



Rev. Julian F. Walton

October 25, 1941 - September 16, 2014

Rev. Julian F. Walton, age 72, of Sweetwater passed away Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at Sweetwater Hospital. He was a graduate of Hiwassee College and Tennessee Wesleyan, and obtained his Master's of Divinity at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He served as an ordained minister in the Holston Conference of the First United Methodist Church for over fifty years including serving on the board of ordained ministers, lead several mission teams, served as campus minister, Director of the Wesley Foundation at Clinch Valley College in Wise, Virginia, and an adjunct professor of Philosophy at New River College in Dublin, Virginia. He has served as a trustee at Hiwassee College for over eight years and was a co-founder of the Sweetwater Area Ministries in Sweetwater. He was also a member of several civic organizations. He proudly served as an elected commissioner for the city of Sweetwater since 2009 serving as Parks and Recreation Director.

Proceeded in death by his mother Jewell Early Walton, brother: Doyle Walton, Jr., son: Julian F. (Jay) Walton II, father and step-mother; Doyle G. and Pauline Walton.

Survivors include his wife of 11 years Dolores Shope Walton, of Sweetwater, sons: Christopher and Vince Walton, children and spouse: Becky and Jason Upton, Robin and Rick Bowden, Brian and Beth Shope, brother and sister-in-law: Dennis and Yvonne Walton, all of Sweetwater, sisters and brother-in-law: Becky and David Autry, Knoxville, Rhonda and Benny Sims, Townsend, eight grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, special friends: Lamar and

Judy Hughes.

A celebration of life serve will be conducted on Sunday, September 21, 2014, at 4:00P.M. at the First United Methodist Church of Sweetwater with Rev. Mike Hubble, Rev. Charles Maynard, eulogy by Jim Stutts. Visitation will follow in the Family Life Center of the Church.

In lieu of flowers memorial may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Sweetwater Building Fund. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater is in charge of all the arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 21. 4:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
501 Church St.
Sweetwater, TN

Visitation

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Tribute Wall

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“ Our family received the news of Rev. Waltons passing from a friend in Maryville, TN. Since then my mind has been flooded with memories of a small girl in elementary school, moving over Christmas break to a new home in Pulaski, VA where we would all be together as a new family ... that's when Rev. Walton became my Daddy. Walking into mine and my sister's room for the first time, my new Dad had painted all our furniture fresh and white. I loved it instantly, and I loved him instantly too. Over the years, we moved many times, and I attended many schools, as most preachers kids do, and each time I was always so proud to be his daughter. I remember being especially proud when he gave the invocation at my high school graduation. Julian is the only Father I remember having, and I'm forever thankful for the memories from Pound and Pulaski, VA, to Chattanooga, Erwin, Powell, Maryville and especially my parents home in Crossville, TN, where we shared many great Christmas's and he could just be Dad to Alisa, Vince, Chris and me; and Pappy to Zachary, Aubrey and Wyatt. And finally, I'm especially grateful for being raised in the church where my Daddy was always my Pastor. In celebration of Julian's life, I'm celebrating the 27yrs he was such a big part of mine.

Vicki Smith, Cookeville TN

Vicki Smith - September 19, 2014 at 11:16 AM

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Julian F. Walton may have been my legal stepfather. But he was no daddy to me. He molested me when I was 16 years old and forever changed the course of my life.

Alisa Ashouri - November 17, 2017 at 09:45 AM

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“ *Delores and family,
We are sure going to miss him. We so enjoyed his sense of humor
and words of wisdom. Julian had such a presence about him. City
hall just won't be the same.*

Hayley, Jessica, Shannon and Sonya

Sonya crush - September 18, 2014 at 12:07 PM

JE

“ *julian,you have meant so much to me and my family. all my love and prayers are sent to your family and of course delores.if she needs anything she will just need to give us a call. also thanks for doing Stans service. it was special as you were. love and prayers*

Joyce and Bill

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joyce edmondson - September 17, 2014 at 04:59 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Rev. Julian F. Walton.



September 17, 2014 at 04:40 PM



“ Julian was a wonderful friend. I will always remember his quick with, love for the Lord, his wonderful support and the brave way he ran his race to the finish. He was a dedicated public servant as he loved his community and the people of Sweetwater. I will greatly miss his friendship, but rejoice that he is now at home with the Lord. Becky and my prayers are with you in this time of loss.
Walt (Spunk) Bowman

Walt Bowman - September 17, 2014 at 03:12 PM



So sorry for your loss Delores. Will be thinking about you. Nadene Kyle

nadene kyle - September 19, 2014 at 02:33 PM