



James Perry Corder

November 19, 1934 - August 3, 2023

James Perry (Jimmy) Corder, 88, of Perryville passed away on Thursday, August 3, 2023. He was born the youngest child of Perry and Myna Heathcoat Corder on November 19, 1934, in Jacksonville, Arkansas. He was a retired General Baptist minister and carpenter. He was a member of First General Baptist Church in Conway.

Jimmy preached his first sermon at Harmony Baptist Church on August 26, 1952, and conducted his last funeral service there on March 8, 2021. He was ordained by the Post Oak Grove Presbytery of General Baptists on September 18, 1954. He would then pastor churches in Arkansas, Illinois, and Michigan and serve as evangelist to many more churches in several states. He is preceded in death by his parents, five brothers: Wade, Eugene, Joe, Thomas and Bill, as well as three sisters: Maybelle Bearden, Wilma Whitley, and Thelma Johnson.

Jimmy is survived by his wife of 69 years, Velma Jeffryes Corder of Perryville, three children, Gary Corder of Houston, Cheryl Corder Harper (Terry) of Clinton, and Lisa Corder Buckner (Bryan) of Pontotoc, Mississippi. He also leaves grandchildren Damon Corder (Rebecca), Ashley Corder Murray (Patrick), Clayton Corder, Lauren Harper, Jay Harper, Ciara Yates Jaramillo (Ralph), Alex Buckner Reeder (Tarver), McKenzie Buckner Blount (Joseph), and Corder Buckner as well as eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Visitation will be held at Harris Chapel in Morrilton on Friday evening, August

4 from 5-7 p.m. Funeral service will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Harris Chapel with Bro. Dennis Corder officiating. Burial will be held at Thornburg Cemetery. The family wishes to thank the staffs of Perry County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Gentiva Hospice Care for their dedication, love and care. Pallbearers will be Phil Thomas, Patrick Murray, Jay Harper, Tarver Reeder, Joseph Blount, and Corder Buckner. Honorary pallbearers will be Bobby Berry, Donald Presley, Bill Lamb, Quentin Pennington, and Don McCormack.

Cemetery Details

Thornburg Cemetery

31 Church Rd.
Perryville, AR 72126

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Funeral Service

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Brother Jimmy was a joy to be around and I loved to hear him preach. He spread the gospel where ever he went. He will be missed. Prayers for his family*

kathy rankin - August 04, 2023 at 08:21 PM

PE

“ *Prayers for family of Bro. Jimmy of our families being together growing up as minister kids ,revivals and services My Dad Royce Ward and Bro. Jimmy singing together.*

Patsy Ward Evans - August 04, 2023 at 04:23 PM

AS

“ *Bro. Corder was one of a kind. He was a Godly man and always had a smile. I always enjoyed talking to him when he came to the store. He always worried about Mrs. Corder. We had some very good visits .He will certainly be missed by all who knew him. To know him was to Love him. Prayers for all the families during this most difficult time.*

Alice Spires - August 04, 2023 at 11:35 AM

LJ

He was such a good man. My husband Willie loved visiting with him and his son Gary. They shared so much love for mules. He will be very missed. My sincere condolences.

Loretta Jones - September 06, 2023 at 05:46 PM

SC

“ Sharon Bentley and Grant Caldwell purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of James Perry Corder.



Sharon Bentley and Grant Caldwell - August 04, 2023 at 10:16 AM

CM

“ Robert and I both looked forward to talking to Bro Corder when we would see him in town. He was a kind and loving person.

Connie McNeal - August 04, 2023 at 09:21 AM

BD

“ On my 13th birthday Uncle Jimmy told me “I am twice your age but I will never be twice your age again”. Now I wasn’t the brightest of all his nieces so it took me a long time to realize he was 26 and 13 years older than me. He is the last of his 8 siblings to join his parents. He will be missed on earth but gladly receive by our Lord whom he served so faithfully.

Barbara Corder Davis - August 03, 2023 at 11:16 PM

BD

“ I remember seeing Uncle Jimmy on my 13th birthday. He told me he was twice my age but would never be twice my age again. At thirteen I wasn’t the brightest of all his nieces so it took me a long time to figure out that riddle. He was 26 and no, he was never twice my age again. He was so funny. Always one to make someone laugh if he could. He n daddy were just alike in that way. They, all 9 of them, are singing with the Angels tonight. The last to go home. So missed by all.

Barbara Davis - August 03, 2023 at 10:54 PM

EL

“ He always made me feel like family. Loved him. He will be missed. Prayers for all of you.

Ellen Lafont - August 03, 2023 at 07:50 PM

CR

“ Velma, Cheryl, Lisa and Gary I am so sorry for your loss. Jimmy was one of the best men I've ever known. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.

Carla Riddle - August 03, 2023 at 07:43 PM

BS

“ Freida and I will always remember the time the Corder family spent with us at Parkview Baptist in Booneville. Brother Corder was our favorite pastor. He was one of the best gospel preachers we have ever heard. It was a hot day when Lloyd Wayne and I went to Perryville and helped move the furniture to Booneville. We were crushed when he decided to move back home after his time with us. We love you all, and send our condolences and best wishes, Bobby and Freida Scarrow.

Bobby and Freida Scarrow - August 03, 2023 at 07:38 PM

BB

“ He has always been a part of our family. We loved him dearly. Such a Godly man.

Benny and Carolyn Brooks - August 03, 2023 at 06:59 PM

SG

“ Bro Jimmy was one of a kind. He was Mom’s favorite pastor at Harmony and we all loved to hear him preach. I can only imagine all the celebrating going on as he gets to see the One he preached of all these years and is greeted by all the loved ones who beat us there. Love and prayers for all the family. 💕🙏

Serena Garner - August 03, 2023 at 06:45 PM

SR

He was truly a man of God. He was a great preacher. I got to hear him preach many times during revival and when he would be at New Bethel filling in for someone. Many good memories of him and his wife. May God comfort his wife and family during this time. 🙏

Sheila Reder - August 04, 2023 at 03:32 PM

VC

We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Thomas and Verna.

Verna Corder - August 05, 2023 at 11:34 AM