



Rev. C.J. Goodspeed

May 10, 1914 - August 5, 2013

Rev. C.J. Goodspeed, 99, of Beech Grove, peacefully went home to be with the Lord on Monday, August 5, 2013 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born May 10, 1914 in Baton Rouge, LA, a son of the late Clarence James and Josephine (Weiss) Goodspeed.

Rev. Goodspeed started work when he was 10 years old as an errand boy for Standard Oil in Baton Rouge and was the head of the mail room by age 18. At an early age he dedicated his heart and life to God and felt a passion for missions. He received his bachelor's degree from Intercession City Bible College in Intercession City, FL. He left Standard Oil at age 24 to serve as a missionary to the Bahamas with missions pioneer G.T. Bustin. He would go on to serve in Jamaica, Haiti, Cuba, Mexico and to the Navajo Indians.

He married the love of his life, Edna Perkins, on January 16, 1965. He also pastored churches in Rockwood, TN and Dentsville, SC. He was one of the first instructors at Hobe Sound Bible College, Hobe Sound, FL and was later employed with God's Bible School in Cincinnati, OH.

Rev. Goodspeed is survived by his wife of 48 years, Edna Goodspeed; four children, Linda Thiboleau, of Dayton, OH, James Lynn (wife: Melissa) Goodspeed of Mt. Dora, FL, Lurlene (husband: Rev. Jeff) Allen of Yakima, WA and Carey Jonathan (wife: Veronica) Goodspeed of Indianapolis; 10 grandchildren, Amanda, Austin Michael, Laura Grace, Annabelle, Chase, Carey and Hunter Goodspeed and Natalee, Seth and Tabytha Allen; one

great-granddaughter, Jasmine Goodspeed; a brother, Bill Goodspeed of Baton Rouge and a brother-in-law, Glen (wife: Wilma) Perkins of Bowling Green, OH.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 10, 2013, at Independent Nazarene Church, 5152 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove, Indiana 46107, with Rev. Gene Hood officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Friday at the church and one hour prior to the funeral on Saturday.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Rev. C.J. Goodspeed.

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“ *Rev. C.J. Goodspeed*

Richard Nash - November 14, 2013 at 08:08 PM

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“ *We send our sympathy to the family. We recall the weeks your family lived with us when you first moved to Michigan.*

Ellen Beal - August 06, 2013 at 09:38 PM