



## Robert Benny Church

March 11, 1941 - October 28, 2013

Reverend Robert “Benny” Church, age 72 of 1601 Doctor Milams Road, Sutherlin, Va. died unexpectedly Monday, October 28, 2013 at his residence.

Reverend Church was born on March 11, 1941 in Iredell County, N.C., a son of the late Robert Clay Church and the late Edra Padgett Church. He was a graduate of John Wesley College, Greensboro, N.C. He started his career as a minister in 1965. He served churches in Burlington, N.C., Stuart, Va., Julian, N.C. and Robbins, N.C. He was presently serving Hebron United Methodist Church in Caswell County, N.C. He also served as District Youth Director and Camp Director for fourteen years at Indian Cave Youth Camp in Sutherlin, Va. He was National Youth Director for four years. He was a founding member of Laurel Grove Volunteer Fire Department where he was a lifetime member and serving as Chaplain. He enjoyed hunting and cattle farming.

On December 29, 1961, he married Faye Keller Church, who survives of the residence, He is also survived by a daughter, Diane Church Myers and husband, Joey of Brown Summit, N.C., a son, James Craig Church and wife, Jayne of Sutherlin, Va.; grandchildren, James Church, Rebecca Hudson and husband, Jonathan, Nathan Myers and Jacob Myers; four sisters, Sue Davidson and husband, Jesse, Judy Johnson, Peggy Krider and husband, Bill all of Statesville, N.C., Ruth Stewart and husband, Jerry of Oklahoma, a brother, Wade Church and wife, Joyce of Statesville, N.C.; a sister-in-law,

Earline Church of Sutherlin, Va. He was predeceased by three brothers, Neil Church, Fred Church and Charles Church.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at Lakewood Evangelical Methodist Church, 129 Clarks Mill Road, Ringgold, Va

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 pm. Thursday, October 31, 2013 at New Union United Methodist Church, 1869 Sheffield Road, Mocksville, N.C. with the Reverend Sandy Brown and the Reverend David Wilson officiating. Interment will follow in the Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at New Union United Methodist Church prior to the service from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm on Thursday, October 31, 2013.

The family request in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cone Health Cancer Center, 501 N. Elam Avenue, Greensboro, N.C. 27403 or to the Laurel Grove Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 26, Sutherlin, Va. 24594.

Online condolences at [www.wrenn-yeatts.com](http://www.wrenn-yeatts.com)

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Church family.

# Cemetery Details

## New Union United Methodist Church

1869 Sheffield Road  
Mocksville, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **31**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

New Union United Methodist Church  
1869 Sheffield Road  
Mocksville, NC

## Funeral Service

OCT **31**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

FP

“ Faye, Craig and Diane I am so sorry to hear about Benny's passing. I pray that all of you are doing okay, he will be so missed by many. I really wished we had stayed in touch so I could have been there. I'm thankful that he was able to speak at dad's and mom's service, it was great hearing the memories that he spoke of. I would love to get in touch, call or text me 336-684-1269. I love you!



*Faye Perry Parker*

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**Faye Perry Parker** - October 31, 2013 at 06:12 PM

SP

“ Faye, Diane, and Craig, I am so sorry to hear about Benny. I am just now finding this out. I wished I could have been there. Benny and you all were so wonderful to me and my family. I know he is part of why daddy and Jeff are in heaven and I thank God he put you all in our lives. I am so thankful he preached mom and dad funeral because he really knew them, not only as church members but close friends. I am so humble. My phone number 336-264-2413, Faye and I would like to come up and visit. God Bless!



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**Sharon Perry** - October 31, 2013 at 01:53 PM

PW

“ Dear Faye and Family,  
Doesn't look like i can leave work to get to funeral today, but i know you will have many family members and friends to be with you today. Thinkin of each one of you. Each have their own special memories that will strengthen you in the days ahead and will give you comfort. I have very special memories of Benny and you Faye from days long gone. But to a very young teen the times at youth fellowship helped mold me to who I am in part today. Benny will be missed by many, for he has touched so many lives. God has his arms wrapped around you to give you comfort and to make Benny's passing easier. God bless you all and don't be afraid to shed a tear or two. Love cousin Phyllis

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**Pyhllis Williams** - October 31, 2013 at 08:48 AM

LR

“ Dear Craig and family,  
  
I'm so very sorry for your loss. I know your father touched many lives. How nice it was for you to share him all these years. Now share your grief because friends divide your sorrow. I hope you all will find comfort in your faith, your memories, and each other.

Sincerely,  
Laura Reid

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**Laura Reid** - October 30, 2013 at 08:51 PM

ER

“ Faye so sorry about the passing of Benny. My heart is saddened for you. I know you will miss him dearly for a while to come. Be strong and know that God loves you and his word tells us he will not give us more than we can bare. It's hard not to have many thoughts of the one you have loved for so many years. Some days there are things you see and things you will touch that will cause a tear or two come to the eyes, but that's not so bad. Its nice to know that we've had such a good relationship with someone. I think of Ritz Ann every day and I know now she is praising her Lord and singing, dancing and watching those birds she loved so much. May God Bless You and Comfort You at this time.  
Eugene Reeves

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**Eugene Reeves** - October 30, 2013 at 06:50 PM

CT

“ Dear James, Jayne, Rebecca & James,  
We are so very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your entire family at this difficult time. Love, Ken & Chris Tyburski

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**Chris Tyburski** - October 30, 2013 at 05:08 PM

VF

“ My parents, Leonard and Emma Hamblin, happily called Benny Church their "Sunday night pastor" for years. I appreciate how he welcomed them to his congregation on that part-time basis and how he honored them later by helping to officiate at each of their funerals. May it comfort the family to know that he has entered into his Heavenly reward. Our prayers and sympathy are with you.

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**Vanessa Hamblin Fletcher** - October 30, 2013 at 01:24 PM

AB

“ *Benny was a wonderful man of God, I am thankful our paths crossed. I was in John Wesley High School and Benny in college. Then later in life was able to work with him at the youth camp. Later God let our path cross again, I was able to go church in Julian, NC where he pastor. I have been blessed to be able to know him. Heaven is a bright place with Benny there. My prayers for family at his home going. Ann Hamblin Bolton*

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**Ann Bolton** - October 30, 2013 at 01:06 PM

CD

“ *Benny has always been special to my family! I have worked with Benny at Indian Cave Youth Camp and my husband and I had the joy of working with Benny as his Young Adult Leaders. We send our love and Prayers to Faye, the children, grandchildren and the rest of the family. Benny had completed his work here on earth and now he is reaping the joys of Heaven!! Bill and Christine(Hamblin) Distelhorst*

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**Christine Distelhorst** - October 30, 2013 at 11:17 AM

DC

“ *Doris Church lit a candle in memory of Robert Benny Church*



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**doris church** - October 30, 2013 at 09:19 AM

DS

“ So sorry for your loss! We will always cherish the memories,, and the many years of friendship we shared with "Benny". Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

*James, Marlene, Darrell, and Bobby Swanger*

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**Darrell Swanger** - October 30, 2013 at 09:12 AM