



## Mr. Edgar Ervin Ferrell

December 21, 1923 - May 7, 2020

Edgar Ferrell departed this life on May 7, 2020, yet his presence, love, wisdom, humor and compassion remain with his family and friends. He died in much the same way he lived: peaceful and reflecting the love of his savior Jesus Christ. Mr. Ferrell spent his life touching the hearts of all who knew him through his personal integrity and through his ministries as pastor and chaplain for almost sixty years.

Mr. Ferrell began his journey in Durham, North Carolina on December 21, 1923, the son of Edgar and Sally Bet Ferrell. Following high school he enlisted and served three years in the U.S. Army and the Air Force during World War II. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College, Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. During his seminary days, he served as associate pastor of his home church, Yates, and then First Baptist Church of Durham. He held two pastorates in Virginia: Oak Level Church in Bassett and Mount Pleasant in Roanoke. His most lengthy pastorate was at First Baptist Black Mountain, which he pastored for twenty-two years. Upon retirement, he was named Pastor Emeritus. Mr. Ferrell's retirement ministries included eight years as chaplain at the VA Medical Center in Asheville, and sixteen years as chaplain at the Western N.C. Baptist Retirement Home, also of Asheville.

Mr. Ferrell held numerous positions of responsibility in Baptist denominational life, both on the local and state levels, and received many honors and recognitions for his work. He was a trustee Emeritus of Wake Forest University. Wherever he lived, Mr. Ferrell became involved in local and civic matters, serving on various committees and agencies. Upon his retirement at FBC in Black Mountain, the town manager proclaimed an "Edgar Ferrell Day". He was invited to give the opening prayer for a session of Congress in Washington, D.C. In 1989, Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell joined First Baptist Church of Asheville where they continued their life-long church involvement by serving on numerous committees and ministries through the church's caring and outreach organizations.

Mr. Ferrell is survived by his wife Betty Styles Ferrell and their two children Laura Wright and son-in-law Tony of Australia and Greg Ferrell of Georgia; two granddaughters, Muriel Wright Jerde and husband Chris and Ashley Wright; six great grandchildren Sonny, Prax, Robinson, Athalia, Kaia and Kristian. In addition to his immediate family he leaves behind his beloved relatives in Georgia, North and South Carolina and Tennessee.

A memorial service celebrating Mr. Ferrell's life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 656, Black Mountain, NC 28711, or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216.

# Comments

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“ Betty, you and Edgar were a great team and have been missed here in Asheville. When I heard the news of Edgar's passing ... I immediately thought of that wry smile that accompanied every greeting which let you know that here was a friend. A warm, humor-full, encouraging, intelligent Christian gentleman - Edgar was a positive influence into every room he entered. Whether as a fellow pastor, or during his years of retirement - he was engaged in the Christian ministry and fellowship here in Buncombe county. His caring heart, which made him an excellent chaplain, touched me as a fellow pastor. That we all could carry ourselves with the ease and grace that he exhibited. Blessings on you and your family,

Charlie and Jane Sams - May 13 at 08:46 AM

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“ Christian charity and grace oozed out of the pores of this fine man. If you did not know Christ, he made you want to know Him. If you did know Christ, he made you want to know Him better. For all the saints who from their labors rest we give thanks. Rest in peace Edgar.  
Johnny Carson

Johnny Carson - May 09 at 10:10 AM

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Greg Ferrell - May 09 at 07:50 AM

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“ His legacy will always be present in Black Mountain's First Baptist Church. Condolences to the family. E.V.Gouge.

E.V.Gouge - May 08 at 11:28 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers for Gregg and Laura and for sure to Betty. What a wonderful pastor Edgar was to the Boone family. We were high a maintenance during our time under Pastor Edgar's pastorate at First Baptist Black Mountain. We lived him and Betty so much. Sending love and prayers to Betty. Love to the family. Please keep us posted when there is a memorial service. Sandra Boone.

**Sandra Boone** - May 09 at 10:04 PM



“ Betty, we have moved to Highland Farms in Black Mountain as of late January. No real needs for the move except that we thought it good to get settled here while we still had most of our faculties together. Email is clwheeler108@gmail.com and phone 828 989-8682. Read Edgar's obituary this AM in the C-T and immediately wanted to contact you but quickly realized we didn't have that information any more so this is the only way we knew to do it. Know we're thinking of you and please do contact us if we can be of any help to you.

Larry Wheeler and Nancy Heath

**Larry Wheeler** - May 13 at 10:03 AM



“ Betty, so sorry to hear of Edgars passing. Hope you are well  
Sincerely, Eleanor McCarter

**Eleanor McCarter** - May 13 at 05:07 PM