



Rev. Randall Cone

September 21, 1936 - September 26, 2022

Rev. Dean Randall Cone, age 86, went home to be with the Lord, for Whom he served for 59 years, on September 26, 2022 at his residence.

Randall was born September 21, 1936 in Independence, IA, the son of Floyd Nathan and Edith Louise (St. John) Cone. Growing up, Randall attended school in Independence and was Valedictorian of his graduating class in 1955. He began his college career at Iowa State, majoring in Chemistry, prior to answering the call to the Christian ministry, at which time he left Iowa State and enrolled in University of Dubuque, where he earned his Bachelors of Arts as well as his M.Div. He was examined and soon ordained in 1963 at his home church, First Presbyterian Church of Independence, IA.

Randall served the following churches throughout his ministry: First Presbyterian Church of Wellsville, MO (1963-1968); First Presbyterian Church of Farber and Mount Olivet Presbyterian Church of Vandalia (1968-1974); First Presbyterian Church of Odessa and First Presbyterian Church of Holden, MO (1974-1986); Jacoby Chapel of Warrensburg, MO; First Presbyterian Church of Louisiana, MO (1986-2006), at which time he retired.

In retirement he continued to serve these churches: Elmwood Presbyterian Church; Ladonna and Central Union Churches from 2007 until 2020 when his health began to decline. He frequently would preach and also play the piano for the hymns at services.

Besides being a minister, Randall was actively involved in his communities. He served on the boards for North East Community Action Corp. (N.E.C.A.C.)

as Secretary, as well as served on the Louisiana Housing Authority Board. Randall belonged to the following organizations: Lions Club, Rotary Club, Optimist Club; Sons of the American Revolution; Ministerial Alliance and the Louisiana Historical Preservation Society. In 2018 he was honored as the Grand Marshall for the 200th year celebration of Louisiana.

In his spare time Randall had a deep interest in Genealogy and stamp collecting. Randall fell in love with Northeast Missouri and loved to read all of the local papers for announcements, recognitions and life events. He often times clipped newspaper articles and cataloged them for any future needs. Many would consider Randall the good shepherd for his spiritual, emotional and devout love and care for the people of Northeast, Missouri.

Randall's legacy will be felt within Northeast, Missouri and the Presbyterian Church for years to come.

Left to carry on his legacy are his surviving family members: nieces Valerie Ruth (Blaisdell) Presdee and Sarah Jane (Blaisdell) Dittmer; nephews David Scott Blaisdell and John Milton Blaisdell; brother-in-law Rev. Russell Carter Blaisdell; cousin Glendora Cone.

He was preceded in death by the following family: parents, brother US Army Sgt. John Milton Cone (1943-1969), who was killed in action with the 1st Air Cavalry while leading his patrol in the jungle west of Saigon, Vietnam; sister Anita Faye (Cone) Blaisdell; uncle and aunt Delbert and Nina (St. John) Pidgeon; cousin Dale Brown.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, September 30, 2022 at the First Presbyterian Church of Louisiana, with Rev. Jay Ayers officiating.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 pm until time of services at the church.

Randall's wishes were to be cremated and his cremains will be buried alongside his parents and brother at the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Independence, IA.

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc. in Louisiana is in charge of arrangements.

Suggested donations in lieu of flowers may be directed to the J. Milton Cone Scholarship Fund in care of Iowa State University Foundation, 2520 University

Boulevard, Ames, IA 50010, as well as the First Presbyterian Church in
Louisiana, MO.

Online condolences may be left at www.collierfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
121 S. 8th Street
Louisiana, MO

Memorial Service

SEP 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

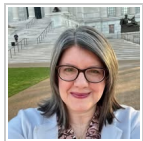
First Presbyterian Church
121 S. 8th Street
Louisiana, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev Cone was a fixture in my family since my father was a kid in Wellsville. He officiated my parents' wedding. Every year we would go out to Missouri and we'd have to make a special stop to see him. I remember his love of investigation, and he always seemed to be running around, busy. I could never imagine him sitting still. I also remember his collection of Mad Magazines and National Geographics. Rev Cone will be missed.*

Patrick Crouch - June 30, 2023 at 04:08 PM



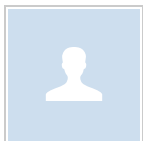
“ *Sending condolences and deepest sympathies on behalf of the Williams family. Randall was a long-time friend of our family. My father, Rev. James Williams, was a Presbyterian pastor and worked with Randall in many pastorates throughout their careers. I remember celebrating holidays together. I had the wonderful opportunity to play on his vintage piano at one particular Christmas gathering in his home. He will be greatly missed and was a true beacon of light for all that knew and worshipped with him. Blessings to you all~Dr. Cynthia Williams Phelps, Selma Williams, and John Williams*

Cynthia Phelps - November 14, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ *Rev. Randall Cone*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Rev. Randall Cone*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM

MT

“ Our family considered Randall a wonderful friend. We first met him when my grandparents lived in Wellsville, MO. Our family had ties to Mt. Olivet and were there several times for special events. At one of these, my great uncle, Warren Butts, played his water glasses. Years later I was on the NECAC board with Randall and he asked if I would like to have a tape he had of that event. Unfortunately he never got it to me. He has always been a special person to me. I was sorry to hear of his passing. Had I known in time, I would have attended his funeral. You have my sympathy.

Mary Thomad - October 07, 2022 at 06:00 PM

SP

“ Our sincere condolences for Rev. Randall Cone’s family. He was our pastor until his retirement, and also served on my husband’s board at NECAC. He will always be in our memories as a warm and caring pastor, and will be greatly missed by our community.

Sherri & Don Patrick - October 04, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ Randall was my minister in Farber my last 2 years of high school at Vandalia. He had a big influence on my life. He gave me an appreciation of classical music and started me on my spiritual path. I owe much to him for helping shape me into the person I am today. He will be greatly missed.

Garrett Johnson - October 03, 2022 at 11:39 AM

PG

“ Randall was our minister at Farber Presbyterian Church and he did a lot with the youth group. One thing I remember Randall saying “you don’t hate anyone, you dislike their actions “. Prayer to the family

Penny Foree Gottschalk - October 02, 2022 at 04:01 PM

RS

“ *The family has my sincere condolences.*



Renee Sevier - September 30, 2022 at 11:26 PM

SW

“ *Scott Wenger sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Randall Cone*



Scott Wenger - September 30, 2022 at 04:35 AM

SA

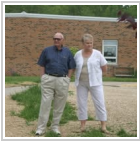
“ *Our condolences go out to Rev. Cone's family and friends. He was a staple in the Louisiana, MO community offering his services, words of wisdom, time, and always a smile and warm welcome. Rest in peace Randall Cone.*

Sue and Raymond Abel - September 29, 2022 at 10:26 PM

PC

“ One of the first services Rev. Cone performed after coming to Louisiana was my grandmother’s funeral (Mrs Raymond Lee Carroll). He then performed the services for my uncle, Willard D Carroll and presided over the Eagle Scout Award Ceremony for my cousin, David L Carroll. When David married Kelly Burris, Rev. Cone performed their marriage ceremony which was the last marriage celebrated in Buffalo Church. He also officiated at Kelly’s funeral following her untimely death. The Carroll family deeply appreciates Rev. Cone’s kindness and guidance during those times.
Pamela Carroll

pamela carroll - September 29, 2022 at 09:08 PM



“ Randall visited everyone at the hospital, he visited more than anyone else. Always there for you. A friendly smile and cheerful Hello. He will be missed. *Lona Wallace*

Lona Wallace - September 29, 2022 at 12:57 PM

CB

“ Cheryl Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Rev. Randall Cone



Cheryl Bradshaw - September 29, 2022 at 12:10 PM

WL

“ I will always be grateful for Randall's wisdom, diligence, compassion, and generosity in giving his time and attention to drive to Moberly and meet every month during the first year I re-entered ministry in 2008. He served God and cared for so many across our presbytery. I am included in that cloud of witnesses to his faithfulness. Rev. Wally Landrum, Moberly

Wallis Landrum - September 29, 2022 at 11:51 AM

RW

“ Sympathy to the family of Randall. Randall was under care of FPC, Independence, IA while my Father, Dean T. Waychoff, was the pastor. Randall would always tell everyone that he has known me for a very long time as I was probably 4 or 5 when I met him. Faithful servant of God; much love to family and friends during this time, but joy in the eternal life that Randall is now enjoying!!

Rev. Mary Ellen Waychoff - September 29, 2022 at 11:24 AM

RW

It is Rev. Mary Ellen Waychoff

Rev. Mary Ellen Waychoff - September 29, 2022 at 11:25 AM

CE

“ My condolences to his family. He was an awesome man and friend as well. Will be greatly missed by many. May he rest in peace. Until we meet again.



Carmen Elledge - September 29, 2022 at 10:31 AM

BD

“ *Barbara Dulle lit a candle in memory of Rev. Randall Cone*



Barbara Dulle - September 29, 2022 at 08:30 AM

DH

“ *Deb And Sheldon Howland lit a candle in memory of Rev. Randall Cone*



Deb and Sheldon Howland - September 29, 2022 at 08:17 AM

TM

“ *Rev Cone was a remarkable man. A heart full of kindness. May you be at rest
My deepest condolences*



Tammi Ries Mcpike - September 29, 2022 at 08:11 AM

SH

“ *May peace be with you 🙏 You were a wonderful man and you will never be forgotten!!! You married Sheldon and I 33 years ago and we are still going strong! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family!!! #wonderfulman*

Sheldon and Deb Howland - September 29, 2022 at 07:55 AM

SM

“ *Sammy Meyers lit a candle in memory of Rev. Randall Cone*



Sammy meyers - September 28, 2022 at 08:40 PM