



Pastor Ben D. Wheeler

February 24, 2011

Pastor Ben David Wheeler, age 88, of 440 Laurel Thicket Lane, Salem, SC, died Thursday, February 24, 2011, at the Oconee Medical Center.

Ben was born February 20, 1923, in Palatka, FL, to the late Anson and Josephine Oliva (Hansen) Wheeler.

During WWII he served in the Army with the 39th Field Hospital as an X-ray technician in England and Belgium. He arrived in Normandy four days after the invasion and cared for many of the wounded.

Following the war, Ben felt called to serve the Lord as a minister and earned a B.A. in Religion from Southern College in Collegedale, TN. On July 2, 1950, he and Carolina "Ann" Morgan were united in marriage in Fletcher, NC. Ben and Ann then moved to Washington D.C where he earned a M. A. from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

Ben began his ministry in Brunswick, GA. In 1953 he accepted a call to Kenya to serve as mission director of the Karurah mission in Nairobi, arriving in the middle of the Mau Mau rebellion. Ben served in various positions, teaching and ministering over the next 30 years. During furloughs from Africa, Ben was able to further his education and earned a M. Div. from Andrews University in MI, and a M.S. in Public Health from Loma Linda University in CA. He served faithfully in Kenya, Uganda and Rhodesia till 1983 when he returned to pastor in South Carolina until his retirement in 1993. Although retired, Ben remained active in the ministry, serving his community in many ways.

Ben is survived by his wife, his two sons, David Wheeler of Salem, SC, and Carroll & Carol Ann Wheeler of Sheboygan, WI, and three grandchildren, Jonathan, Christopher, and Jennifer Wheeler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Alice May Wheeler, and his brothers,

Joseph, Timothy, and Ira Wheeler.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 12, 2011, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Salem, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, P.O. Box 44270, Charlotte, NC 28215.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Ben D. Wheeler*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Praying for you as you face the days ahead. Mr wheeler will be missed by all the people that knew him, especially his church family and friends.##imported-begin##Billy, Wanda, and Lady Bug Nix##imported-end##*

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“ *My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Reg Tatum##imported-end##*

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“ *To The Wheeler Family,so sorry for the loss of your Father,praying that God may wrap you in his arms of comfort. Sorry that I didn't get to be a part of Mr. Ben's, life any longer than I was. I know that, just what time I spent with him, that he must have been a wonderful person. May he RIP.*

Betty V. Long

Activities Assistant

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