



Rev. Daniel Stafford

February 1, 1918 - December 2, 2008

Rev. Daniel Stafford, 90, of Anderson, and formerly of Indianapolis, went home to be with the Lord, Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at the Monticello House in Anderson.

He was born February 1, 1918, in Equality, Kentucky, a son of the late Albert Scott and Dora (Murphy) Stafford.

Rev. Stafford was an ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene. For 10 years, early in his ministry, he pastored churches in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas. For over 40 years he traveled throughout the U.S. and other countries in evangelism with an emphasis on the doctrine of holiness. He was the author of 15 books on a variety of subjects and for recreation was an avid fisherman.

He is survived by four children; Patricia (husband: Rev. James W.) Smith of Bethany, Oklahoma, James E. (wife: Charol) Stafford of Houston, Texas, Barbara (husband: John M.) Baker of Anderson and David H. (wife: Jackie) Stafford of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 12 grandchildren, Melody Harding, Daniel Smith, Mychelle Smith, Stacey Bolton, Stephanie Cleveland, Sidney Stafford, Susan Ochoa, John Mark Baker, Aaron Baker, Jason Baker, Lorissa Huckaby and Angelia Webb; 23 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Edna, in 1993; a son, Robert Stafford; three brothers, including Rev. J.D. Stafford, and one sister. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 6, 2008 at the

Independent Nazarene Church, 5152 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove with the Rev's. Gene Hood, Tim Wiford, and James Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Friday at the Independent Nazarene Church in Beech Grove.

Arrangements are in the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle. Memorial Contributions may be made to Union Bible College, P.O. Box 900 Westfield, IN 46074. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Tribute Wall

PC

“ God give you His special help during this time.

Pastor Dale Chapman - December 17, 2008 at 03:50 PM

BP

“ We have many wonderful and spiritual memories of having revivals with Bro. and Sis. Stafford down through the years. We loved his sense of humor and her constant attention to his needs. They were both solid and an open book in their stand for Bible truths. May God bless their memory and continue to bring fruit from their labors.
Buddy and Jane Perry

Buddy and Jane Perry - December 13, 2008 at 01:53 PM

MM

“ I go way back to Penn. Ave. Nazarene Church in Oklahoma City, Okla. Somewhere around 1960...when I first met the family. Sis. Stafford was my baby sitter and dear friend. My daughter, Robin, called her Stacy..When we moved to Caddo, Okla. to pastor we had them as Evangelist. Enjoyed getting to know them better and remember Bro. Stafford's desire of fishing. He said that's where he got so many sermon inspirations. He walked the talk that he preached. Many souls have been blessed by his ministry. I love his family and thankful they came into our lives for all these years....

Mary Lou Miley - December 11, 2008 at 12:09 PM

RC

“ To the Stafford family, "What rejoicing in His presence..." Truly the pure in heart shall see God. What a privilege to have known a Holiness giant. We shall always remember his strong emphasis on the necessity of dying out to the old man. Worshiping with him was an unexpected benefit of moving to Anderson. He left his mark on his family and they expemplify his grace and dignity. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time, but we trust to rejoice with you in "the land that is fairer than day."

Rev. Tim and Lori Cole - December 11, 2008 at 12:08 AM

JC

“ Bro. Stafford held us several revival meetings. We certainly enjoyed having him our home. We do love and appreciate the entire Stafford family. Your loss is heaven's gain.

Judy Cargal - December 10, 2008 at 03:50 PM

TH

“ We were saddened to hear of Bro. Stafford's passing, but happy to know he's with the Lord. He was special to have in the congregation, and we feel privileged to have been his pastor for a short while. Terrie was talking the other day about him trying to drive the little Aspire Ford that he got, and how he got stuck in the seat belt. Love and Prayers are with you at this time.

Terrie & Mary Hay - December 10, 2008 at 01:06 PM

SG

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to our friends and the family of Bro. Stafford. Another soldier of the Cross has gone home to a rich reward. I heard him preach many times when I was a boy. His message still lives on in his many books. God bless his memory and may the Lord comfort your hearts.
Love and prayers, Steve and Janet Geise

Stephen and Janet Geise - December 09, 2008 at 08:55 PM

KL

“ Rev. Daniel Stafford was a blessing in our lives. We had him for a revival meeting when pastoring in Terre Haute, Indiana. I've also had the privilege of hearing him at ICHA ministerial convention. May God bless the family and bring comfort and strength. Keith and Linda Ledford

Keith and Linda Ledford - December 09, 2008 at 08:13 PM

RW

“ What a privilege to share times of fellowship and encouragement with such a godly man as Bro. Stafford. His life is a wonderful testimony of God's marvelous grace. May the God of all comfort strengthen and meet every need of the Stafford family in your great loss.

Rev. & Mrs. Tim Wiford - December 09, 2008 at 07:24 PM

RA

“ We have been privileged to be acquainted with this wonderful man of God. God brought him into our lives 35 years ago. He gave us spiritual guidance when we were at a crossroads in our ministry. He dedicated our youngest child, Angela, at the Jefferson County, Indiana, camp meeting in 1984. The last time we visited with him at his home in Anderson, Indiana, he said, "Oh, to hear Him say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'" We will always cherish these words in our memories for he and Sis. Stafford certainly exemplified the wonderful grace of God. We extend our condolences to the Stafford family, praying that the Christian life of Bro. Stafford will be an encouragement to you in the days ahead.

Rev. & Mrs. Wallace O. Thornton, Sr. & Angela - December 08, 2008 at 02:35 PM

TS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. My life was certainly touched by this Godly gentleman, though I knew him for such a short time. The memory I will always cherish is the way he prayed. His prayers conveyed the fact that he was talking to a dear friend. Our Loss, Heaven's Gain!! Friend of John and Barbara Baker

Teri Sandidge - December 05, 2008 at 02:49 PM

JB

“ Thank God for Papa Stafford!

Jason Baker - December 04, 2008 at 10:28 AM