



Rev. Jerry Lee Crain

November 25, 1943 - November 16, 2016

Rev. Jerry Lee Crain, 72, died in the early hours of November 16, 2016, at GHS Cottingham Hospice House. Jerry survived seven days following a massive heart attack.

A native of Seneca, SC, Rev. Crain was the son of the late Gerald and Dorothy Shippy Crain. He served 40 years as an ordained minister in both the Southern Methodist Church and The Wesleyan Church, serving churches in Colorado, Michigan, Tennessee, Louisiana, and South Carolina. Rev. Crain attended Nazarene Bible College, John Wesley Bible College (former Pilgrim Holiness Bible College) and Michigan State University to receive his bachelors in religion. He then went on to receive his masters in Pastoral Counseling from International Seminary. Rev. Crain was a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors, was the Founder and CEO of Bethesda Ministries, served as the secretary and treasurer of the Oconee County Memorial Hospital Ministerial Association, Oconee County Guardian ad Litem, Judge Bar Committee for Juvenile Delinquents, and received the Year of the Child award from SC Governor Hodges in 2001.

In addition to his wife, Joan Hart Crain, Rev. Crain is survived by his sons: Kevin Crain (Maggie) of Nashville, TN and Joel Crain (Becky) of Chesterton, IN; grandchildren: Lauren Bragg (Braxton) of Knoxville, TN, Ashton Bingham of Knoxville, TN, Chloe, Grace and Jessie Crain all of Chesterton, IN; sister:

Jeannie Doolittle (David) of Seneca, SC; and son in law: William Hester of Seneca, SC.

In addition to his parents, Rev. Crain was preceded in death by his daughter: Kim Hester.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11:00 AM, Monday, November 21, 2016, at Welcome Wesleyan Church, Seneca, SC. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Welcome Wesleyan Church, Attn: Benevolence Fund, 1040 Ebenezer Road, Seneca, SC 29672.

The family is at the home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Welcome Wesleyan Church
1040 Ebenezer Road
Seneca, SC 29672

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Jerry Lee Crain*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Joan and family, you all are in my thoughts and prayers. May God's mercy and grace be with you all.*
April Navarro and Family

April Navarro - November 20, 2016 at 09:31 PM



“ *Bro. Jerry was a wonderful and faithful friend who was instrumental in the development of the Oconee County Ministerial Association. We had some great experiences in prayer during that time and I will never forget his dedication to the Lord and his compassion for people he served in the Bethesda Ministry and the Ministerial Association. Donna and I send our condolences to Joan and the family -I look forward to seeing Jerry again.*

Wayne Morton

Wayne Morton - November 20, 2016 at 12:15 PM



“ *Brian & Rhonda Tippett lit a candle in memory of Rev. Jerry Lee Crain*



Brian & Rhonda Tippett - November 18, 2016 at 12:23 PM



“ *Joan, you and the family are in our prayers. I remember the first time I met Jerry when our singing group was practicing at the Methodist Church off of Ebenezer Rd. May God give you His peace and comfort. Ralph and Mavis Campbell*

Ralph Campbell - November 18, 2016 at 09:17 AM

MI

“ *Milaskelley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Jerry Lee Crain*



milaskelley - November 18, 2016 at 08:13 AM

RK

“ *Renee Kelley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Jerry Lee Crain*



Renee Kelley - November 17, 2016 at 10:34 PM

PH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time. Patricia Holcombe*



Patricia Holcombe - November 17, 2016 at 09:50 PM

LT

“ *Leland & Richadene Talley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Jerry Lee Crain*



Leland & Richadene Talley - November 17, 2016 at 08:37 PM

AC

“ *Dear sweet Joan, I am sorry to hear about your loss!! I will be praying for you and your family. Love you!*
-Alyssa Conner

Alyssa Conner - November 17, 2016 at 08:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Jerry Lee Crain.*



November 17, 2016 at 05:04 PM



“ *Joan and family, you're in our thoughts and prayers. Ed & Marsha Welch.*

EdnMarsha Welch - November 17, 2016 at 01:55 PM

DN

“ *Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Rev. Jerry Lee Crain*



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - November 16, 2016 at 08:19 PM

DN

Joan and family you are in our thoughts and prayers in the loss of Rev. Crain. May you find strength in the days and weeks ahead knowing you will see him again one day. With Deepest Sympathy, Love and Prayers Doug and Linda Nix

Doug and Linda Reese Nix - November 16, 2016 at 09:10 PM

MC

Prayers for you and your family.

Mary Clardy - November 17, 2016 at 04:05 PM



“ *Becky Manley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Jerry Lee Crain*



Becky Manley - November 16, 2016 at 05:37 PM