



Rev. Steve Francis

October 21, 2014

The Rev. Stephen Gil "Steve" Francis, 67, of Jackson died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau. He was born April 17, 1947, in New Bedford, Massachusetts, to Emery Louis and Dorothy Estelle Jones Francis Sr. He and Sandra Kaye Brown were married Dec. 31, 1968, in Conway, Arkansas. Steve was a member and deacon of Lynwood Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau. He was ordained to the gospel ministry June 8, 1969, at Beacon Baptist Church in Blytheville, Arkansas. During his ministry he pastored Baptist churches in Missouri, Arkansas, and Mississippi. He came to Jackson as a bi-vocational state missionary, pastoring at Dayspring Missionary Baptist Church. He was employed at Schnucks Food and Drug from 1994 until the present time. Steve loved to sing at nursing homes and play his autoharp. He was a former chaplain at Missouri Veterans Home. He was an avid fisherman. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Francis of Jackson; two sons, Matthew (Melony) Francis of Sallisaw, Oklahoma, Mark Francis of Jackson; a brother, Emery (Linda) Francis Jr. of Sherwood, Arkansas; two sisters, Susan Francis of Blytheville, Lisa Colclasure of Rogers, Arkansas; seven grandchildren, Gunnar Cooper, Cassandra Francis, Graci Francis, Taylor Davidson, Shelby Francis, Skylar Francis, Samara Francis; and a great-grandchild, Gavin Cooper. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Lynwood Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, and Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Roller-McNutt Funeral Home in Conway. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hillcreek

Cemetery near Plumerville, Arkansas. Memorial contributions may be given to Hillcreek Cemetery, or to the Kenneth R. Brown Scholarship Fund, % Central Baptist College, 1501 College Ave., Conway, AR 72034. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Tribute Wall

BA

“ *Sandra, sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for you and your family.*

Bob and Claueda Barks (Barks Auction) - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'm heartbroken to hear of Steve's passing. I was just a child when I knew him, but I loved to hear him play his auto-harp & sing, & his sense of humor was unmatched! Mark, I don't know if you know how many hours I spent as a young girl (maybe in part because of the crush I had on you then) praying that you would give your life to Christ. I'll never forget when my dad woke me up at 2am, telling me your dad had called in tears to let us know you had been saved! He loved you boys SO much; when he knew you would all be together in heaven, his joy was complete! I can't imagine your grief right now, but oh what joy to know your family IS complete, & he's waiting for you just on the other side of heaven's gates! My love and prayers are with you as you grieve. I pray that sooner rather than later, you'll be able to remember him with joy rather than just hurt to miss him. I love you all!*

Amy (Vogel) Parnell - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'm sorry to hear of your family's loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Rebecca Andersen, n♦e Tompkins - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The grace of God was upon my friend (and former youth pastor), Steve Francis. The joy of the Lord was his to share, and that he did very well. May the comfort of the Lord be with Sandra and your family at this difficult time. Heaven rejoices, and the world will miss you, my brother.*

Mark McEuen - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ *Matt, You and family are in our prayers. We are so sorry for your loss, as you told Mel, your Dad is with our heavenly Father. May God comfort you at this time. We Love you, Mema Elaine and Greg*

Elaine Adams - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM