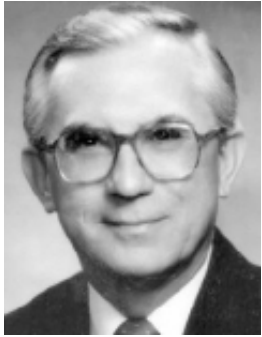


JAMES DONALD PARDUE Obituary: View JAMES PARDUE's Obituary by Richmond Times-Dispatch



PARDUE, James Donald, 79, died Sunday June 30, 2013, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Surrounded by his wife and loving family at home, he went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Serving 45 years as a Baptist pastor, he devoted his life to full-time Christian service. He retired to Loudon, Tenn. where he lived in Tellico Village and was a member of First Baptist Church, Tellico Village. Reverend Pardue was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Albert E. Pardue and Florence Ethel Pardue; and

daughter Laurie Gail Pardue. He is succeeded by his loving wife, ministry partner of 56 years, and devoted caregiver, Judith Pennebaker Pardue; son, James Paul Pardue (Michelle) of Knoxville, Tenn.; son, Dr. John Howard Pardue (Robyn) of Baton Rouge, La.; and daughter, Amy Pardue Boone (Mike), of Mount Hope, Ala. His eight grandchildren mourn the passing of their "Pa-paw," Adrienne Sharp (Brady), Katelyn Pardue, Timothy Boone, Maggie Pardue, Matt Pardue, Grace Boone, Anna Pardue, and James Pardue. He is survived by brothers, A.E. Pardue (Carolyn), Raymond Pardue (Joyce), Bill Pardue (Rose); and sister, Florence Ann Davis (John); and sister-in-law, Sara Richardson. Rev. Pardue, a beloved pastor and Bible teacher, was educated at Louisiana College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. His passion, calling and gift to communicate the Word of God led him to pastor six churches during his active ministry. Working with his father, A.E. Pardue, he started a mission church in Baker, La., Faith Baptist Church. Extending his ministry overseas, he pastored Faith Baptist Church, in Kaiserslautern, West Germany, during the height of the Cold War. While there, he served as the president of the European Baptist Convention. Returning to the states, Rev. Pardue pastored Lillington Baptist Church, in N.C., where some life-long friends and ministry partners were developed. Temple Baptist Church in Memphis then called Rev. Pardue as their pastor. While in Memphis, Rev. Pardue was active in denominational and community work, especially in the mid-town area. While there, he started a Laotian ministry and Hispanic church. Returning to N.C., Rev. Pardue pastored First Baptist Church, Clinton, N.C., where he began mission work to the growing Hispanic community in that area. His final pastorate before retiring was Bon Air Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., where he continued his active denominational and community-minded ministry. He continued ministry at the Virginia Baptist Convention as a consultant and as interim pastor of five churches, the last being at First Baptist Church, Athens, Tenn. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. at First Baptist

Church, Tellico Village, with Dr. Charlie Barnard and Dr. Mike Boone officiating. The family will receive friends one hour before the service. Burial will take place in Baton Rouge, La., with a funeral service at Rabenhorst East Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, July 5, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. with Dr. Mike Boone officiating. The family will receive family and friends before and after the funeral at family gatherings there. Sermons and teachings are available and more will be made available in the future at www.sermonsofjimpardue.com. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to Pardue Scholarship Fund at Carson-Newman University, 1646 Russell Ave., Jefferson City, 37760 for those going into the pastoral ministry, Ministering to Ministers Foundation, Inc., 501 Branchway Rd., N. Chesterfield, Va. 23236, or to support the teaching of God's word through the website by contributing to First Baptist Church Tellico Village and marking the contributions for that designation. Rev. Pardue preached and taught that God commended his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). The gospel message that he proclaimed is for everyone who believes. Published in the Richmond Times-Dispatch on 7/2/2013.