



John Peavy Meacham

October 22, 1951 - January 15, 2023

John Peavy Meacham was called to his heavenly home on Sunday, January 15, 2023, on a crisp and clear morning. He was 71.

John was born October 22, 1951, and grew up in Hickory, North Carolina. John remembered fondly his youth in Hickory, especially days spent at the Hickory Community Center with his brothers and friends. John played many sports during his childhood and was a highly accomplished swimmer, winning MVP of the citywide Hickory swim team in 1963.

John graduated from Hickory High School in 1970 and from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1974. John earned his CPA license after graduating from UNC and worked in the business and accounting fields his entire career.

He married Lela Sue Felts, also from Hickory, and they had two sons, Brian Duncan Meacham and James Rankin Meacham. After a few years in Charlotte, the family moved to Garner, where Brian and James were raised by their loving parents.

John's greatest loves and passions were Christ Jesus and being a father. He especially had a love for the First Presbyterian Church of Garner, the church in which his sons were raised. John spent many years serving First Presbyterian as a Sunday School teacher, Session member, leader of the Men of the Church, and in other volunteer roles. John was named the church's Man of the Year in 1997. John later served as Lay Pastor for several churches in the greater Garner area and also wrote multiple books on Christianity.

In addition to his active church life, John devoted countless hours to supporting community organizations in Garner. He served as President of the Garner Educational Foundational and coached many youth sports teams. Among the family's most cherished memories are of Saturday basketball games in the Garner Optimist league.

John was very fond of his sons and their spouses, Melissa and Sarah, and his five grandchildren: Emma, Claire, Piper, Olivia, and Luke. John especially enjoyed cheering on his grandchildren in their swim meets.

Even through struggles in his later years, John was able to walk his final steps on earth side by side with his sons with the knowledge and comfort that they loved him, that they knew he loved them, and that Christ loves all.

In addition to his sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren, John is survived by his brothers Daniel Weedon Meacham and David Hudson Meacham. He was preceded in death by his sister, Nita Rankin Meacham, and his parents, Hudson Peavy Meacham and Anna (Ann) Rankin Meacham.

A service in memory of John will be held at Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church, 575 Brawley School Road, Mooresville, NC 28117 on Friday, February 3, 2023 at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers the family prefers that gifts in honor of John Meacham be sent to the First Presbyterian Church of Garner, 503 Lakeside Dr., Garner, NC 27529.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church
575 Brawley School Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Tribute Wall

ST

“ WE both graduated from Hickory High School class of 1970, he was a good student and active in school activities-his family is in our thoughts and prayers. Steve Terrell

STEVEN SHAW TERRELL - April 04, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Peavy Meacham.



January 24, 2023 at 05:44 PM

LM

“ Love, Sue and Margaret purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Peavy Meacham.



Love, Sue and Margaret - January 23, 2023 at 02:54 PM

JD

“ To Brian, James and Sue, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I have many memories of Brian and James growing up at First Presbyterian Church of Garner and many memories of John's great love for that church. He always had a bright smile which was contagious. Peace with you all. Jackie Dail

Jackie Dail - January 19, 2023 at 03:04 PM

JM

Thank you Jackie for the kind words and fond memories. God Bless.

In Christ, James Meacham

James Meacham - January 19, 2023 at 03:29 PM

RM

I remember so well all that John contributed to the First Presbyterian Church of Garner. I remember the times that he filled the pulpit when needed. I have enjoyed the book he wrote when he came back from his trip to Israel --"Is Your Church Heavenly?" My prayers are with his family as they mourn his passing.

Ruby Miller-Ousley

Ruby Miller-Ousley - January 19, 2023 at 05:01 PM

JM

Ruby,

Thank you for the words and being apart of our time and especially Dad's time at First Presbyterian.

God Bless.

James Meacham - January 19, 2023 at 08:05 PM

AB

Our sympathy to Brian, James and Sue. Your family meant a lot to our Church and we remember John and Sue's love and dedication. All of you are in our prayers. Ann Bagwell

Ann Bagwell - January 22, 2023 at 09:07 PM