



The Rev. W. Laurens Hudson

March 4, 1939 - March 2, 2021

The Reverend W. Laurens Hudson, of Kennesaw, died Tuesday, March 2, at home, surrounded by his wife and children, just two days before his eighty-second birthday, of liver cancer. A graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary, he was a Methodist preacher and co-founder of the National Association of Wesleyan Evangelicals. He is survived by Patricia, his wife of fifty-eight years; his daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Greg Patterson; his son Steve; and his grandchildren, Brian and Katy Patterson. The family will receive friends at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home in Marietta, at 1:00 p.m., on Friday, March 5, followed by a 2:00 p.m. service. The service will be live streamed as well at that time. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Asbury Theological Seminary (<https://asburyseminary.edu/donate/>) or Asbury University (<https://secure.asbury.edu/giving>).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home
180 Church Street, N.E.
Marietta, GA 30060

Service

MAR 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of The Rev. W. Laurens Hudson*



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - March 05, 2021 at 08:39 AM

TG

“ *Bro. Hudson was a tremendous help to Gospel Lighthouse Church in Waycross. My dad Lee Daniell arrived in Heaven yesterday afternoon. I'm sure they will meet up and rejoice together.*

Teresa Griffis - March 07, 2021 at 10:06 PM

LD

“ *Rev. Hudson was an icon of the Christian faith. A man who was as gentle as he was strong; as down-to-earth as he was intelligent. His expectations were high of those who would claim the name of Jesus Christ; but he was, as Christ his example, kind beyond measure to those who were struggling. I have relied on his counsel many times over the years and have learned from his example. He was the face of the EMC to our local church for many years and his imprint on the NAWE is indelible. Our prayers of peace and healing for Pat and the family - a peace that will flow over you in the days, weeks, and years to come because all that Rev. Lauren preached of Christ is true.*

Lee Dickinson - March 06, 2021 at 02:40 PM

DE

“ Remember many mornings with Laurens as he ate breakfast at the restaurant I managed. Sitting with laptop and going over sermons. We would have many talks as he knew my father in law well a retired Pastor who became an EMC visitation pastor at the Macon church. He was a good friend to Wesley and I in those days. Our oldest went to camp with his son Steve and spent time in our home. Greg and Wes would play for services together. Greg and Sherri and Amy were in my Sunday School classes in those days. Lot of fond memories of Laurens and his family. RIP Laurens you have been a faithful servant.

Wesley and Dianne Elder and Family-Michael and Matthew

Dianne A Elder - March 04, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of The Rev. W. Laurens Hudson.



March 04, 2021 at 03:26 PM

LB

“ Lynne Robinson and the Manning Villas Board purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of The Rev. W. Laurens Hudson.



Lynne Robinson and the Manning Villas Board - March 04, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ I was "a young upstart,' he was the District Superintendent/Mentor. Over 40 years we shared lots of memories. Those I will cherish most is we became friends/family. He was present when I was ordained as an Elder, he led the service when our son was dedicated and years later had the prayer for us as a family when our son was baptized. We laughed a lot together, many times at each other. We shared many serious times as well as difficult decisions. I will always remember whenever we met we always shared times of prayer. I also remember Laurens loved to hear the hymns of the church. One he often chose to close meetings is a memory I will not forget.



God be with you till we meet again. “Written...as a Christian goodbye, it was called forth by no person or occasion, but was deliberately composed as a Christian hymn on basis of the etymology of “goodbye,” which is “God be with you.” (Jeremiah Rankin, author)

So Laurens, I hear you singing one last time.....
 God be with you till we meet again,
 Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
 Smite death's threatening wave before you,
 God be with you till we meet again.
 Till we meet, till we meet,
 Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
 Till we meet, till we meet,
 God be with you till we meet again.

We will see you soon!!!!
 Always your friend,
 Howard Ledford

Howard Ledford - March 04, 2021 at 09:36 AM

MS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mark Stevenson - March 04, 2021 at 08:44 AM

“ I first met Laurens years ago as I traveled to Georgia to pastor a rural church in Danielsville, Georgia for the Evangelical Methodist Church. When I first met Laurens, I was struck by his stately demeanor and seriousness about his call to serve in the ministry and as my District Superintendent. I will never forget the black framed glasses he wore. Wouldn't you know it, they are now back in style. In Danielsville, Laurens was a great source of personal support and helped me deal with some difficult situations I was facing as a California boy making a transition to serve a rural church. While serving that church, Jeremy, my first born son, came into the world. I so appreciated Laurens coming and officiating at his dedication service to the Lord. My mom and youngest sister had flown from California to be with us as well. It was a wonderful service, one I will always cherish. When I left Danielsville to start a new church in Athens, Georgia, I had intended to establish it as an independent church. However, Laurens came to me and, as we talked, he offered me his personal support as well as the district's support. When we purchased land in preparation for adding our first building, Laurens came and helped us in our dedication of project. I am convinced that all the good things that were done in ministry in Athens, Georgia were in some way as a result of Laurens leadership and support of me and the young church. During my time as a pastor in Georgia, I had the privilege of serving on various boards and committees with Laurens and to witness his insightful and excellent leadership. The longer we knew one another and served together, the better colleagues and closer friends we became. I will never forget the great laugh he had, when we enjoyed lighthearted moments and meals together. I will always remember how much fun he, Howard Ledford and I had in all our ministry endeavors together. What I will forever remember the most about Laurens is the way in which he came and ministered to me and my family during the tragic death of my son Jeremy. He coordinated the many churches in our district that provided meals, and funds and personal support for us in our greatest time of need. Laurens officiated at Jeremy's memorial service and served as a great source of comfort and strength for me and my family. I believe that on March 2, 2021, it wasn't just Jesus who greeted Laurens in heaven but also a little boy who ran up to him and gave him a big hug. When I was told Laurens had cancer, I wrote he and Pat a letter. I followed up that letter with a phone call. Laurens, who I'm sure was weak because of the treatments he was receiving, greeted me kindly, as usual, and seemed in such good spirits. As usual, he was concerned about me as well. That's just who he was as a person. His life and ministry to me, and support of me personally and as a pastor, will always be one of the most precious highlights and memories in my life. Losing a loved one, who is a Christian, is always a bitter sweet experience. Our loss is always heaven's gain but still our hearts grieve the loss of our loved one. I want to extend my deepest condolences to Pat, Steve and Laura, Greg and the grandchildren. May God comfort your hearts and fill you with all the wonderful memories you have of Laurens. You are in my prayers today.

Mark Stevenson - March 04, 2021 at 08:21 AM

GE

“ He will be greatly missed. I,m sure God said "welcome home my faithful servant. Enter into the joys of the Lord"! Pat and family you, re in our prayers and pray God,s comforts you as no other can in these days ahead.Love in Christ!

Grady and Peggy Elder - March 03, 2021 at 08:37 PM

KB

“ I am so saddened to hear of Rev. Hudson's passing. He had lots of meals in our home when we were young. I always appreciated his sweet spirit and knowledge of Methodism. I am truly sorry. Our prayers are with his family.

Kevin Brouillette - March 03, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of The Rev. W. Laurens Hudson.



March 03, 2021 at 05:45 PM

DM

“ We will all miss him greatly. He was a mentor, friend and a fine Christian man. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Donnie and mitzi Morgan - March 03, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ Chad Pendley lit a candle in memory of The Rev. W. Laurens Hudson



Chad Pendley - March 03, 2021 at 03:16 PM