



Mr. Cleo Young

September 20, 1939 - December 30, 2020

Cleo Young, age 81, of Morrilton, Arkansas, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, December 30, 2020. He was born September 20, 1939 in Ada Valley, Arkansas, a son of Elbert S. Young and Jewel Vim Roberts Young. He was a pastor and a member of Mt. View Baptist Church on Wolverton Mountain.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Betty Gardner Young of Morrilton, four sons, Donnie (Sandy) Young of Perry, Darryl (Laurie) Young of Springdale, David (Amanda) Young of Casa, and Duane (Michelle) Young of Conway, daughter, Carol (Jim) Atkinson of Conway; nine grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Ulalah Young, and a host of nieces and nephews. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Elmo Young, Othell Young, and Fred (Vernon) Young; sister, Pauline Young Brown; and granddaughter, Whittany Atkinson. Cleo was a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. He was an ordained minister for the past 31 years. During those years, he served as a pastor at Welcome Home Missionary Baptist Church on Rose Creek, Calvary Baptist Church in Clinton, and Mountain View Baptist Church on Wolverton Mountain. During his life, he was also a faithful member of Riverview Baptist Church for 27 years where he served as song leader, young adult Sunday School teacher, and was also a deacon. Cleo was also a member at Bethel Baptist Church in Morrilton and the First Baptist Church of Oppelo. Cleo served as the principal at Riverview Baptist Christian School for eight years. Cleo loved gospel and bluegrass music and was known for his

beautiful singing voice. He was a member of the Riverview Gospel Bluegrass Group for 20 years. He was also a member of the Riverview Men's Trio at Riverview Baptist Church. Prior to his ordination as a minister, he was employed as a manager trainee at Kress Variety Stores in Monroe, Louisiana, an electrician and supervisor at the Crompton-Arkansas Cotton Mill in Morrilton for 20 years, a maintenance supervisor at Aermotor in Conway, and was also a self-employed licensed electrician. He was a 1957 graduate of Morrilton High School. Cleo loved his family with all of his heart. He had an infectious smile and gave the best hugs.

There will be a private funeral and burial at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 18, with Bro. Mike Atkinson and Bro. Josh Young officiating. A video of the service will be made available to the public at the time of the service. Burial will be at the Ada Valley Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Wesley Atkinson, Lynn Young, David Hill, Mike Joslin, Clint Cody, and Cole Cody. Honorary Pallbearers will be JD Haile, Roger Young, Larry Young, Bob Young, Jerry Brown, Joe Brown, Willie Bob Summers, Jared Joslin, and Elton Cody. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Gideon International for Bibles in his memory. Donations can be mailed to The Gideon International P.O. Box 21 Morrilton, AR 72110.

Cemetery Details

Ada Valley Cemetery

475 Blue Point Rd.
Adona, AR 72001

Tribute Wall



“ *Harris Funeral Homes, Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Cleo Young*



Harris Funeral Home - January 18, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ *Mr. Cleo Young*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *We're so saddened by the loss of Bro. Cleo. He was a wonderful example of what a christian man should be. He was: friendly, kind, compassionate, soft spoken, and such a relatable person. Everyone liked him and enjoyed visiting with him. What a delight it was hearing him preach and teach classes when he filled in for someone at our church. Truly a blessing he was. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family and friends whose life was blessed because he was a part of their lives. He will be greatly missed by all. In Christian Love, Julie Scroggins-Bingham & Jeremy Bingham 🙏❤️*



Julie Scroggins-Bingham & Jeremy Bingham - February 01, 2021 at 11:40 AM

BF

“ *Donnie, Sandy, and family,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Young. May God Bless &
keep you during this time. I love you.*
Beth

Beth Fullerton - January 19, 2021 at 11:45 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Cleo Young.*



January 13, 2021 at 05:09 PM

EK

“ *Bro. Cleo was a special friend to me and my wife for many years. His church was a faithful supporter of our prison ministry and an encouragement to us. He will be missed but we know he is now with his Savior.*

Eddie Kelso - January 09, 2021 at 07:28 PM

BP

“ Cleo shared some of this last time at 5th Thur night singing on Wolverton Mt . In the 1950s, My mom Syble Powell and couple more in church recruited Cleo to sing in group. I think he was still in school . There was very little communication . We lived at one end of county and he lived the other . Practiced on Friday night He quit showing up . Finally, figured out her name was Betty . Skip to 2020s . Cleo was pastoring church on Wolverton Mt. . He provided singing for blessing for many . Dad was in nursing home . He didn't sing but was favorite place to go. Cleo made him welcome . He knew most of people there. Had fully made up my mind to go see Cleo and piece together all the years . Then the virus came- Number one thing I wanted to know was God calling him into ministry . Not uncommon for people singing gospel . Great man .

*Bill Powell
Conway, AR*

Bill Powell - January 05, 2021 at 11:41 PM

HC

“ We got to know the Youngs in 1967. We started attending Riverview, Bro Cleo was our Sunday school teacher. Their kids and ours were about the same age so the families became close friends and that friendship has lasted. We left Riverview 74 and went to school on to Florida in 75 the Youngs came to see us, anytime we came to Arkansas to visit we had to see the Youngs. it was almost as if we had not been apart. We have never known a better Christian family than the Youngs. He was great teacher, preacher wonderful leader loved to hear him sing and lead congregational singing. We understand the family having a private funeral because of pandemic. Love Blessings & Prayers.

Harold & Lucy

Harold Cantley - January 03, 2021 at 10:04 PM

BB

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. May the Lord comfort you.

Bruce Bailey

Bruce Bailey - January 03, 2021 at 09:06 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Cleo Young.



January 03, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ I love this man and his family very much! God knows when & where our journey will take us from beginning to end, I am so **THANKFUL** that he does because I could never have had the exact people at the exact point on my journey when I needed them the most! God knew exactly when the **BRISTOW CLAN** was going to need the **YOUNG CLAN** on our journey! Bro. Cleo was a true friend & blessing to my dad as a Pastor, Worship Leader, Principal, Friend and so much more! Each member of his family impacted our lives in so many ways! (I'm sorry for all the extra hours you had to put up with Rob, I blame David & Duane!) Thank you for the influence you had in shaping my husband to be perfect for me!!! You will be missed! Young Family, you are in my thoughts & prayers! I love you **ALL!** Paula Bristow McDonald

Paula Dare McDonald - January 03, 2021 at 05:27 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Cleo Young.*



January 03, 2021 at 05:22 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, thinking of your family Bettyhe was a great Man of God n loved by all,,Gloria Langley*

Gloria Langley - January 03, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ *He was always a kind man sharing his faith in music. Rest in peace*



Kathy heistand - January 01, 2021 at 03:51 PM