



Earl C. Edgerly

May 19, 1937 - July 3, 2019

FARMINGTON – Earl C. Edgerly, 82, of Farmington, went home to be with God, in the comfort of his home, with his loving wife of 61 years by his side, on Wednesday, July 3, 2019. Earl was born on May 19, 1937 in Anson, a son of Robert G. and Olive Irene (Clark) Edgerly. He attended Madison High School and pursued pastoral studies with a major in psychology and minor in sociology at Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee. After high school he served four years in the United States Air Force as a Chaplain's Services Specialist. For 20 years he served as Director of Welfare for the City of Auburn while pursuing his passion as a bivocational pastor of the Thomas Memorial Baptist Church in Auburn for over 10 years. After which he answered the call to move to Farmington to oversee the Farmington Baptist Conference Center. He continued his ministry and started the Farmington Baptist Church serving as their pastor for 20 years until his stroke in 2011. In addition, he served on a variety of town committees for Farmington, most notably the Planning Board; Served 2 terms as President of the Maine Welfare Directors Association; Served on the Board for the Baptist Convention of New England and their Executive Committee. Pastor Earl had a love for people and enjoyed caring for the needs of others. He was an exceptional and compassionate counselor and loved to minister to folks in a variety of capacities. In his free time, he enjoyed spending time with his family. He loved showing his grandchildren how to catch frogs, fly kites, fish and play cribbage. He loved sharing stories and jokes with them. The grandchildren enjoyed visiting to be able to listen to him preach. He will also be remembered for his generous spirit, big heart, sense of humor and gift of storytelling. He is loved by his wife Carole (Walters) Edgerly; their children Lisa and Robert and Robert's wife, Tammie; two grandchildren Sidney and Kennedy Edgerly; a sister Patricia Morton and her husband, Lewis; a brother, Richard Edgerly and his wife, Norma; a sister-in-law, Joanna Edgerly; many nieces, nephews, cousins. He was predeceased by his father, Robert Edgerly; mother Irene Clark Edgerly; stepmother, Ruth Weston Edgerly, brother Robert Edgerly and sister Doris Wright.

A Home Going Celebration will be held Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 11 AM from the Farmington Baptist Church 194 Whittier Road, Farmington, Maine. Following the Celebration, all are invited to attend a comfort reception in the church undercroft, hosted

by the hospitality committee. Private family committal services with military honors provided by the United States Air Force, will be held at the New Maine Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Mt. Vernon Rd., Augusta, Maine. In lieu of flowers, remembrance gifts may be given to Pastor Earl's family c/o The Wiles Remembrance Center 137 Farmington Falls Rd., Farmington, Maine 04938. His family invites you to share a message, leave a kind word, and view his memorial video tribute at www.wilesrc.com.

Cemetery

Maine Veterans Cemetery, Mt. Vernon Rd. Annex

Mt. Vernon Rd.
Augusta, ME,

Events

JUL 13 Celebration of Life and Comfort Reception 11:00AM

Farmington Baptist Church
Whittier Road, Farmington, ME, US,
04938

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Wiles Remembrance Center and staff - July 08 at 12:57 PM



“ Loved the video, loved the man he surely was a true man of God. I will always remember this beautiful soul

carol lambert - July 09 at 10:18 PM



“ As one of your college kids I will never forget either Earl or you Carole! You were both so loving and fun. It was like having a home away from home. I am so sorry for your families loss. What a glorious day it will be when we all get to heaven! God bless you and the family as you continue with the void. Love you, Sarah Litchfield Hills

Sarah (Litchfield) Hills - Yesterday at 03:44 PM



“ Although I have not seen Earl in years, he is not far off in my memory; he has left an everlasting impression in my heart and mind. As my pastor in former years, he taught me what it means to live as Christ – not so much by words, but by his actions. His true compassion for others stands out foremost in my mind, but the grace and mercy he exhibited to me was beyond words, and perhaps I did not understand the full extent of it until I matured in my faith – or maybe I should say that I have a deeper and fonder appreciation of it as I have aged. Too many memories and not enough space, but I do want to send my condolences to Carole, Lisa, and Rob – a family that brought much joy to my life and a family used in God’s divine providence for my benefit and His glory.

“Looking sorrowfully, as you do, on the broken bonds of that close and tender union, which was once the source of your chief earthly happiness, and the dissolution of which has left you a lonely pilgrim, in this world’s great wilderness, comfort yourself with the thought, that if joined unto the Lord by faith, and made one spirit with him, there is a least one union which even death cannot dissolve, and one tie which nothing can weaken or rupture . . . nothing shall burst the bond, which unites the redeemed soul to its redeeming Savior.” - John Angell James

Romans 8:37-39



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Wiles Remembrance Center and staff - July 10 at 08:37 AM



“ Earl was like my second Father. At the age of 4 or 5, i decided to take Jesus into my heart. My Mother urged me the following Sunday to go up in front of the church(Thomas memorial) and ask Pastor Earl to baptize me so Jesus could be welcomed into my heart. Earl always played a big part in my life while I was living in Maine. Both my parents loved biggest I and Carole. Now as Earl goes To meet Jesus I hope he says Hi to my Mama for me. I will Miss him. My heart goes out to Carole,Robbie, Lisa. It is so hard to lose a parent Rob and Lisa. It never gets easy but you learn to manage the grief. I am here for y'all if you need me.

Julie Scott - July 09 at 11:43 PM



“ Earl Edgerly was a faithful servant of God, a good friend and mentor, a loving husband, father and grandfather, a competent and respected leader in his secular profession, a wise and caring pastor, a strong Biblical preacher and a lover of Jesus. His humor and his wisdom blessed all who knew him. He is rejoicing with all the saints around the throne of God at this very moment! I was honored to call him my friend and I look forward to our reunion one day!
Jim Wideman

Jim Wideman - July 09 at 10:18 AM



“ Many great memories of Earl's generosity with his time and awesome ability to help mold my young life. Remember him leading Boys Brigade a Christian scouting group. Mentoring me as Lisa and Robbie were young and Standing up for me at my marriage to Linda. I drifted away from my Christian upbringing but later on rededicated my life to Jesus. I will always be grateful and blessed for the time we shared together and in groups. A selfless life, one who always put the Lord and others first.

Alan Mills - July 09 at 08:45 AM



“ Condolences to the Family. I worked with Earl for a number of years at the City of Auburn. He and I served on a couple of committees including the committee that won the Margaret Chase Smith Award. Great man with love and compassion for his fellow man.

Moe Bolduc - July 08 at 09:53 PM



“ Thank you Earl for your wisdom and compassion. AMD for baptizing my children.



Charlene MSlaver - July 08 at 08:52 PM



“ Earl was my pastor in my teen years and early 20s. He was one of the good guys in life--totally dedicated to his Lord & Savior. I fondly remember his meaningful sermons and Bible studies with he and Carole at their home. As the Christian song goes, "I can only imagine" the amazing meeting between Earl and Jesus . . . wow! I'm grateful that Earl was a part of my life, and he certainly will never be forgotten. My heartfelt sympathies are extended to his family. Dottie Perham-Whittier

Dottie Perham-Whittier - July 08 at 08:35 PM



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Wiles Remembrance Center and staff - July 08 at 09:37 AM



“ Pastor Earl was all HEART!!! He LOVED and was loving to all. He represented God Well!!! He will be remembered by all who were so touched by him. He helped me to grow in God's Love and encouraged me to follow God's lead in my life. I will be forever grateful to this Godly man. Love you Pastor Earl!!!! (Connie Durrell)

Connie Durrell - July 08 at 07:18 AM



“ To the Whole Family! Sincere condolences.of the Loss of Pastors Earl . May he,rest in peace... My,thoughts are& prayers are with you all. Sending my love. Sherry Bouchard xoxox

Sherry Bouchard - July 08 at 12:39 PM



“ I remember when Pastor Earl, Carole and family first came to the Lewiston-Auburn area and Earl became Pastor at Thomas Memorial Baptist Church following the late Gordon Thomas. I immediately felt comfortable around the Edgerly family and Carole became a confidante and a woman of God I wanted to emulate!

I remember well Pastor Earl's sermons and how he knew when to be serious but also knew when to crack a joke. One evening before his sermon he asked if members of the congregation had any prayer requests or testimonies they wanted to share regarding their week. One older woman who was a long time member as well, commented that something made her "as happy as a clam" and without missing a beat, Pastor comes out with "How do know that a clam is happy? My sense of humor kicked in and I muttered (thinking it was under my breath and NO ONE could hear) quipped "Did YOU ever counsel a depressed clam?" I thought Bev Boyer who was seated just ahead of me was going to bust a gut! This was one of those "Was my face red" moments!" But even if Pastor Earl would have heard it, I KNOW he would have laughed also. For he shared our joys as well as our tears!

I'm sure that the Lord greeted him with "Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter into the joy of the Lord!" Will see you again someday Pastor. Until then, enjoy your eternal Home!

Lori D'Amico - July 08 at 10:06 PM