



## Pastor Ray L. Crabtree

December 16, 1942 - March 8, 2019

Pastor Ray L. Crabtree, 76, of Fairmont, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Friday, March 8, 2019, at his residence, surrounded by his family. He was born on December 16, 1942, in Oldtown, Maryland, the son of the late Frank Lessie Crabtree and Sylvia Arvonía (Robertson) Crabtree.

After high school, Ray graduated from Northeast Bible College in Green Lane, Pennsylvania, and later went on to serve the Potomac Network of the Assemblies of God in the Potomac District as a Presbyter from 1986-1988, and as an Executive Presbyter from 1988 – 2019. Ray pastored for 54 years and had a passion for the “lost”; he pastored in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, and in Fairmont, West Virginia, at Trinity Assembly of God Church from 1974 – 2016.

Ray was a beloved husband of 53 and a half years, father, grandfather, and brother. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved the West Virginia outdoors. He was a friend and mentor to many; he had a servant’s heart and was full of grace. Ray stood tall in life, and he stands tall in death; he now stands healed and victorious in the presence of Jesus.

Ray is survived by his wife and best friend, Gladys J. Crabtree, of Fairmont; two daughters: Janel Hawley and her husband Michael, of North Port, Florida, and Theresa Teets and her husband Eric, of Sarasota, Florida; three granddaughters: Arielle Brayonna Teets, Makayla Janaye Teets, and Lydia Mae Hawley.

Ray is survived by brother, Franklin S. Crabtree, of Oldtown, Maryland; sister, Deloris J. Koon, of Winchester, Virginia; and sister-in-law, Doris Crabtree, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey; and nieces and nephews: Stacey Melton, Tonya Swift, Angela Brailer, Frankie Crabtree, Ronald Crabtree, Randall Crabtree, Debra Lowden, Donna Crabtree Hiller, and Danine Crabtree.

Ray is also survived by sisters-in-law, Judy Armstrong, of Fayetteville, Pennsylvania and Cinda and William Kauffman, of Shippenburg, Pennsylvania; and half-brother and sisters-

in-law: Dana and Perry Ward, of Caledonia, Pennsylvania, and David and Lori Group, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his brother, Ronald E. Crabtree.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Trinity Assembly of God Church, 70 Maranatha Dr., Fairmont, WV 26554 towards the opioid crisis in West Virginia.

Family and Friends will be received at the Trinity Assembly of God Church, 70 Maranatha Dr., Fairmont, on Monday, from 2:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 pm, and on Tuesday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. A Celebration of Life will be held at Trinity Assembly of God Church on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. with Dr. Robert Rhoden and Pastor Wayde Wilson officiating. Interment will take place on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at Old Town United Methodist Church Cemetery in Oldtown, Maryland.

# Events

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**MAR**   **Visitation**   02:00PM - 04:00PM  
**11**  
Trinity Assembly of God  
70 Maranatha Dr, Fairmont, WV, US, 26554

**MAR**   **Visitation**   05:00PM - 08:00PM  
**11**  
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**MAR**   **Visitation**   10:00AM - 12:00PM  
**12**  
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**MAR**   **Service**   12:00PM  
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# Comments

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“ From Mesa, Az...we are so sad for the family and friends to hear of the passing of Pastor Ray Crabtree. He was a kind, caring, thoughtful and loving man to so many people. We sure enjoyed and appreciated him being our Pastor the time we were there. Very thankful for his positive influence in our lives which we are forever grateful. Gladys was the best, lovely and supporting example of a good and godly wife we had the fortune to meet. Thank you Pastor and Gladys we love you guys. Gregory and Charlene Redeker

**Gre and Char Redeker** - March 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Pastor Crabtree was a pastor to pastors and a friend who helped my wife and I as well as many others walking through troubled times. He was an example to everyone who was fortunate enough to be near him. Heaven is richer because he is there and we who are left behind look forward to worshipping together again with him at the feet of Jesus.  
Our prayers go out to Sister Crabtree and the girls. May the Holy Spirit comfort you and the peace of God help fill the hole in your hearts. May the grace of God help you through this most difficult time of loss and sorrow. Love, John & Jean Maglott

**John Maglott** - March 12, 2019 at 09:17 PM

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“ One night, coming home from a ski trip the roads were terrible... Pastor Crabtree said, the next day in service ... Over the hill and through the woods, the bus made it home.

**Gloria McClain** - March 12, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ My husband Bill McClain, was driving the bus.

**Gloria** - March 12, 2019 at 09:18 PM



“ My teaching experience started from here, awesome!

**Gloria** - March 12, 2019 at 09:21 PM

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“ Pastor Ray, in the many years that I knew him...never turned me away, if I happened to be working in Fairmont and needed to talk, I would drive over to the church and his secretary would ask...and he would always make time for me. I had never been a member of Trinity Assembly of God, but frequently visited. He always impressed me as a man of God who actually cared. The last time I saw him, I was able to hug him and tell him what he meant to me. May The Holy Spirit bring comfort to his family and other loved ones. See you one day Brother Ray. Love Willie Owens

**Willie H. Owens III** - March 11, 2019 at 10:45 PM

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“ March 8, 1987, Deb and my salvation date under Pastor-I didn't know how to Love or be loved-Pastor knew both how to love me and when necessary set me down like a father would and sometimes give me that look, the one I knew what it meant-he lives in ALL of us who were listening- because as far as Deb and I are concerned he is with Jesus that's true-but alive in our hearts putting what was taught in to action- Truly and amazing man!



**Tony Bernardo** - March 11, 2019 at 12:46 PM

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“ I loved and respected this dear man. Praying for his family.

**Pastor Don Hawkins** - March 11, 2019 at 10:58 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Marion County Senior Citizens.

**Vicki Nichols** - March 11, 2019 at 08:27 AM

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“ My heartfelt sympathy to Pastor Crabtree’s wife Gladys and their children. I ask GOD to comfort this family during this very difficult time of a tremendous loss of their loved one. Pastor Ray was loved by so many people, he touched so many lives and made such a difference for GOD’s kingdom. Thank you FATHER GOD for those that were Blessed enough to know him. He is with our LORD & KING JESUS now

**Yolanda Vincent** - March 10, 2019 at 10:56 PM

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“ Elaine Wheaton lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ray L. Crabtree



**Elaine Wheaton** - March 10, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ Dear Janell, I was so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Please know that we will keep you and your family in our prayers.

**Elaine Wheaton** - March 10, 2019 at 10:05 PM

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“ I've known Pastor Crabtree since I was in 6th grade. I always enjoyed visiting their home to watch his daughters if they needed a babysitter. I also enjoyed learning to sing sitting on the piano bench in their home. In the early days, Pastor wore many hats and took the teenagers under his wing when we were a smaller church. I rode in their car to teen revivals and concerts. I was prayed for many times at the alter by Pastor. I felt as though he was my spiritual uncle and he deeply cared about my life and my walk with the Lord. When he gently put his hand on your shoulder for prayer, you could feel the Holy Spirit ministering to you. My life will forever be impacted by Pastor's teachings over many years. He married my husband and I and prayed for our children when we dedicated them to the Lord. I really don't have the words to describe my love and appreciation for Pastor Crabtree's impact on my entire life!

**Lee Anne Burton** - March 10, 2019 at 05:04 PM

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“ ray and i went yo oldtown higg school together and were friends . we also went yo the assembly of god in old town

**wilbert galliher** - March 10, 2019 at 09:06 AM

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“ Gladys, Theresa, and Janel, our hearts are so saddened with the passing of your precious husband and father and our dear Pastor and friend! Although we are saddened here on earth, Pastor is rejoicing with our Heavenly Father! We pray God will fill your hearts with His love and peace! Love and God bless!

**Larry and Luwanna Abraham** - March 10, 2019 at 08:22 AM

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“ To Gladys, Janel, Theresa and all the family members of Rev. Ray Crabtree, our hearts go out to you today. We as a family, the family of Rev. Nicolas Pino (in heaven) Ruth, Eddie, Nick & Mark extend our love and prayers for you at the home going of your beloved husband, Father and Grandfather May God surround you with His great love and comfort.

We have so many cherished memories of Brother Crabtree, Gladys & family. The church of Trinity Assembly of God played an integral part in missions and were great supporters of missions while we ministered as missionaries in Chile and Mexico.

We know God received our Brother Ray with arms open wide, saying, Well done thou Good & Faithful servant; enter into the joys of Thy Lord.

**Naomi Pino** - March 09, 2019 at 11:30 PM

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“ Pastor Crabtree was my pastor away from home. He blessed & challenged me with his preaching! Gladys U blessed me with Ur piano playing & welcoming smile. Loving thoughts & prayers to the family. Donna Rancher Grimm of California.

**Donna Rancher Grimm** - March 09, 2019 at 10:38 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss and praying for you and your family but I know the angels in heaven are rejoicing. Gladys as I told you recently the Lord used Pastor Crabtree to minister to me in my time of need while I was at Trinity. Seem as though every service and word was for me at that time in my life. I praise the Lord for you and him for sharing your ministry with others and being obedient to the Lord Dianne Ashcraft

**Dianne Ashcraft** - March 09, 2019 at 09:42 PM

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“ So sorry for your lost. I remember Ray growing up in Oldtown. My father owned a grocery store where the teenagers would hang out. Ray was a nice guy

**Shirley Youngblood** - March 09, 2019 at 08:39 PM

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“ Gladys so sorry for you and the family. Love, Debbie, Al and Rascal Wolfe (housekeeping FGH friend)

**Deb Wolfe** - March 09, 2019 at 08:26 PM

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“ My daughter, Kelsey, and I attended Trinity Assembly of God under Pastor Crabtree for several years. He was a man who loved God and served him well. Condolences to Gladys and the family. He will be missed.

**Charlotte Swiger** - March 09, 2019 at 08:14 PM

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“ I couldn't find a nicer guy then paster I have great job memory a pastor Crabtree the day he bathtized my daughter I couldn't thank him more and I loved to here him preach the word he was the best paster ever my daughter always talk about him how nice he was and all the kind words he gave my daughter was very sad to hear these my prayers and thoughts go out to the family and Trinity for there loss I will miss him he was a great asset to Trinity



**lenny White** - March 09, 2019 at 07:01 PM

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“ Years ago, my three children desired to be baptized and had been previously turned down by another minister at another local church. They were both passionate about their faith-walk and their desire to show everyone they loved the Lord. We talked to Pastor Crabtree and he didn't hesitate one moment and agreed to baptize our children! Now as grown adults, they are still so grateful to Pastor Crabtree for listening to them and believing in them and that they desired to follow the Lord as their Savior. As their mother, I am forever grateful to Pastor Crabtree and his faithfulness to his family, church family and all those that he touched with his life and passion for the Lord. You will be forever missed by the Allen family in Georgia!

**Jeanine Allen** - March 09, 2019 at 06:07 PM

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“ Sharing you're life at Northeast both in the chapel services, classroom and basketball court , I saw a consistent faithful life. Hearing a young preacher faithfully laboring at the church in Emmaus I well still remember the sermon on the seed , your ministry is strewn with the words “ well done”. Blessings and condolences to your precious wife Gladys and your lovely daughters. Fond memories of husband. Dad, and pastor will fill your days and nights with smiles and sacred moments . Our love -john David Crawford-Roanoke, Va.

**john crawford** - March 09, 2019 at 06:05 PM

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“ I’m so glad I got to see you a few months ago when you came out to Jake’s Run Assembly of God you’re a wonderful man of God and I love to call you Pastor. I was so happy for the few years that I spent under your ministry at Trinity Assembly of God.  
love Jerry Wolfe

**jerry wolfe** - March 09, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ So enjoyed talking to my friend Ray at Cannane Valley in November. Blessings to your family in this season and thanks for sharing him with us!

**Walter** - March 09, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies and prayers for Sister Gladys and family! May God surround all of you with His peace and comfort your hearts as only He can. Love and prayers, Annetta and Phil Alderman

**annetta alderman** - March 11, 2019 at 11:54 PM