



Rev. David Rhea

September 4, 2011

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Rev. David Eugene Rhea, 78, died Sunday, September 4, 2011, at the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford, MS.

Born in Ruleville, MS, Rev. Rhea began his Methodist ministry in 1951 and served 45 churches during his 60-year career. He retired from Greenville First United Methodist in 1997 and, after retiring, served 13 yrs. part time as pastor of the Benoit Union Church. Rev. Rhea had served many Methodist churches, a few of which were Burnsville, Rienzi, Indian Springs, Minter City, Rosedale, Lula, Marks and Pontotoc and was loved and respected by Methodists, Baptists, and Presbyterians. A scholarly student of the Bible, he was a reader of classical literature, a student of history, lover of classical music, a movie enthusiast and interested in all things related to history, philosophy and theology. Rev. Rhea was beloved by all who knew him and well respected for his vast knowledge.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Oxford-University United Methodist Church with funeral services following at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Rev. Danny Dabbs and Rev. Jerry Beam will officiate. Interment will be in the Como-Friendship Cemetery, Como, MS. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Rhea of Oxford, MS; two daughters, Nancy Wiggers of Oxford, MS and Cheryl Dunaway of Louisville, KY; four grandchildren, Maxey Rhea Wiggers, Mary Keith Wiggers, John David Wiggers, and Parker Lane Dunaway.

His parents, Rev. Seamon and Lou Ellen Rhea, preceded Rev. Rhea in death.

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