



Loyd Roosevelt Brents

March 4, 1919 - June 30, 2014

Loyd Roosevelt Brents, 95, of Cleveland, Arkansas, died June 30. Born March 4, 1919, to school teachers Marvin and Rose Brents, he was the eldest of four children. He was predeceased by sister Hazel Bynum and brothers, Harold and Carl "Boad" Brents. He was a part of a large Brents clan and had 56 first cousins.

Brents was a Church of Christ minister, preaching his first sermon at age 16. He graduated from Harding University and maintained a lifelong love of the school and connection to it. He ministered in Oklahoma and Arkansas during the active years of his ministry. Until recent months, he was still called on to do short meetings and funerals for friends in the area.

A remarkable handy man, he was adept at "fixing" things or building things. Two unfinished airplanes are in his garage and the "Cleveland hangar" today. He loved to fly and held a pilot's license for many, many years.

He met and married Joyce Nethercutt in Oklahoma City in 1962 and they led an active and rewarding life together. Traveling to the Holy Land, points across the United States, and acting as tour guide for friends and relatives who visited them in Phoenix, they loved it all. Joyce preceded him in death in 2007. His extended family included grandchildren and great-grandchildren; he taught one of his grandchildren to crawl (he claimed) on the floor of a rental house in Phoenix.

Noted for his thrifty ways, he was a great one to find a bargain, to repair rather than replace, and to conserve resources at every opportunity. Described by

brother Boad as a full-time handyman and part-time preacher, he was constantly at work on one project or another.

Upon his return from Phoenix to Cleveland, he began a newspaper column that continued until this month in the Petit Jean Headlight. He loved keeping track of the people in his area and informing folks of good and bad happenings that affected them.

Brents is survived by a daughter, Alice Ann Goldie, of Arizona; step-daughters Carolene of Texas and Gerene of Arizona, and step-sons Lanny and Laddie of Oklahoma. There are numerous grandchildren and great-children who knew and loved him.

Funeral will be Thursday, July 3, at 2:00 p.m. at the New Liberty Church of Christ near Cleveland. Ted Knight will officiate. Visitation will be held one hour before the service, and burial will be in the Brents Cemetery. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials should be directed to the New Liberty Church of Christ.

Tribute Wall



“ *Loyd Roosevelt Brents*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *We love u Mr Brents and we will miss you*

William Palmer - June 29, 2018 at 08:06 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to your family. We have fond memories of Brother Brents. He was our preacher at Walnut St. Church of Christ, then knew him when he preached at Sunland Church of Christ in Phoenix. We also worshipped with him at Westglen Church of Christ in Phoenix. He was a real soldier of Christ, a loving and dear man of God.*

*With the love of the Lord,
Terry and Sue Boring*

Terry and Sue Boring - June 29, 2018 at 08:06 PM



“ *I knew Brother Brents when he preached at Sunland Church of Christ, in Phoenix, Az. He baptized me when I was 9 years old. I admired everything about him. He was a kind and gentle man. RIP Brother Brents.*

Kim Ingram-Justus - June 29, 2018 at 08:06 PM

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“ Brother Brents taught us the Word of God at Sunland Church of Christ. He baptized at least 8 members of my family and maybe more. He married us, he blessed our children, and he buried some of us. His and his wife's influence live on even though he is gone to heaven.

Donna Keller/ Fessler/ Wirth - June 29, 2018 at 08:06 PM

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“ Bro. Brents preached at a small, poor Church of Christ in Phoenix in the 60's and 70's. We marveled at his "photographic memory" where he could quote full chapters from the Bible (King James Version) without even opening the book! He was instrumental in bringing my entire family to Christ, but not only that he helped to establish a faith so strong that we all continue to walk faithfully to this day. He baptized me in 1969, and performed my marriage ceremony in 1981. He leaves a greater legacy than just his immediate blood relatives in that his selfless life ensured heaven will be filled with a family far greater multitudes. Many, many Sunday afternoons my grandmother, Brother Brents and I would drive 60 miles in the hot summer without air conditioning to a small town where he would preach to 2-3 people and then return in time for Sunday evening church. Sunland was a very poor congregation, I often wondered how he and Joyce survived financially. Even when I was very young, he never failed to shake my hand on the way in and out of church which gave me a sense of belonging. I am rejoicing he is finally with the Lord, a life well lived!

Linda Keller Riedesel - June 29, 2018 at 08:06 PM



“ Enjoyed his writing column for the Cleveland News. He will be missed.

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