



Rev. L. Wayne States

April 13, 1922 - September 19, 2009

Rev. L. Wayne States, 87, of Shirley, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 19, 2009 in Glen Oaks Health Campus in New Castle, Indiana.

He was born April 13, 1922 in Hartman, Colorado, a son of the late Henry W. and Lelia Belle (Hopkins) States.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp. during World War II. On April 5, 1942 he married Juanita Ellen Quinn in Colorado Springs, Colorado and began a ministry that would span many decades. He and Juanita pastored congregations in Otis, Colorado; Nampa, Idaho; Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; Pasadena, California; Phoenix, Arizona; Penns Creek, PA; Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Jupiter, Florida. Together they traveled many years in evangelistic ministry across the United States until retiring to Shirley a few years ago. He served the Lord in many different roles: song evangelist, pastor, district superintendent, assistant general superintendent, and evangelist. For the past several years he has been an ordained minister with the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

He is survived by a son, Larry D. (wife: Eva) of Phelan, CA; two daughters, Judy K. Jackson of Quakertown, PA and Jeanne A. (husband: Clint) Underwood of Shirley, IN; six grandchildren, Joseph W. (wife: Angelita) States of Phelan, CA, Jason C. (wife: Angie) States of San Clemente, CA, Jerald S. (wife: Danielle) Jackson of Salem, WI, Rodney J. (wife: Ruth) Jackson of Hobe Sound, FL, Darrell W. (wife: Melissa) Underwood of Valparaiso, FL, and

Kimberly Ann (Husband: Grant) Bowman of Mt. Sterling, OH; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Stanley (wife: Irene) States of Columbine, CO; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Juanita Ellen States on August 3, 2007 and a brother, Hugh States.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Rev. James A. Southerland officiating. Graveside Services will be at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at Dayton National Cemetery in Dayton, OH with Military Honors provided by a contingent from the U.S. Army.

Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Evangelistic Faith Missions, P.O. Box 609 Bedford, IN 47421 with envelopes available at the funeral home. You may send a personal condolence to the family at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Tribute Wall

DD

“ One of my fondest memories of Bro. States was the Tri-County Camp in Hartford City, IN ('84, I THINK). He did the preaching and my wife, Marilyn, and I did the singing. What WONDERFUL memories! Bro. States was a dear & precious brother-in-Christ. Please accept our sincerest sympathies. God is STILL "Working Out His Purpose!"

Dan Downing - October 03, 2009 at 11:38 AM

LL

“ I can recall the first time I met Bro States at the WHC in LaJunta, CO, in 1960. His powerful preaching and annointed singing was such a blessing and inspiration to this young heart at that time and never changed over the years. I never saw him display anything but a Christian example. I know he will be missed but he has made the landing!
Who can forget his singing of "Til the Storm Passes by"?

Lloyd D. Lance - September 27, 2009 at 08:42 AM

LI

“ Dad States was very special to my family. He was a great preacher a kind and wonderful man.
I will never forget his 'Special' song, 'till the Storm Passes by.
His storm is now over he is in Heaven.
love, Linda

Linda Ireland - September 25, 2009 at 04:06 PM

LM

This so many yrs later.we never knew when he passed.Can't tell you how many times he was in our home for revival.Those two. Songs have stuck all these yes.Was a pleasure to know him.love, Lois Mullen

Lois Mullen - April 02, 2023 at 06:12 AM

AW

“ Our sincere sympathies to the family! Bro. States was the first pastor of the congregation we now pastor in Penns Creek, PA.

Alan & Anita Walter - September 25, 2009 at 01:10 PM

SG

“ I looked up to Bro. States as a fatherly Christian and model for us all. I loved to hear him sing “God Is Working Out His Purpose”. The ranks are thinning among the elderly but the great host awaiting us is getting larger.

Our love and prayers, Steve and Janet Geise, Guatemala

Stephen A. Geise - September 24, 2009 at 01:24 PM

RJ

“ Our sympathy to the family of Rev. L. Wayne States and now a wonderful reunion with Juanita. Love and prayers, Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Jewett

Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Jewett - September 22, 2009 at 01:59 PM

EM

“ Bro, And Sis, States Were are spiritual parents. They called Leroy and I their children and our children as their grandchildren. We shared many happy times together. I'll always cherish those times. My paryers are with you all.Libby Manns

Elizabeth Manns - September 21, 2009 at 11:46 PM

JN

“ Dear Larry, Judy and Jeannie, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. As far back as I can remember, your mon and dad have been in our lives. I'm thankful we got to visit with your dad at the IHC in Dayton. I know he'll be seeing my mom and dad in heaven. Love you guys, Judy Sander Nolte

Judy Nolte - September 21, 2009 at 10:16 PM

KC

“ Rev. & Sis. States were a Godly example and will be missed. Our thoughts are with the family.

Kenneth & Joan Christy - September 21, 2009 at 07:15 PM

LP

“ Have some great and wonderful memories of Bro. & Sis. States and the fact that they were close friends with my grandparents, the Sneeds, and lived in our area and attended my home church when home from meetings. Grandma said she wished she could have come to the funeral home, but she is caring for Grandpa. May your family feel the arms of Jesus around you during this time.

Leah Plemmons - September 21, 2009 at 06:09 PM

JS

“ Jerry remembers many fond times with Bro. States, and we both send our deepest sympathy to all of his family. We know that this is a difficult time, as we want to keep our loved ones with us, but oh the joy he has now, being with the Lord!!! Jerry would have wanted to be there, with you, but circumstances kept him from coming, but you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Jerry & Diane

Jerry& Diane Sander - September 21, 2009 at 09:28 AM

FD

“ Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. I have fond memories of the time we spent with you all many years ago in Phoenix.

Frank & Connie (Bridgewater) Daniels - September 20, 2009 at 10:11 PM

KM

“ We remember Bro. AND Sis. States with great fondness. He was a fellow minister in the Pilgrim Holiness Church and a very dear friend. Our hearts are with you, the family, during this difficult time. We will miss him, but are most assured that he has 'stepped on shore and found it heaven'!!

Ken and Lorna Miles - September 20, 2009 at 10:08 PM

LI

“ It was a blessing to be with your dad during some of the final days of his life. We are praying for comfort during this time of loss but know you are also rejoicing that he is in heaven with his Lord and your mom!!

Linda - September 20, 2009 at 08:03 PM