



Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope

May 17, 1945 - December 17, 2018

Reverend Charles "Buddy" Pope, age 73, of Shelbyville, a native of the Rover Community, passed away Monday, December 17, 2018.

Funeral services will be 11:00 A.M. Friday, December 21, 2018, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Reverend Wayne Wood and Reverend John Shoulta will officiate. Burial will follow at Cothran Cemetery in Rover, TN. Buddy's beloved mule "Kate" will lead the hearse into the cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3:00 – 8:00 P.M. Thursday, December 20, 2018, at the funeral home.

Buddy was born in Rover, Tennessee on May 17, 1945, to the late Reverend John and Berniece Pope. He had two sisters, Frances Pope Windrow and Frankie Lee Pope McClain. The family moved to Rose, Oklahoma when he was twelve years old, where his Dad was pastor of the church there. The family returned to Rover and Buddy graduated from Community High School in May of 1964.

Buddy married Judy McCarty on December 18, 1965. He and Judy were married forty years and two months. Judy passed away on February 1, 2006, after battling liver cancer for several months.

Together they had two children, Angela Pope Brown and Charlie Pope. They had four grandchildren: Brandon Brown, Meleah Brown, Addison Pope, and Emma Pope. Angela became a registered nurse and Charlie is the Vice Principal of Cascade High School.

Buddy was a standards engineer for several years until he entered the ministry in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1982. He went back to school and completed the educational requirements for ordination in 1986. He was ordained in 1986 and moved to Lebanon, Missouri in December of 1987.

Buddy has pastored churches in Tennessee, Missouri, Kentucky, and Alabama. He has served as the Vice Moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Stated Clerk of Columbia Presbytery. He was elected as moderator of every Presbytery he has been a member of. He was also on the Board of Stewardship for the Denomination. He was the Pastor of Richland Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg, Tennessee. Buddy began working part time at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel in March of 2006. He and everyone at the funeral home were best friends.

Buddy married Dawn Ledbetter on March 29, 2008. She had lost her husband to cancer and she and Buddy have had a great life with their "blended" family. He purchased his first mule "Kate" in 2009. He has shown Kate and won numerous awards over the years. Buddy and Kate were two time winners of the Columbia Mule Show Parade and participated in the Celebration Mule and Donkey Show. Buddy and his son-in-law, Troy went to the Grand Canyon in 2010 and rode mules from the bottom of the canyon to the top on his 65th birthday.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Judy McCarty Pope; a sister, Frances Windrow; and a granddaughter, Ashley Brown.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn Parker Pope, of Shelbyville; a daughter, Angela (Troy) Brown, of Estill Springs, Tennessee; a son, Charlie (Cindy) Pope, of Shelbyville; three step-sons, Justin Smith, Joel (Nadia) Smith, and Jared (Haley) Smith; a sister Frankie (Gene) McClain, of Chapel Hill; a beloved father-in-law, Robbie Adcock; four grandchildren: Brandon Brown, Meleah (Walker Stephens) Brown, Addison Pope, and Emma Pope; eight step-grandchildren: Javan Smith, Elijah Smith, Micah Smith, Levi Smith, Lydia Smith, Philip Smith, Sarah Smith, and Jacob Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cascade Cafeteria Worker's Scholarship Fund at First Community Bank.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel
2022 North Main St.
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-8356
feldhausgowensmith@gmail.com
<http://feldhausgowensmith.com/>

Service

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

ET

“ *Elsie Trice lit a candle in memory of Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope*



Elsie Trice - January 02, 2019 at 01:02 PM

GH

“ *Gary Haile lit a candle in memory of Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope*



Gary Haile - December 21, 2018 at 09:50 AM

JF

“ *John Pope And Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope*



John Pope and family - December 21, 2018 at 03:48 AM

TF

“ *The Pope Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope*



The Pope Family - December 21, 2018 at 03:45 AM

TS

“ Tom Sumners lit a candle in memory of Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope



Tom Sumners - December 20, 2018 at 10:39 PM

ET

“ Elsie Trice lit a candle in memory of Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope



Elsie Trice - December 20, 2018 at 06:24 PM

LC

“ Lewisburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope.



Lewisburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church - December 20, 2018 at 04:03 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope.



December 20, 2018 at 01:54 PM

EA

“ Dawn I am so sorry for your loss- Praying for you daily.

Elaine Anderson - December 20, 2018 at 09:34 AM

PD

“ Phyllis Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope



Phyllis Brown Davis - December 19, 2018 at 07:44 PM

PT

“ Pat Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope



Pat Taylor - December 19, 2018 at 03:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope.



December 19, 2018 at 01:42 PM

BT

“ Bobby & Elaine Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope



Bobby & Elaine Taylor - December 19, 2018 at 01:37 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope.



December 19, 2018 at 01:34 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Charles "Buddy" Pope.



December 19, 2018 at 10:24 AM

SB

“ Dawn I am so sorry to hear this my Prayers are with you and your family I will miss our talks about his truck and his smile

Sherrie Blalock - December 18, 2018 at 06:14 PM

RS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Buddy's passing (he always fussed if I called him Rev. Pope, and I just couldn't call him "just Buddy" as he instructed. Had to be Mr. Buddy out of respect). He often dropped by to chat mules, church, and more and always had a good story to share. We will miss him very much. Richard & Kathy Smith and the Select Trailer Co. Family

Richard Smith - December 18, 2018 at 03:19 PM

FW

“ Dawn, I am so sorry. I had hoped he would lick this. Your family and my family will mourn the loss of our husbands. God will give you the strength as he has me. I am praying for you.
Frances White

Frances White - December 18, 2018 at 01:29 PM

CR

“ Our hearts are saddened at the loss of a good man. He always had something to say each time we saw him. We will surely miss that smile and handshake. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this time and the coming days.
Curtis & Geraldine Reed

Curtis & Geraldine Reed - December 18, 2018 at 12:29 PM

PW

“ Sorry to hear about Buddy's homegoing. He was an inspiration to many people including myself. Just talked to Buddy at General Assembly and then at the Tennessee/Georgia Presbytery meeting in Sept. We will miss Buddy, but we know that he is awaiting our arrival in Heaven one day. Well Done thou good and faithful servant. Praying for your family. Rev. Perry E. Whitaker

Perry Whitaker - December 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM

BD

“ So Sorry and will miss our chats although I knew him only a few years Mr Pope was always happy to be my taste sampler of my meals prepared for bereaved families I enjoyed sharing stories from our growing around farm life my condolences to his friends and family

Barbara Draine - December 18, 2018 at 09:30 AM

LH

“ Buddy and I were classmates in the early grades at Community School in Unionville. He and his family were neighbors to my grandparents on Fruit Valley Road near the Cothran Cemetery, and there is a family connection as well.

Buddy was always respectful, mild-mannered, and kind. I will miss seeing him on the job and occasionally at Hardee's.

Condolences to you, Dawn, and to all his family. We will remember all of you in our prayers.

Linda (Hester) and Doyle Hasty

Linda Hester Hasty - December 18, 2018 at 09:21 AM