



## Rev. Verlee Eaker

November 15, 1928 - July 22, 2017

Rev. Verlee Eaker, 88, of Cape Girardeau, formerly of Anna, passed away at 12:05 PM, Saturday, July 22, 2017 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

Verlee was born November 15, 1928 in Grassy, MO the son of Raymond and Lilly (Mouser) Eaker. He married Joyce Johnson on July 10, 1950 and she preceded him in death on January 4, 2015.

He started preaching when he was 16 years of age. He was ordained at Perkins Baptist Church in Missouri. He attended Southeast Missouri State University. He was a preacher in Essex, MO, Anniston, MO, Whitewater, MO, Lake Milligan Baptist Church, Miller City, IL, and Mounds, IL. He moved to Anna in 1960 where he was director of missions for Clear Creek Baptist Association and in 1995 he retired and returned to Lake Milligan Baptist Church. Verlee was really close to his Grandfather Eaker. He said he taught him about hunting and he was a good Christian man.

Verlee is survived by his daughter, Beverlee (Jim) Hastings of Cape Girardeau; sons, Shelby (Nancy) Eaker of Martinsville, IN and Mark (Penny) Eaker of Anna; grandchildren, Bradley (Mary) Eaker of Old Hickory, TN, Melissa Eaker of Old Hickory, TN, Joshua (Loree) Eaker of Old Hickory, TN, Brock (Callie) Eaker of Fenton, MO, Joby (Andrew) Crabtree of Chesterfield,

MO and Brandon Eaker of St. Louis, MO; great grandchildren, Evan, Emma, Ezra, Ean, Lilly, Avery, Evelyn, Brooklyn and TBA, Liam; siblings, Dimple (Delbert) Wiseman, Dewayne (Velma) Eaker, Ermalee (Sam) Smith, Linda Seabaugh, Gary (Katy) Eaker.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Joyce Eaker; siblings, Bill Eaker, Wanda Hess, Glendel Eaker.

Visitation will be from 4:00pm to 8:00pm on Monday, July 24, 2017 at Harvest Church, 602 E. Davie Street in Anna.

Funeral services will be at 11:00am on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at the church with Rev. Dean West, Kim Capel and Pastor Tony Foeller officiating. Interment will follow in Casper Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association and will be accepted at the church.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Verlee Eaker*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Richard Tucker lit a candle in memory of Rev. Verlee Eaker*



Richard Tucker - July 30, 2017 at 10:08 PM



*He will be greatly missed*

Richard Tucker - July 30, 2017 at 10:09 PM



“ *Good memories of rabbit and squirrel hunting with rev. Eaker. Bill Hargis*

Bill Hargis - July 27, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ *I'm very sorry to hear of Verlee's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones. (Isaiah 25:8)*

Monique Burts - July 26, 2017 at 05:50 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Bro. Verlee was a greatan of God. He helped many during his years of service!*

Denise Knupp - July 25, 2017 at 02:11 PM

ME

“ I knew Verlee when he and I were at Southeast Mo University together. Lost contact after the brief time there. THEN he and his wife bought our son's house when they moved back to Cape. Then I found out that we had known his sweet sister in Jackson. Also his aunt Celesta Eaker Fisher. Condolences to the. Family. Melba Eaker Elledge

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**Melba Elledge** - July 25, 2017 at 06:45 AM

TR

“ Everyone who grew up in Union County iliinois in a Southern Baptist Church in the 60's knew Rev Eaker. He was an inspriation to all. He had a huge heart for missions and the people of the area Heaven Gates opened wide when he entered Thank you dear brother in Christ for your dedication You truly was a faithful servant. Prayers to your family

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**Terrie Rhymer** - July 24, 2017 at 11:45 AM

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“ *The staff of the Illinois Baptist State Association and I would like to express our condolences to the family, and also our great respect and appreciation for the years that Bro. Verlee invested in Clear Creek Baptist Association, and in the churches of that region. Dr. Jerry Day, who came to the IBSA staff after succeeding Bro Verlee in Clear Creek for several years, spoke often and with admiration of Bro. Verlee's long-time ministry there. My own father, Tom Adams, was a Director of Missions in another part of the state during that same time period, and so I have a great appreciation for Bro. Verlee's ministry, even though I did not know him personally. I'm sure your father, grandfather, great-grandfather left many lasting influences in your lives. Those of us who continue to serve the Lord Jesus and His churches are very appreciative of the life that Verlee Eaker invested in so many churches. May the Lord give you great comfort and peace and encouragement during these days.*

*Nate Adams  
Executive Director  
Illinois Baptist State Association*

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**Nate Adams** - July 24, 2017 at 11:32 AM

GH

“ *Rev. Verlee married us at Dongola First Baptist Church in 1965. He was a wonderful man. Condolences to the family.*

*Glenn & Rena Hight  
Wentzville, MO*

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**Glenn & Rena Hight** - July 24, 2017 at 08:26 AM

DM

“ *Pastor Verlee was a wonderful soul who touched so many lives. This world is a better place because of his ministry and love of Jesus. I was always encouraged after spending time with him. Prayers are going up for his dear family.*

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**Donna McCain** - July 24, 2017 at 06:25 AM

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“ *Cheryl Rion lit a candle in memory of Rev. Verlee Eaker*



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**Cheryl Rion** - July 23, 2017 at 04:00 PM

TR

“ *Sending my condolences to the family. Pastor Eaker will be missed by many. Always smiling and had a good joke to be told. Rest in peace, Verlee. Terri Rice*



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**Terri Rice** - July 23, 2017 at 12:23 AM