



Glendell "Glen" Ray Fann

March 21, 1944 - March 11, 2022

Glendell "Glen" Ray Fann, aged 77, completed his earthly walk on Friday, March 10th, 2022. After a long fight with cancer, Glen continues his service to God in Paradise. Glen was born on March 21st, 1944, to Lehman Fann and Dorothy LaRoe Fann, in Success, Arkansas. He grew up in Caseyville, Illinois and graduated from Collinsville High School. Glen went on to Freed-Hardeman College for one year and then transferred to Harding College for three years where he earned a bachelor's degree in Bible. Glen then advanced to graduate school at the Harding University Graduate School of Religion where he obtained an M.A. in Church History and a Master of Theology degree, a 90-hour program which now is known as the Doctor of Divinity degree. Glen continued his studies and love of learning throughout his entire life. During the 1990's he obtained an M.A. in American History from the University of Memphis and an M.A. in Spanish from the University of Mississippi.

In 1971, Glen met Judy Carol Reed at Ashland Church of Christ. After multiple requests they finally went on their first date on February 2, 1972, to see a James Bond film in Oxford, Mississippi. Glen and Judy married in Holly Springs, Mississippi on July 22, 1972. Glen's best friend Dr. Sam Hester performed the ceremony with Joe Moody serving as Glen's best man. Glen loved Judy deeply for almost 50 years. They were blessed with one daughter, Darla Fann Gregory.

Glen preached for over 50 years at several Churches of Christ. He preached at Ashland Church of Christ from 1970 to 1974, Corning Church of Christ in Arkansas from 1974 to 1979, Ripley Church of Christ from 1979 to 1992 and from 2000 to 2009, and East Frasier Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee from 1993 to 2000. Glen held multiple Gospel meetings across the United States and led mission trips around the globe including in Cuba, Mexico, and England.

Brother Fann baptized many members into Christ and conducted hundreds of weddings and funerals. He trained many other men to become leaders in Christ. Brother Fann's ability to quote the scripture was phenomenal; he could quote the majority of the Bible from memory.

Glen was an avid scholar throughout his entire life. He loved Christ, theology, history, and language studies. Glen engaged in formal study of Hebrew, Greek, Spanish, and Japanese. He loved fishing, traveling with his family abroad, the St. Louis Cardinals, and gardening. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, Pawpaw, preacher, counselor, teacher, student, friend, and servant for Christ.

After his retirement as the full-time Pulpit Minister from the Ripley Church of Christ in 2009, Glen helped with the family storage business in Houston where he spent a great deal of time with his grandchildren and family. He taught Bible Classes at the Memorial Church of Christ, fished, gardened, and traveled extensively with Judy, Darla, Andrew, and his grandchildren.

Glen is survived by his wife of 49 years, Judy Reed Fann; daughter, Darla Gregory, and her husband, Andrew Gregory; and granddaughters, Caitlin, and Catherine; and grandsons; Nathan, and Aaron Gregory. Glen is survived by his three sisters, Dorris Fann Cox, Bendetta Fann Ogle, and Tammy Fann

Asbill. Glen is preceded in death by his parents and infant brother, Stanley Fann.

Pallbearers will be: Mike Griffin, Bob Simpson, Bruce Wallis, Andrew Gregory, Nathan Gregory, David Asbill.

Honorary Pallbearers are: James Nunnally, Bobby Gross, Eddy Meeks, Jerry Owen

Patrick Chapman will officiate.

Interment at Hillcrest Cemetery in Holly Springs, Mississippi.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

Holly Springs, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Ripley Church of Christ
1300 Hall Drive
Ripley , MS

Service

MAR 19. 1:00 PM.

Ripley Church of Christ
1300 Hall Drive
Ripley , MS

Tribute Wall



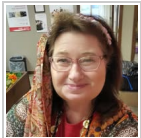
“ *Glendell "Glen" Ray Fann*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *We were saddened by the loss of such a wonderful man. He was a dynamic preacher and a good friend. We knew him at the Corning church and later he held gospel meetings in Portageville, Missouri, where we attended. We learned of his passing by reading his sister's obituary. Our sympathy to Judy and Darla. Dwight and Janet Fritts, Lawton, Oklahoma.*

Janet Fritts - October 28, 2022 at 12:48 PM



“ *Stephanie McClintock lit a candle in memory of Glendell "Glen" Ray Fann*



Stephanie McClintock - March 30, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ *I loved Glen so very much! I love you Judy as well and am so very sorry for your loss! I only have fond memories when I think of him. He is going to be missed so very much! Praying for the whole entire family and the multitude of friends.*

Cortney Wilbanks - March 18, 2022 at 07:37 PM

JP

“Glen Fann was a true servant of Jesus Christ. He was baptized into Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:26, 27), that is, His body, His church. (Colossians 1:18). He faithfully preached the saving gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16) for many years. This preacher was blessed to hear him when on vacation, visiting in-laws in Ripley, Mississippi. Brother Fann would often give him outlines when he was there. At other times when he could not be there, Glen would send one or more outlines by his wife, Sammie. She and I loved, admired, appreciated, and held him (and his beloved and devoted wife) in high esteem. The body is sleeping. (John 11:11). However, we are confident that Glen (his spirit) is alive and well in Paradise, in Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:19-31), perhaps speaking with Abraham, Lazarus and others, awaiting the great resurrection when he will hear Jesus say, "well done" and "come." (Matthew 25:21,23,34). Thanks for the good works brother and sister Fann.
James Pi Igrim

james pilgrim - March 18, 2022 at 04:34 PM

DJ

“ *Condolences are extended to the family of Minister Glendell Ray Fann in your time of grief. Please know that brothers and sisters in Christ have been and are saved by the cleansing blood of Jesus the Christ simply because Brother Fann was willingly used by Christ as an earthen vessel of humble service. Brother Fann was known to be a lifelong learner. He loved education, and his knowledge provided conversational gateways as opportunities for sharing the gospel of Christ.*

Time would fail us to count the many souls who are now absent from the body but present with the Lord because they heard and obeyed the gospel preached by this great servant of the cross. Be ye blessed, Fann Family. Special condolences are offered to Dr. Patrick Chapman as he has the humble sacred task of eulogizing this great servant of the Lord.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank M. Smith, Jr., Louisville, KY



Dr. Frank M. Smith, Jr. - March 18, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Glendell "Glen" Ray Fann.*



March 17, 2022 at 11:21 PM

GJ

“ Glenn Fann was such a wonderful man - a very good friend of my fathers, Orville Snow. May God be with the family,

Gail Jackson - March 17, 2022 at 08:01 PM



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March 17, 2022 at 06:39 PM

CS

“ Community Self Storage Staff purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Glendell "Glen" Ray Fann.



Community Self Storage Staff - March 16, 2022 at 06:31 PM

BC

“ He was among my best friends. I would call him and he would call me. I always enjoyed the time we had together. He baptized me in November of 1985. I was 11 at the time. Still laugh about the Johnson grass story used to illustrate the sermon “you reap what you sow.” I remember looking at his far side cartoons with another best friend during Vacation Bible School. I also remember hiding with Darla plus others in the Fellowship Hall so class started late. I still asked questions until the end. I rode Darla’s gocart around the church. You will be missed. Rest In Peace.

Bradley Childs - March 16, 2022 at 03:18 PM

LG

“ We are deeply saddened for your loss. Glenn touched a lot of people’s lives and was such a kind man. We know you’ll miss him. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love always, Curtis and Lorraine Gregory Mexico, NY

Lorraine Gregory - March 16, 2022 at 10:07 AM

JD

“ We are so very sorry for your loss, Judy, Darla, Andrew, Caitlin, Nathan, Catherine, & Aaron. We love you all. Glen will be greatly missed. With love, Carl, Joanne, Matthew, & Abigail

Joanne Desmartin - March 14, 2022 at 06:54 PM

SR

“ We will miss your jokes, hugs and singing. Thanks for sharing Christ’s love with us. We will truly miss you and can not wait to see you in Heaven.

Love Always, Susan and Mike Renzelman Houston, TX

Susan Renzelman - March 14, 2022 at 04:30 PM

IW

“ He is a awesome man



Inez & LARRY WINKLES - March 13, 2022 at 09:48 PM