



## Joseph "Pastor Joe" Aaron Aldridge

February 17, 1944 - December 22, 2020

Joseph "Pastor Joe" Aaron Aldridge, age 76 of Jonesboro entered into the gates of Heaven, serenaded by Angels on December 22, 2020. He is finally home and resting in the Lord's arms, free from cancer and effects from a stroke. We can only imagine how he felt when his eyes met the eyes of the Lord!

He was born on February 17, 1944 to Aaron and Mary (Mattingly) Aldridge in Bardstown, KY. He was the oldest of seven children, born to this union.

He married Sheila Keen on August 24, 1963 in Seatonville, IL. From that union they were blessed with four children, Tim, Angela, Londa and Bridget. Together they shared 57 years creating many life memories.

He graduated from Hall High School in 1963 in Spring Valley.

He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ in at the age of 10. He surrendered to preach at the age of 18. He attended the Clark Memorial in Mississippi and Moody Bible College.

Pastor Joe was ordained as a Southern Baptist Minister. He ministered in Arkansas, Texas and Illinois. In February of 2010 he retired from the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, after suffering a stroke.

He loved to sing and had a recording from Nashville, TN.

His greatest joy and desire was serving the Lord. He was honored to have lead each of his children to the Lord and baptized his wife and each of his children and several of his grandchildren.

Through all of his afflictions, he remained strong and faithful to the Lord. “If one person comes to know the Lord through my afflictions and death, then it was all for the good” - those were Pastor Joe’s word.

Pastor Joe is survived by his wife, Sheila of Jonesboro; a son, Tim (Linda) Aldridge of Mattoon; daughters, Angela (Larry) Cyphers of Makanda; Londa (Kevin) Peterson of Anna and Bridget (Tim) Flick of Cobden; 5 grandsons, Tony Aldridge; Justin Aldridge; Joseph Aldridge; Angel Aldridge and James Peterson; 2 granddaughters, Brianna and Katelyn Flick; great-grandchildren, Brooklynn, Athena, Angel, Jr. and Serenity, Rayya and Alannah; his mother, Mary Stevens of Rock Falls, IL; 2 brothers, Richard and David Aldridge; 3 sisters, Joyce Anderson, Ruth Musselman, and Rose Cooper; aunts; uncles; nieces; nephews; his dog, Midnight and a host of friends from all over the United States and other countries.

He was preceded in death by his father, Aaron Aldridge; his stepfather, Garnett Stevens; a granddaughter, Alicia Aldridge and a grandson, Steven Ledesma; brother, Charles Aldridge; father and mother –in-law, Rudy and Helen Pacetti.

Funeral Services for Pastor Joe will be Sunday, December 27, 2020 at 1:00pm at the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro with Pastor Ray Highfield, Pastor Brian Trambley, Rev. Lester Aldridge and Pastor Perry Williams officiating. Interment will follow at the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery near Lick

Creek. Both the funeral service and the cemetery committal will be live on the Crain Funeral Home Facebook page.

Pass through will be from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Saturday, December 26, 2020 at the church.

Social distancing and masks required.

WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.....MATTHEW 25:21

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Ebenezer Hall Cemetery**

Lick Creek, IL

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

DEC **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

First Baptist Church of Jonesboro  
Jonesboro, IL

## **Funeral Service**

DEC **27**. 1:00 PM.

First Baptist Church of Jonesboro  
Jonesboro, IL

# Tribute Wall



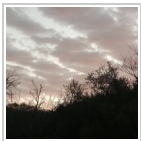
“ *Joseph "Pastor Joe" Aaron Aldridge*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I wish we had known Bro Jo sooner. We missed some good times I am sure. I will never forget playing the organ in the basement of the Connect Point church where our Seniors would get to sing. His voice was awesome. I loved singing with him as we knew all the old songs. We only got to do it a couple times but I will never forget it. He was such a blessing. Sheila you are a precious soul. Prayers for you all.*

**Della Petty** - December 27, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ *Taylor Abbott lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Pastor Joe" Aaron Aldridge*



**Taylor Abbott** - December 27, 2020 at 01:50 PM

JW

“ *Brother Joe, as we call him,*

*We will never forget your gentle smile and warm laugh. Your character was captivating as were your words, both in and out of the church. You were one of the nicest people we have ever had the privilege of knowing. We can only imagine what you are experiencing now. Knowing you has truly blessed our lives.*

*Greg and Johnette Wood*

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**Johnette Wood** - December 27, 2020 at 01:48 PM

RM

“ *Ruth Musselman lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Pastor Joe" Aaron Aldridge*



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**Ruth Musselman** - December 27, 2020 at 11:29 AM

RM

*Merry Christmas to a man of God in heaven...what a beautiful gift to his brother and other family that were there to greet him....Ruthie*

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**Ruth Musselman** - December 27, 2020 at 11:31 AM

TG

“ *Tina And David Goff lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Pastor Joe" Aaron Aldridge*



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**Tina and David Goff** - December 27, 2020 at 11:24 AM

CB

“ I am so saddened by Pastor Joe's departure from this world, but I am reminded he has left for a place he dedicated his life to and is in the presence of Jesus , who he loved so much. What an example Bro. Joe was, and I knew him, from the moment I met him, to be Pastor Joe, in the true sense of the word. I will carry the memories of our community show in my heart until we meet again. He is singing The Praises in Heaven forever. Connie Boyd

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**Connie Boyd** - December 27, 2020 at 09:01 AM

JM

“ We are saddened of the passing of brother Joe who was a wonderful spiritual man who made a large impact on not only our family but many others and our community He will be greatly missed our hearts go out to the family Joe & Martha McRaven

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**Joe McRaven** - December 26, 2020 at 08:54 PM

DR

“ Bro. Joe was a kind, compassionate, gentle man who loved the Lord and wanted others to know Him as well. We are praying for you, Sheila, and your entire family. Darrell and Darlene Ross

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**Darlene Ross** - December 26, 2020 at 01:42 PM

RC

“ Bro. Joe always had a smile on his face . Love to talk about the Lord .Loved to hear him sing . I had the privilege to do a duet with him that was a blessing . Heaven gained a great saint of God. Praying for peace and strength in the days to come for Sheila and family .

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**Roger & Darlene Crews** - December 25, 2020 at 04:32 PM

WW

“ Our prayers are with you Sheila and the family. Good memories will always be remembered. What a Great man Bro Joe was everyone loved him you were blessed to have him and he will be missed ad not forgotten . Will remember you and the family in or daily prayers. God Bless !!

Wayne and Doris Whiteside - December 25, 2020 at 02:49 PM

TC

“ Kim and I are so sorry to hear about Pastor Joe. He was a wonderful and loving pastor, as well as, a great friend. Every time you saw Pastor Joe, he had a smile on his face and kind words from his heart. He loved the Lord and we rejoice that he is in heaven singing with the heavenly choir and in the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Kim and I are praying for God's comfort and peace during this time and in the days ahead.  
Toni and Kim Capel

Toni and Kim Capel - December 24, 2020 at 11:20 AM

MM

Bro. Joe was an inspiration to me. He was so thrilled when I had the privilege of leading one of his granddaughtes to Christ. He did the baptism.

Margaret McCain - December 24, 2020 at 12:18 PM

PL

Bro. Joe was such an amazing person. He was a true and caring friend and will be missed by those who had the honor of knowing him and those who may have only met him once. He had such a beautiful voice and loved to praise the Lord through song. My dear friend, my heart aches at loosing you but it also rejoices in knowing I will see you again. Sing high on the mountain for your work on earth is done!

Pam Land - December 26, 2020 at 01:02 PM

SY

“ I have many fond memories of my Uncle Joe. I loved going to listen to his sermons as a little girl. My Grandmother (his Mother) would take me every chance she could. I can still hear him singing. He, to me was a superstar. I loved him and will miss him dearly. Thank you Uncle Joe for being there for my Dad and Brother when they needed you. You never looked away and never judged. I admire you!! Love your Niece, Shawnda.

shawnda yuhas - December 23, 2020 at 08:58 PM

JB

“ We loved Joe and will miss his sweet smiling face. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Joyce and Ken Blandford

Joyce and Ken Blandford - December 23, 2020 at 06:30 PM

FS

Bro. Joe was more than a pastor. He was a great preacher, a visitor to his flock or whoever needed him, and a loving friend. He was so special in everything he did. We loved to hear him sing. He had the most talented voice. We loved him with all our heart. Our heart is broken but know he is with Jesus. To the family, we share your loss. We love you all. You have been like family to us. You all are all special and we share in your grief. May God be with you all at this time. Fred and Wanda Schlenker

Fred and Wanda Schlenker - December 24, 2020 at 10:23 AM

JA

“ Joyce Anderson lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Pastor Joe" Aaron Aldridge



Joyce Anderson - December 23, 2020 at 06:13 PM