maxine and the entire family.
Maxine, you and your husband were both great role models for me as a teenager when I was at Calvary Baptist Church.
I lost my 21 year old son, Jared, a few years back. Death is so hard to deal with for all of us.
May Jesus bring you His Comfort like only He can.

With Christ-like love,
Carolyn Dent Wills

Carolyn Dent Wills - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Maxine and family,*

We are saddened at your loss and pray the Lord will give you peace as you adjust to Brother Gerald's homegoing.

I feel very blessed that the Lord placed us alongside you and Bro Gerald at FBC Niceville. I very much remember many "firsts" I experienced in His service at FBCN.

Bro Gerald and Mike Hatfield helped me start the Home Front Ministry for deployed military and their families, which continues today. Bro Gerald asked me to serve on his Personnel team, where I continue serving. Linda and I still teach Kindergarten Bible study on Sunday mornings.

I also remember what a great team the two of you made, and you dressing as a clown to entertain the children of deployed troops at the first Home Front dinner.

I can visualize our Lord with his arm around Bro Gerald, welcoming him to heaven with a hearty, "Well Done!"

Please know the entire FBCN family is with you in spirit, and we hope to see you again whenever you are in the area.

Ken Pickler

Ken and Linda Pickler - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Maxine, Luanne and family:*

What a shock to hear of Br. Gerald's homegoing! Our prayers are added to the volume of FBCN prayers being sent to our Lord on your behalf. Brother Gerald was a man among men and will be missed by more people than he could ever imagine. He truly loved his "flock", and his impact can be judged by the many signatories of this guestbook. May you feel God's grace and love in the coming days and weeks.

Ron & Nancy Altman - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Dear Maxine, Dawn, and Luann,
Precious to the Lord is the death of his saints. We regret Gerald's death and that you will miss him so much. May the Lord comfort your hearts and strengthen you in the days to come as you continue on in the legacy created with him. Our prayers are with you.*

James and Jerlene Darnell - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *To: the Reeves Family
On behalf of the Baptist Churches in Dominica, I extend our condolences to you. I knew Gereld from the CBF days in the Caribbean, He preached a week of Revival services at the Revival Baptist Church in Mahaut, Dominca.
May God comfort and strengthen in this your time of lose.*

David Serrant - Pastor

David Serrant - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Maxine, Alisha, Luanne and all the rest of the family,
On Behalf of EGLISE BAPTISTE DU BON BERGER (The Good
Shepherd Baptist Church) of Martinique, I would like to express my
sincere sympathy to each one of you. Gerald & Maxine are the
founders of our church and we are greatly thankful to God for the
faithfulness of his servant and for the good foundation he left. In that
time of sorrow, be blessed and deeply encouraged by our Lord
Almighty! Marc PULVAR*

Marc PULVAR - April 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *I have wonderful memories of Uncle Gerald!! He will be missed!!
Praying for his family.*

Jonathan Gary - April 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ *Thankful for old & very fun times in Canada. Praying for you.*

Frank & Laurena Johnson - April 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *I loved him so. He was a special cousin, as our Dads were brothers.
I know beyond any doubt that he knew the Lord and is now
preaching in paradise. Love to you, Maxine, Jerry, and James.*

Brenda Jo Reeves Redd - April 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Rev. Gerald Boyd
Reeves.*

April 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Chère Maxime,
Frantz et moi sommes particulièrement touchés et nous voulons te dire toute notre affection. Les moments que nous avons partagé ensemble ne sont que de merveilleux souvenirs. Nous avons eu tant d'occasions d'apprécier ce frère exceptionnel.
Nous prions que le Seigneur soit ta force pour faire face aux jours qui viennent. Tu as toujours une grande place dans nos coeurs.
Nous t'aimons très fort.
Henry et Frantz BANICLES

Henry BANICLES - April 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ So sorry to hear this news!! Remember Gerald from high school. Know he was well loved and respected. Praying for all his family during this sad time!!!
Cindy Britt Taylor

Cindy Britt Taylor - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ We send our sincere condolences to all of you. What a legacy he lives all of you - so much love and goodness.
Hugs!

Ruta & Michel Couet - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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LH

“ Many years have passed since I have seen Gerald or Jerry, but what memories I do have of two special young men. Even in high school they showed such compassion and love for all they met. They played basketball at Yatesville and what a fantastic team they played on. I played at R. E. Lee at the same they were playing at Yatesville---being a small town--we pulled for them as they pulled for us. Gerald's love for his Savior showed through his works and I know Jesus welcomed him home with big loving open arms. I send much sympathy to each of you and know you all have wonderful, loving memories of a very special husband, father, grandfather, and brother. May these memories and his faith help ease the grief in the days ahead.

Luanne Daniel Helms - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Maxine, Luanne and Dawn, our prayers are with you all. Praising God for Gerald's life in Christ, precious memories and the promise to see him again.
God's blessings to you during this time.

Billy and Kathleen Cook - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Heaven rejoices, the angels sing another saint is welcomed home! We will miss you deeply Bro. Gerald but we are comforted knowing that you are with the Father and this is not good-bye. We are forever changed because we knew you and loved you!

Mark and Teresa Pruett - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Maxine, Dawn and Luanne,
We are saddem by Gerald's death. Mary Ellen and I are keeping you in our prayers for God's grace and confort. May the Lord bless and keep you.*

Charles and Mary Ellen

Charles & Mary Ellen Goss - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Bro. Gerald was such a wonderful Pastor and leader. His messages were inspiring, challenging, and sometimes chastizing but always God led. He meant a lot to my family. We will always carry fond memories of Bro. Gerald and Miss Maxine from FBCN. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Miss Maxine and family. Love- Tom and Jeanae Jensen*

Jeanae Jensen - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Gerald i cannot describe the way i feel i cannot believe you are gone. you were a very big part of my life, i enjoyed our time in the woods. and on the lake. i will never forget you, give my sweet girl a very big hu and please tell her all about us. I miss you gerald!
THERE WILL NEVER ANOTHER MAN LIKE YOU!!!! I LOVE YOU*

Chris davis - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Maxine,
My deepest sympathy, just saw the new picture of you both on Facebook and thought how happy you look. You will be in my prayers as you go thru this period of sadness and grief.*

Steve Begor - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers during these days of sorrow.
With love,
Jack & Cathy Ollis

Jack & Cathy Ollis - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Maxine,
May you feel God's care and comfort. So sorry for your loss.
Rev. Laura DeVaughn Pritchard
CHS Class '64

Rev. L. Paige Pritchard - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Dearest Maxine,
We are so sorry to learn of your husband's death. Our prayers are
with you now, and in the days ahead. We know that God will sustain
you through this difficult time...and bring peace to you and your
family.
Lovingly,
Billy and Donna (Oesterreicher) Kemp

Billy and Donna Kemp - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Thinking about you during this difficult time. Gerald was so special
to my family . We shared many happy " basketball " days in
Yatesville. Sending love and prayers to all. Marilyn M. McGaha

Marilyn Mitchell McGaha - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ a dear friend and will be missed.

sam davis - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Chère Maxime, Sois assurée de toute notre affection et de notre prière. Que Dieu te comble de sa parfaite consolation, nous gardons un souvenir inoubliable de notre collaboration avec Gérald et toi en Martinique et au Québec.*

Maurice et Tyna Decker - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ *We love you*

Faith Adams - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *No one ever had a better friend in Christ than we had in Gerald Reeves. So many memories such as our two trips to Martinique to visit you on your mission field. The wonderful fellowship we enjoyed at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has always held a special place in our hearts. Our time together over the years has been way too sparse. That is a result of our busyness as pastors. What a testimony of Gerald's faith in that God called him home during the Holy Week of Easter. May the Resurrected love and peace of our Lord & Savior rest with Maxine, Luanne and Dawn during these days, weeks, months and years of adjusting to the earthly loss of the one they love so dearly and whom he loved unconditionally. We love you Gerald and we shall miss you. We'll see you very soon.*

Bob & Linda

Bob & Linda Bodenhamer - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ I know that the Host of Heaven was rejoicing with Gerald on Thursday. Gerald will forever be remembered in our lives. I will always strive to decrease me and increase Jesus because of the tutelage of Brother Gerald. I will always be grateful for the training he provided to prepare me for the ministry. Our hearts are saddened for Maxine, LuAnne, Dawn, Jerry, and the rest of the Reeve's. We rejoice in knowing the Bible is true and we will one day be reunited with Gerald and together can sit at the feet of the Savior and learn from the Master. Revelation 21:4 states their will be "No more sorrow, tears, or gnashing of teeth." I know Revelation was a specialty of Gerald's and will strive to teach it as fervently as he. Love, The Turnipseed's.

Frederick, Kathleen, and Drake Turnipseed - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Maxine, he will be missed. He was a man who was much loved by all who came in contact with him. One of the things I remember most about him was his laugh. May God bless you and the girls and keep you close in His love and care. Andy

Andy Trotter - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I was so sorry to hear about Gerald's death. I never had the opportunity to meet his wife and children. He was a cousin that I haven't seen in years. I can remember watching him play high school basketbal. My deepest condolences to his family Jerry and James. He is with his lord and savior now and has been reunited with his loving parents. Everyone is in my prayers during this difficult time.

Debra Reeves Cole
Midway, GA

Debra Reeves Cole - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ My days at First Baptist in Niceville are remembered fondly. You were my pastor, friend, advisor and mentor! The world seems a little emptier today but heaven has gained another Saint. Our days on earth are few and we will see you again soon!

Curtis & Mary Phillips - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow. Hope knowing family and friends are with you will help you get through this. Love and wish we could be there. Mike and Becky

Mike and Becky Greene & family - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ Dear Maxine and Family,
Janice and I just learned this morning (Sat April 7) that Gerald has departed to be with Christ. Words are inadequate to express the sense of loss that you must be experiencing, but we know that you are being comforted by the Lord in the power of His Spirit. Gerald has left a wonderful godly legacy as a husband, father, grandfather, missionary and pastor and friend for each of us who have known him and loved him. We want you to know of our love and prayer support as you make the adjustment to his absence. Each of us will continue to be strengthened knowing that we will see him again as we make the transition from this life to the glorious life to come with Christ. May the Presence of the living Christ undergird you as we contemplate the Resurrected Christ who indwells us and sustains each of us daily. Love in Christ, Fred and Janice and Family

Fred and Janice Day - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ We are saddened to hear of your loss...Rev. Reeves was a remarkable man and a loss to many lives he touch over the years. God bless the family!!

Wayne and Doris Culverhouse - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Sadden to hear of your loss..He was dedicated to Jesus.. Sara Kendrick

Sara Kendrick - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Hello, it's maguy. I'm in france and I'm sorry to learn the news about Gérald. I present you my condolences, and i'm very sad, because he was my firt "pasteur". Je continue en français car je suppose que Luanne doit parler encore français. La vie nous a permis de nous rencontrer dans ce monde ici bas, et je garde un merveilleux souvenir de notre rencontre, je me suis onvertie suite à un appel à la conversion de Gérald, fait à Dillon. Et depuis je suis le chemin du Christ, même si c'est parfois difficile. Aujourd'hui, Gérald est auprès de Notre Seigneur. Vraiment, soyez réconforté par Sa présence. Bon courage. Maguy

MAGUY RAMASSAMY NEE SORBET - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family. To be absent from the the body is to be present with our Lord. To God be the glory!

Mickey and Rita Folsom - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Maxine, Dawn and Luanne, My prayer is that God will provide you comfort, courage and peace during this time.*

Ronald Ragan - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *I will miss you always Brother Gerald. You are the best. Have fun with Jesus till we all get to join you one day. What a day that will be when we all get to heaven. Maxine and I will try not to get into too much mischief till then. Smile. I love you dear friend.*

Denine Cleveland - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Dear Maxine and Family,
I lift you all in prayer during this tragic time. I know that your hearts are hurting and I am sorry. I know that our family has lost several during the last few years...Aunt Hazel, Aunt Dorothy, my grandfather Doug. Please know that my heart aches for yet another loss. Much love to you all!*

Dana Mitchell - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ *Oh Daddy, I can't even put into words how I'm feeling. This is all so surreal. I called you this morning at home like I always do, not even thinking. I just can't believe that you'll never pull up in my yard again with a starbucks coffee. Hug my baby girl for me tight and tell her how much we love and miss her. I love you with all of my heart daddy and miss you so much already.*

Luanne - April 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Maxine and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Recently we have loss several in our family, my Mom, Aunt Dorothy and now Gerald. They are angels watching over us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love,
Debbie and Steve*

Debbie & Steve Hendrickson - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Maxine and family,
I continue to keep you all in my prayers. This earth as we know it has lost a great man but oh how heaven is rejoicing. I love you all*

Patricia Snyder - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM