



Rev. Robert L. Goins

February 25, 1932 - July 16, 2019

Rev. Robert L. Goins, 87, of Anna passed from this life at 11:38 am on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Robert Goins was born February 25, 1932 into a large farming family of eleven children in Olmstead, Illinois. He attended school in Villa Ridge.

At the age of 15, he hitchhiked to East Chicago, Indiana to be near his family and worked as a service attendant at Super Parr Gas Station. During this time, he met and married his sweetheart, Mildred "Millie" Chuck. (His second sweetheart, Flonelle, came many years later.) After marriage, he became self-employed buying and selling tires. In their early years of marriage, they experienced the tragic loss of three children. It was shortly after this time that he felt his call to the ministry. In a letter received years later his mother wrote, "you are even more special (son) because God called you to preach his word and you answered the call." His early years of ministry were influenced by many great men of God such as Brother Benny Jones and Brother Frank Munsey.

In July of 1965, Brother and Sister Goins began having church services in a small borrowed four-room house in Dongola. Their efforts were rewarded as many souls came to Christ. Brother Goins and his father mortgaged their homes to purchase this house, which was remodeled at the time to become

the United Pentecostal Church of Dongola. To support this work, Brother Goins opened the Church Resale Store in Anna. This endeavor allowed him great opportunity to witness to others about the love of God. The congregation continued to increase. Then once again, in 2004, under the leadership of this dedicated man the current church was erected. Southern Illinois will never be the same because Robert Goins followed the voice of God.

Rev. Robert Goins is survived by his wife, Flonelle Goins; his six children, Deborah Sadler and husband Wes, Rebecca Gibson and husband Mike, Tom Goins and wife Sheila, Tony Goins and wife Teresa, Rev. Mark Goins and wife Denise, and Lynn Bailey and wife Rebecca; grandchildren, Jay, Amber, Rob, Aaron, Keith, Lindsey, Krystal, T.J., Kayla, Meagan, Lauren, Alexis, Trevor, Betsy, Lori, and Randall; and thirty-one great-grandchildren; two brothers, Glen (Jane) Goins and Eddie (Donna) Goins; three sisters, Joyce Cameron, Lucille (Leonard) Temke, and Wilma (Jack) Roach.

He was preceded in death by his children, Victoria, Sandra, and Robert Louis; his wife, Mildred Goins; his parents, Theodore and Hazel Goins; sisters, Wanda Carson, Cynthia White and Betty Schultz; brothers, Ted Goins, and Gary Goins.

Visitation is from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Friday, July 19, 2019 at the United Pentecostal Church of Dongola. Funeral services will be at 2:00 pm at the church with Rev. Josh Carson, Rev. Mark Goins and Rev. John Gourley officiating. Interment will follow at Cypress Cemetery in Cypress.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle and will be accepted at the church.

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

Cemetery Details

Cypress Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

United Pentecostal Church of Dongola
Dongola, IL

Service

JUL 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

United Pentecostal Church of Dongola
Dongola, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Robert L. Goins*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Friday - July 19, 2019 ... 11:15am ... The Neace's...Pastor John, Barbara and Jonathan from Benton First Church of God and Joan Gibson...Rev. Mike's Gibson mother. Would like to extend our sympathy to the Goins family upon the death of Bro Goins. On July 27, 1969 Rev. Goins married John and Barbara Neace in Murphysboro and they will celebrate 50 years of marriage next Saturday. We are so grateful to have been able to have known Pastor Goins. God Bless You all.*

John Neace - July 19, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ *Have enjoyed many a neighborly conversations with Robert as he took his walks with his friend Sparky around the block from his home! He always was warm and friendly with a twinkle in his eyes! He never seemed to sour on life and greeted people with his winning smile and positive outlook! God bless Flo who has been his loving companion since he lost his wife Millie--sister of Goldie Petraitis whom I knew well!*

Debra Casleton - July 18, 2019 at 06:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Robert L. Goins.*



July 17, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ *Just saw the post with his picture. It brought back many many sweet memories. I remember as a child attending church, singing in the choir at Dongola UPC with my family. My family was Vernon and Colleen Altenberger. I am Teresa (Tracey). So very sorry for your loss. Prayers of comfort.*

Teresa Altenberger Terrell - July 17, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Robert L. Goins.*



July 17, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ *My condolences to your family. He was a nice man. I've known him my entire life. He will be missed by many.*

*Sincerely,
Lori (Wright) Driver*

Lori Driver - July 17, 2019 at 06:44 AM