



Earl W. Cannedy

April 1, 1932 - February 20, 2021

Dateline: Godfrey

Earl W. Cannedy, 88, died at 10:15 p.m. Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Morningside of Godfrey. Born April 1, 1932 in Rockbridge, IL, he was the son of Howard and Cleeta (Plogger) Cannedy. Mr. Cannedy served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church in Alton. He was a member of Gideons International since February 1972 and served in various offices over the years. In 1995 he retired from the Winchester Division of the Olin Corporation. On December 29, 1951 he married the former Marcella Hill at the Greenfield Baptist Church. She preceded him in death on April 10, 2007. Surviving is a sister, Ruth Fergurson (Ronald) of Greenfield, IL and several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul Cannedy and John Wesley Cannedy. Visitation will be Wednesday, February 24th, from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:30 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Alton. Services can be viewed via live stream on the Calvary Baptist Church web site at calvarycares4u.org. Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. Reverend Andre' Dobson will officiate. Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church or the Gideons International. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery

Rose Lawn Memory Gardens

Bethalto, IL, 62010

Events

FEB **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:30AM

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Calvary Baptist Church

1422 Washington Ave., Alton, IL, US

FEB **Funeral** 11:30AM

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Comments



“ Sorry to read of Earl's passing Earl and I went to high school together alot of years ago there aren't many of us left Another class mate just buried her husband Monday .Earl was one great guy liked by the school and his future wife. My Sympathy to his family Mary Melvin Gray-Fox

Mary Gray-Fox - February 24 at 02:59 PM



“ Uncle Earl was always the Kevin Hill kid's favorite uncle. We loved his sense of fun as children and when we all grew up his love continued to shine bright for our family with his wisdom and humor. He was the kindest, wisest man and a true blessing to all of those he touched with his giving spirit. My heart sings for him now that he is with Aunt Marcella in heaven. Kathy "Boo" Hill Bossert, Scottsdale AZ

Kathy Bossert - February 24 at 11:53 AM



“ Earl Cannedy had the wonderful quality of allowing those around him to feel included and truly cared about. I experienced his warmth of spirit and generosity on many occasions. I enjoyed his brand of humor and had many a good laugh related to fun stories and sayings. I witnessed his love for Marcella and his devotion to her was inspiring. I know that he was a man of great faith and I am comforted spiritually knowing he is united with his savior and his wife.

Pamela Hill - February 24 at 10:06 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earl W. Cannedy.



February 23 at 04:34 PM



“ Uncle Earl was an uncle you could only wish for. While he and Aunt Marcella never were blessed with children, they played a role in the lives of all of their nieces and nephews. Uncle Earl was kind, supportive, funny, good-natured, generous and always had time for us. He married the love of his life in Marcella, and his devotion to her and his unwavering faith still inspires us all to be better people. He is with Marcella now and i am sure that they are enjoying being together again.

Alan Fergurson - February 23 at 01:27 PM



“ There is a special place in my memory reserved for my Uncle Earl. One of the common denominators among the many accounts those touched by him reflect on is his sense of humor. I've missed receiving the Far Side calendar pages tucked into correspondence from him. Many of the memories provoked by his passing are probably too personal for this forum. But it's worth emphasizing that his kind support and compassion have helped us over many a hurdle. His analytical personality was used to offer some precious perspective. What I most value is that his impact not only influenced me but also enveloped another generation- my children. He'll be winding up the cuckoo clock in heaven now.

Mike Hill - February 21 at 10:57 PM



“ Earl was a great man. My momma was very sick and he would come to the hospital almost everyday to pray with her. It gave her peace. He was such a thoughtful man. Earl you will be missed.

Kimberly McGibany - February 21 at 08:47 PM



“ Brother Earl was such a welcome visitor when my husband, Len, had his stroke. He was in St. Clair’s Rehab, and Len received a visit from Earl every day he was there. I know he touched many lives throughout his life, but he was such a welcome friend to us in an uncertain time in our lives. We will dearly miss him! See you soon, Bro. Earl!
—Len and Mary Fisher

Mary Fisher - February 21 at 06:12 PM



“ Earl was a true friend and example of a serving Christian. He was our Sunday School teacher when we joined Calvary. But only for a short time because he encouraged us to leave and serve outside of our class.
He was my mom and dad’s teacher for many years later on. Every Saturday he would call and check on them. They could almost set their clock by his call.
We were also blessed by his hospital visits even before he was the Hospital Ministry. But for us he was a prayer partner and mentor for one of our sons for years. He prayed for him always and they grew to have a special bond. There were three men that were part of that prayer group. Earl was the last so hoping he can let the others know that this kid turned out to be a fine man, dad and father.
Earl will be missed but so glad that he had met Jesus. I am sure he heard the words, “Well done good and faithful servant!”. We are richer for having known him and serving with him.

Sally Chapman - February 21 at 06:39 PM



“ We will miss Brother Earl. His sense of humor was a true blessing to so many. As family would wait while loved ones were in surgery, you would see Earl no matter how early. His sweet and caring encouragement always brought some peace into the room. Earl was a committed servant with an obvious call on his life. I can only imagine the conversations being shared in heaven. It is bitter sweet to say goodbye for now, but celebrating his homegoing with a full heart. Praying for memories to sustain family left here.

Patty Lane - February 21 at 07:18 PM



“ Gratitude when offered to a beloved friend or relative extends beyond the bounds of the intimacy you share. I loved my Uncle Earl Cannedy. But I am relentlessly grateful for the Godly gifts he humbly and easily shared. I saw within him the kind smile of his mother who we all knew as “Mother” Cannedy. I heard the sharp laugh and ever-present humor of his father “Pappy Cannedy” who taught me to play checkers. I am grateful to his Sister Ruth and Brothers Paul, John and their wives and husbands who were always loving and kind. I am thankful for the many pastors who gave him the Spiritual foundation he willingly shared. I give thanks for his assurance of his salvation and belief in Christ as the author of that salvation. I give thanks for his many friends who gave him joy that he shared with everyone.

I give thanks for his sweet wife, my aunt Marcella who left this world before him and with whom Uncle Earl is once more united. I give thanks for all he offered to my mother Maxine, Marcella’s little sister and Kevin her brother. I give thanks for their husband and wives as they loved, respected, and cared for Uncle Earl deeply. I give thanks for his many nephews and nieces who always received the exact same gift at Christmas. They changed his life and he changed ours. I give thanks for all who touched Uncle Earl’s life. They helped make the man that sometimes knowingly and often unknowingly made the greatest impact on my life and I believe all who had ears to hear his quiet words. Words he offered while making

you feel as if you were the most important person in the room. He is gone from this world. And as the Hymnist Isaac Watts said, "I no longer care for this world, nor can it care for me. I am with my Lord." But, I will miss him till we meet again. Until then I give thanks for this great and humble man. Charles (Chuck) Higgins

Charles L Higgins - February 22 at 01:43 PM



“ Earl was one of the most kind and compassionate people I've known...and funny too. He always took such an interest in the lives of others, mine included, and was as selfless as anyone could be. He was a pure joy to be around and was always good for a witty comment which was hard not to laugh at. I know he is in a better place now but will be dearly missed.

Patrick Keyes - February 23 at 09:07 AM



“ Uncle Earl will always hold a special place in my heart. My dad (Kevin Hill) described him as the brother in-law you would have if you had a choice. The same applies to my uncle...no room for improvement. He was filled with kindness, wit, intelligence, loyalty, generosity and love.

Uncle Earl and Aunt Marcella were always there to celebrate special moments in our lives. That didn't stop when we graduated and started life as adults. When I had triplet infants and a 2 year old, they travelled to our home in Bermuda to lend a hand, allowing some much needed rest for weary parents. We still laugh at Uncle Earl's brief attempt at snorkeling. He placed his masked face in the ocean, took in a nose full of salt water, lifted his head and said "nope"...that was it for him 😊. We loved his willingness to try whatever crazy activities we had planned for him...most ending with many laughs.

For many years, we traveled down I55 to visit my in-laws. Uncle Earl would meet us for a picnic lunch, coffee at Panera or fresh air at a rest stop. I'm so thankful for the time he made to connect with my family.

Uncle Earl has been there for me through some very difficult times. I've always felt his love and trusted his wisdom.

Uncle Earl told me more than once " my spiritual bags are packed and I'm ready to go". I know he is happy to be with Aunt Marcella again. They are true soul mates and a love story for the ages I will miss your jokes and that wonderful laugh. There are sure to be many more smiles in heaven.

Jan Hill Gadbois - February 23 at 03:34 PM



“ I am so grateful for Earl's friendship and his consistent Christian witness! I first met him when he came to our church for a Gideons presentation. Over the years, he made many of those visits, and I also had regular conversations with him at Nautilus, the health club to which we both belonged. Earl always had a smile and a humorous remark to share, and often our discussion would involve spiritual matters.

I look forward to many more conversations with Earl in heaven. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Mark Scandrett - February 24 at 10:28 AM