

Wilbur Eugene Harbaugh

February 1, 1928 - May 6, 2011

The Reverend Wilbur Eugene Harbaugh went home to be with his Lord May 6, 2011, while in the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital, Columbia, Missouri, at the age of 83 years, 3 months and 5 days. We have no doubt he was welcomed into the open arms of his Savior with “well done my good and faithful servant.”

One of two sons of the late Henry A. and Bertha Mae (Benson) Harbaugh, Reverend Harbaugh was born February 1, 1928 in Hutchinson, Kansas. His brother, Herbert and daughter Kathleen also preceded him in death.

Wilbur grew up in Hutchinson where he and his younger brother often played in the Coffee Plant his father operated. He spoke fondly of football days. He was starting right guard and place kicker for the Hutchinson High School Salt Hawks 1946 Kansas State Champions.

He graduated from Hutchinson High School later that year and completed two years of under-graduate study at Ottawa College where he also lettered in football. Wilbur also played football for the U.S. Marine Corps.

From 1948 to 1952, Wilbur served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps. Staff Sergeant Harbaugh served on Guam, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and Parris Island, South Carolina. Upon completion of his military service, Reverend Harbaugh

earned his under-graduate degree from Wayland College in Plainview, Texas in 1954. He surrendered to the call of the Lord to the ministry and in 1957, received his Bachelor of Theology from the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Reverend Harbaugh was the founding pastor of First Baptist Church in Jasper, Indiana -- a large, active church which has ministered to the community continuously since 1958. He then came to Missouri, serving as Pastor at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Bucklin; Bethany Baptist in Marceline; and the First Baptist in Doniphan. Upon coming to Pulaski County, he pastored First Baptist Church of Waynesville from July, 1964 to September, 1983 and later started the Gateway Southern Baptist Church in St. Robert, where he led his ministry until his death.

Pastor Harbaugh was an avid supporter of his community motivated to help others. He worked extensively with the Salvation Army and American Red Cross. He was the organizer of the Saints and Sinners basketball games from 1972-1982 to raise money for the American Red Cross. He was named the 1996 Waynesville/St. Robert Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, designated by the Missouri House of Representatives, House Resolution 93. In 2007 he was the recipient of the American Red Cross Everyday Hero Award, Phelps/Pulaski Service Unit. In 2009 he was honored by the Salvation Army for over twenty years of service. Reverend Harbaugh also worked with the Fort Leonard Wood Chaplains, Pulaski County Ministerial Alliance and was a member of the Missouri Southern Baptist Convention.

Reverend Harbaugh leaves to cherish his memory, his children: Cynthia Breyfogle (Bill) of Asheville, NC and David Harbaugh (Kathy) of St. Robert, MO and their mother: Charlotte Harbaugh of Beaufort, SC; three grandchildren: Gerram Mathews (Leah), April Grosvenor (Steve) and Kale Harbaugh; four great grandchildren: Darien, Riley, and Regan Grosvenor and

Isaac Mathews; very dear friend: Kitty Scott of Waynesville, MO; other relatives and a host of friends.

Memorial services with military honors were held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2011 in the Maranatha Baptist Church of St. Robert with Pastor Keith Carnahan officiating. Pianist Mark Rowden provided music for the visitation prior to the service and also the prelude. The congregation was led in singing "Because He Lives" and "Standing on the Promises". Soloist Maria Mesa sang "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and Soloist Matt Mathews was accompanied by Pianist Laura Mathews as he sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus". David Lowe gave a beautiful eulogy and Pastor Roger Wright gave the dismissal prayer. Military honors were provided by the Missouri Honors Team.

Private family burial was held at Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are requested in memory Rev. Wilbur Harbaugh to the Pulaski County Salvation Army and may be left at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Maranatha Baptist Church
200 Acorn Drive
St. Robert, MO

Service

MAY 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

Maranatha Baptist Church
200 Acorn Drive
St. Robert, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Wilbur Eugene Harbaugh*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wilbur Eugene Harbaugh*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Joanne & I well remember when Wilbur, Muriel, Marge & Glen- Rose stayed at our home in Sept 1997. Carmel IN.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless the entire family & many friends.

Warmly in Christ,

Dr. Gene Kimble##imported-begin##Dr. Gene Kimble##imported-end##

June 05, 2011 at 10:37 PM



“ Dear family, we are sorry we were out of town when Wilbur Harbaugh died and we missed the funeral. He was a legend in this community! He was such a valiant crusader for Christ! He lived his life well to the glory of God. He made so many contributions that we all were blessed by his faithfulness. May he continue to inspire all those who knew him.##imported-begin##Annette & Bill Catts##imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 01:30 AM



“ Dear Cindy,

So sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I know he will be sadly missed.

Judy##imported-begin##Judy Harmon##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 09:41 PM



“ Dear Cindy and David

Your Dad was so VERY SPECIAL !

How grateful we are, that the Lord had our paths of life come together on earth --As our Pastor for many many years--As a worker in many civic organizations--As a co-worker in the Salvation Army, and of course --As a personal friend.

We Thank the Lord for his witness and the Life he Lived for the Lord. We look forward to seeing him again in Heaven ! May Our Lord continue to comfort you both and your families##imported-begin##Dr. Carl & Jackie Larson##imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 08:53 PM



“ *Dear Cindy:
So sorry to hear about your father passing away. It's been a long hard road and hopefully he is at peace. If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to ask. My condolences to you and all your family.*

*Regards,
Jan Murphy##imported-begin##Janet Murphy##imported-end##*

May 13, 2011 at 03:04 PM



“ *Cynthia and Bill, We are sad to hear of the loss of your father and father-in-law.*

You will be in our prayers.

God bless you both.##imported-begin##Bob and Jeanne Coats##imported-end##

May 12, 2011 at 09:28 AM



“ *Cindy and David and Families*

We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and may God comfort you. Your father married us 40 years ago this July. We got see him last year at Waynesville.##imported-begin##Jerry and Joyce Tonroy##imported-end##

May 11, 2011 at 12:26 PM



“ Cindy, David, Kitty and family. I'm so sorry for your loss, and I'm sorry I couldn't make it to the viewing yesterday. I will miss Wilbur, he was an amazing man. I know that he is where he wanted to be, at the feet of Jesus. God bless you and comfort you in your time of loss. Janice and Meggan Howell.##imported-begin##Janice Howell##imported-end##

May 11, 2011 at 10:06 AM



“ Oh my I assumed he would live forever. Never could imagine planet earth without him on it! He was my pastor 1972 to 1977. My mom and dad was in the bus ministry. My dad would pick up soldiers then kids and bring them to first baptist church. I was baptized in the Roubidoux by Pastor Harbaugh. Corky Arnone was my Childrens church teacher at the time! Love him! We will miss him!##imported-begin##Janet (Ruiz) Phillips##imported-end##

May 11, 2011 at 08:51 AM



“ Cindy and David - we wish to express our sympathy to you and your families. Wilbur was our pastor at Bethany Baptist Church and we remember your family so fondly. Your dad was a great leader and your mom's singing was beautiful! Our children were Kenny and Mindy Farris - you might remember them.
Our sympathy and prayers,
James and Ruth##imported-begin##James and Ruth Farris##imported-end##

May 10, 2011 at 10:30 PM



“ Cindy, Dave and Family members,
Just wanted to express our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your father. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Belinda and James Sands##imported-end##

May 10, 2011 at 04:56 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you are in our prayers.

Cynthia##imported-begin##Cynthia Griffin##imported-end##

May 10, 2011 at 03:33 PM



“ Your father married my husband and I Jan. 14, 1961 at Bethany Baptist in Marceline, MO. It was so good seeing him at Bethany's 50th Celebration. He was a visitor on behalf of the Lord & most likely the Lord has put him and Eddie on the visitation committee, Baptist are known for their committees. Praying, asking the Lord to give each of you the peace that passes all understanding. Say Hi to your mother for me. Maxine Smith##imported-begin##Maxine Smith##imported-end##

May 10, 2011 at 03:09 PM



“ May God grant you the peace of knowing your loved one is at rest and no longer suffering. Your loved one will live on through his loving acts of kindness and the many lives he touched.##imported-begin##Pam Seda##imported-end##

May 10, 2011 at 01:36 PM



“ *Rev. Harbaugh I remember as a kind, quiet and generous man. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Charli and Mike Hartley##imported-end##*

May 10, 2011 at 01:27 PM



“ *Cynthia and family,*

Our prayers are with you as you mourn the death of your father. I pray God's grace be with you as you remember and celebrate his life and the eternal joy of resurrection hope!##imported-begin##Rev. Gerald Davis##imported-end##

May 10, 2011 at 01:16 PM



“ *Rev Harbaugh was truly one of the most generous and humble men I have had the honor to meet. Peace be with you and yours.##imported-begin##Pauline Mink##imported-end##*

May 10, 2011 at 10:53 AM



“ *David and Family,*

He had an amazingly devoted life. Thanks to your Dad, my Dad and your Dad are able to once again spend time talking. As I remember his visits to our house throughout my childhood, and seeing what a brave determine soul he was praying with my Dad, for many years. I am so very Thankful for all that he has done for us all.##imported-begin##John Ely##imported-end##

May 10, 2011 at 12:41 AM



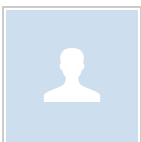
“ David, Cindy, and family, You are all in my thoughts and prayers as you travel through this time of loss. Bro. Wilbur was a man that loved and honored our Lord and had a grand reception waiting for him in heaven. Soon your sadness will turn to happy memories-he will be waiting for you.....##imported-begin##Shirley (Willits) Stanley##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 09:00 PM



“ Dear Dave, Cindy and Family, I am so very sad to hear of Brother Harbaugh's passing. HE is my first memory of going to church and I was probably 2-3 years old. I can later remember him baptizing me in the old sanctuary at First Baptist like it was yesterday. He was such a kind, gentle man, especially when all of us little kids were running around him and tugging on his sleeve to tell him what we learned in Sunday School and VBC. I thank God for him and the way he led me to Salvation. I pray that your memories of him will comfort you at this time. ~Theresa~##imported-begin##Theresa Hill Clay##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 06:48 PM



“ Our thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Phil & Anna Player##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 05:49 PM



“Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.”

- Psalm 30:5

We celebrate a life well lived with you, now complete and in absolute joy with our beautiful Savior. We look forward to knowing your Daddy in heaven.##imported-begin##MaryAnn, Erik, Tristan and Liam Curl##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 05:25 PM



“Please know that we are praying for you and your family at this time.

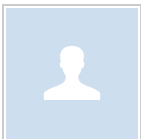
Terry Wyatt, Local 446##imported-begin##Terry Wyatt##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 05:21 PM



“Our prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Brad & Mary Rice##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 12:08 PM



“We are praying for your family.##imported-begin##Dr. Dennis and Ann Crowder##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 11:08 AM



“ *Cindy, so sorry for your loss. Rev Harbaugh will be missed.##imported-begin##Don and Dottie Hutchsion##imported-end##*

May 09, 2011 at 10:41 AM



“ *Matthew 11:25-30
Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*

*Praying for your Peace and light,
Pam##imported-begin##Pam Alexander##imported-end##*

May 09, 2011 at 10:34 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Pat Hudson##imported-end##*

May 09, 2011 at 10:33 AM



“ *What a rich and full life Wilbur had. He will be missed. Though I never personally met him, I dd speak with him on the phone as the connection between Salvation Army Midland Division and Pulaski County. He was a "dear". Vinita Ledesma, Secretary to Nancy Faulkner##imported-begin##Vinta Ledesma##imported-end##*

May 09, 2011 at 10:13 AM



“ Harbaugh family,
I was so very saddened to hear about the death of your dad, he was a remarkable person. I remember when he preached at First Baptist, seems like only yesterday. Now he is being rewarded for all of the wonderful acts that he did while living on this earth. May you be at peace by remembering all of the good times.##imported-begin##Pamela Cox##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 09:56 AM



“ Our thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family as you journey through this time togheter...##imported-begin##Darlene Fore and Husband Reggie CGVAMC##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 09:11 AM



“ Ms. Breyfogle,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Linda##imported-begin##Linda Hoffman##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 08:32 AM



“ Please accept our condolences for your loss. Rev Harbaugh is with His Lord now.##imported-begin##Ken Strum##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 08:15 AM



“ My love and prayers are with your wonderful family!##imported-begin##Clara Ichord##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 08:08 AM



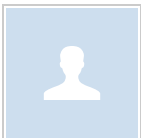
“ You and your family are in my prayers...may God's peace bring you comfort during this difficult time. Take solace in that for you this is a time of mourning but for your father it is a time of celebration...a Home coming with his Savior, Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##Terry Schmidt##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 07:01 AM



“ We have known Bro Wilbur from way way back. What a wonderful faithful servant he was. I feel sure God has a very special place and job for him in his new home. Blessings and our condolences to his family. Norman and Marjorie.##imported-begin##Norman and Marjorie Stoll##imported-end##

May 08, 2011 at 10:33 PM



“ Brother Harbaugh baptized me many many years ago, I remember him as a kind and gentle soul. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time.##imported-begin##Sandy (Stacey) Mccarrie##imported-end##

May 08, 2011 at 08:29 PM



“ Our prayers and caring are extended to the family of this loving man who worked with such caring in the Waynesville community and for the Salvation Army.

Special love message to Kitty Scott who was such an encouraging friend and kind piano teacher to Cynthia.

We are living at Lake of the Ozarks near Warsaw and enjoying our retirement. Cynthia is active in church choir, loves playing ragtime piano music and walking along the Warsaw river walk. Dave is active in Lions Club, Church and loves fishing.

Best wishing to the family and all our Waynesville friends.

With sympathy,

Cynthia & Dave Bolinger##imported-begin##Cynthia & Dave Bolinger, Warsaw, MO##imported-end##

May 08, 2011 at 05:45 PM



“ I worry for our community as we lose such giants as Ray Cordry and Wilbur Harbaugh. I hope and pray there are younger men to take their place. Rev. Harbaugh was truly a "Father Theresa" to the Waynesville community. His influence and work will be missed by all of us. Rest in peace, Rev. Harbaugh. You ran the race and finished it well.##imported-begin##Luge Hardman##imported-end##

May 08, 2011 at 03:51 PM



“ Family of Rev. Harbaugh, we have loss another great community leader. I know the Salvation Army will miss him very much as he was so devoted to that cause. You will be in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this very difficult time. May the Lord lay his hand upon you and bring you comfort. God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Marge and Gordon Scott##imported-end##

May 08, 2011 at 02:23 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of yur father and grandfather. Our thoughts, prayers, and love are with you as you travel down this very hard road. He was a good man and I loved him with all of my heart.##imported-begin##Sue and Ray Keeney##imported-end##

May 07, 2011 at 08:24 PM



“ Dear Cindy, David and all,
I always appreciated Bro. Harbaugh as pastor and friend. I'm sorry for your loss. I didn't know that he was sick. Having lost both my parents, I can certainly sympathize with you. I pray God will comfort and sustain all of you.
1 Peter 5:7
Love and prayers,
Mary##imported-begin##Mary Morgan##imported-end##

May 07, 2011 at 06:08 PM



“ Dear Family,

You are truly in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. We have come to know and care for Brother Harbaugh through our times with the Salvation Army. He was such a kind, considerate man. We will continue our prayers for each of you in the days ahead. May you all know the peace that only God can give in times like these.##imported-begin##Martin and Georgia White##imported-end##

May 07, 2011 at 05:46 PM