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Steverson, Dwight Ike (1945-2021) was born in Bonifay, Florida the son of Mila and Esther Smith Steverson. He served as pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Westville, 1970-1973 and Calvary Baptist Church, Bonifay. He and his wife Carol Steverson (1944-2013) had seven children. Steverson was married to Beverly Clemmons Steverson at the time of his death.



Rev. Dwight 'Ike' Steverson

Bonifay - Rev. Dwight 'Ike' Steverson, age 75, of Bonifay, Florida passed away January 16, 2021 at his home. He was born June 30, 1945 in Bonifay, Florida to the late Mila and Esther Smith Steverson. In addition to his parents, Ike was preceded in death by his wife, Carol Steverson, one son, Dwight Steverson Jr., two brothers, Lynn Steverson and Willard Steverson, one sister, Madeline McFatter, one grandson, Austin Curry and one great-granddaughter, Brooklyn. Brother Ike is survived by his wife, Beverly Steverson of Bonifay, FL; six daughters, Emily Taylor and husband, Gary, April Strickland and husband David, Christi Curry and husband Scott, Wendy Syfrett and husband Hayward, Rachel Prescott and husband Kyle, and Rebecca Jenkins and husband Marvin all of Bonifay, FL; fourteen grandchildren, Hannah Peters, Heidi Curry and husband Garrett, Holly Taylor and husband Cory, Priscilla Isaacs, Hutch Taylor, Sierra Birge and husband Zack, Luke Strickland and wife Katie, Hope Allen and husband Coston, Courtney Syfrett, Hayden Syfrett, Spencer Prescott, Jayden Powers, and Dakota Jenkins; eleven great-grandchildren, Dawson Taylor, Lexie Taylor, Carmen Peters, Levi Curry, Lydia Curry, Isaiah Matthews, Draven Matthews, Trenton Newsome, Trace Newsome, Brinley Birge, and Easton Allen; two brothers, Leroy Steverson and wife Teen and Marshall Steverson and wife, Gerry both of Bonifay, FL; five sisters, Catherine Owens, Pauline Farmer, Corine Steverson, Maxine Bell and husband Rev. Ed, and Christine Griffin and husband Jeff all of Bonifay, FL; one stepson, Kyle Clemmons of Bonifay, FL; numerous nieces and nephews.



Dwight Ike Steverson (1945-) served as pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Westville, 1970-1973. Steverson has served as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Bonifay since 1977. He and his wife Carole have seven children. Source: Florida Baptist Historical Society files.

Dwight Steverson, better known as “Ike”, was born June 30, 1945 and has lived in Bonifay, FL all of his life. He was the 9th child of 12 in the Mila Steverson family. He graduated from Holmes County High School in 1963 where he played football, baseball and basketball. He has been married to Carole Hutchinson Steverson for the past 51 years and has 7 children, 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

For the past 48 years, Ike has been a milk and ice cream distributor. Also Brother Ike, as many people call him, has been the pastor at Calvary Baptist Church for 40 years.

Ike’s favorite pastime is being on one of his 13 Allis Chambers tractors.

He enjoys preaching, plowing and spending time visiting the sick. Ike is most known for being such a profound and wonderful Christian man.

In December 2012 he had open heart surgery with six by-passes and then developed a blood clot. He stayed in the hospital for three weeks and then was admitted to Washington Rehab and Nursing Center for rehab. He diligently worked with therapy for three weeks and was given great encouragement from members of his family and friends. Therefore, he learned to walk again and is already back preaching and plowing and is a miracle to his family.

Pleasant ~~Hill~~ Ridge Westville

Brother Ike Steverson	1970-1973
Brother Gene Speight	1973-1973
Brother Donnie Murphy	1973-1974
Brother Glynn Adams	1974-1975
Brother Thomas Miller	1975-1976
Brother Jimmy Snell	1976-1977
Brother Terry Smith	1978-1981
Brother Mack Moore	1981-1983
Brother Jim Tillman	1983-1985
Brother Wiley Owens	1985-1987
Brother Wayne Allen	1987-1988
Brother Greg Kirk (Ordained Jan. 29, 1989)	1988-1990
Brother Robert T. Haney	1990-Present

At the present time the resident church membership is sixty-six (66), non-resident twenty-three (23). Sunday School enrollment is thirty-two (32) and Discipleship Training twenty-six (26) and the Choir enrollment is twenty-one (21).

Mrs. Edith Paul, Church Clerk and Mrs. Carlene Paul, Music Director are members of the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and responsible for compiling this information for this history.

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Carole Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Steverson

1944 - 2013

Mrs. Carole Elizabeth Hutchinson Steverson, age 69, of Bonifay, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 23, 2013 at her home surrounded by family. She was born July 22, 1944 in Bonifay to the late Louis Knight and Elizabeth Sandusky Hutchinson. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Steverson was preceded in death by a son, Dwight Steverson II; a great-granddaughter, Brooklyn Paige Peoples and a sister, Martha Emily Hutchinson. Mrs. Carole is survived by her husband of 51 years, Dwight 'Ike' Steverson; six daughters, Emily Taylor and husband Gary, April Strickland and husband David, Christi Curry and husband Scott, Wendy Syfrett and husband Hayward, Rachel Prescott and Rebecca Jenkins and husband Marvin; 14 grandchildren, Hannah, Heidi, Holly Sierra, Luke, Priscilla, Hope, Austin, Courtney, Spencer, Hayden, Hutch, Jayden and Dakota; 11 great-grandchildren, Brantley, Braydon, Dawson, Carmen, Isaiah, Lexie, Trenton, Lydia, Levi, Draven and Trace; five sisters, Margaret Chesnut and husband Buddy, Mary Fowler and husband Phil, Susan Neal and husband Jim, Leah Brown and husband Doug and Polly Anna Wells and husband Jamie; step-sister, Belinda Chitty and step-mother, Betty Hutchinson. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013 at Calvary Baptist Church with Bro. Donnie Murphy, Bro. Ed Bell, Bro. Burney Enzor, Bro. Ike Steverson and Bro. Billy Watson officiating. Interment followed in the Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery with Bro. John Chance and Bro. Gary Taylor. Peel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church. The family would like to thank Covenant Hospice of Marianna for the care and love to Mrs. Carole. Memorial donations may be given to the Calvary Baptist



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