



Dr. Kirk Fernando Hartsfield

July 20, 1930 - June 14, 2014

Dr. Kirk Fernando Hartsfield, age 83, of 12 Cobb Village Drive, Box 35 Royston, GA passed away June 14 after a brief stay at Brown Health and Rehabilitation. Dr. Hartsfield was also a longtime resident of Franklin Springs, GA.

Kirk Hartsfield was born in Quincy, FL July 1930 to Fernando Lewis Hartsfield and Eva Kirk Hartsfield. In 1948, he enrolled at Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, GA where he met Nellie Ruth Holliday (Nelle) from Belton, SC. They were married in 1953. Following his father's death, Kirk and Nelle returned to Florida where he operated the family business, which included two grocery stores, frozen food lockers, a grist mill, and a feed business.

Kirk and Nelle returned to Emmanuel College in 1959. From that point forward, Kirk Hartsfield's life was inextricably interwoven with Emmanuel College. Over the next 36 years, he held a number of key leadership positions at Emmanuel, including Dean of Men, Dean of Students, Instructor, Academic Dean, and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Kirk Hartsfield's love for Emmanuel, his uncompromising work ethic, and his absolute devotion to Jesus Christ have left an indelible mark on Emmanuel College and the ongoing Kingdom work of that institution.

Kirk Hartsfield was also active in his local church and the Gideons. He was

one of the first laymen to be appointed to the General Board of Administration of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. He was active in civic affairs, serving on the Franklin Springs City Counsel and for 30 years on the Franklin Springs Volunteer Fire Department.

Following completion of his associates degree at Emmanuel College, Kirk completed his baccalaureate at Florida State University, and his master's and doctorate at the University of Georgia. His exemplary academic record in all his graduate studies earned him election into multiple honor societies, including Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, and Phi Kappa Phi.

He is survived by his loving and forever devoted wife, Nelle. She has been his faithful and dedicated help meet for over 61 years. Kirk and Nelle have been inseparable, holding strong to their vows of "til death do us part." Kirk Hartsfield is survived by two children; Sharon Ruth Atkinson and husband Rev. Tony Atkinson of Roanoke, VA, and Dr. Michael Kirk Hartsfield and wife Christine of Virginia Beach, VA. He is also survived by four granddaughters; Melanie Wayne, Melissa Oshoniyi, Lauren Hartsfield, Jessica Hartsfield, and five great grandchildren; Allie Wayne, Josiah Wayne, Cayden Wayne, Asher Wayne, and Jaelyn Oshoniyi. He was predeceased by his parents Fernando and Eva Hartsfield, and his sister Lois and her husband Johnny.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, June 15, 2014 at Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, Georgia. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014 at the Franklin Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church with Dr. Earl Beatty, Dr. David Hopkins, and Reverend Harrison Lampley presiding. The body will lie in state at the church from 10:30 a.m. until the funeral hour. Interment will follow immediately at the Franklin Springs Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Kirk Hartsfield

Memorial Fund at Emmanuel College, P.O. Box 129, Franklin Springs, GA 30639. The family is at their respective homes.

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" -- Micah 6:8

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

WS

“ I will always remember Dr. Hartsfield tell us that we could be a real blessing to the campus as we finished our last tour performance and headed back to school. He was a powerful and dedicated servant of Christ for all of the students.

Weldon Slayton - February 11, 2024 at 01:26 PM

DJ

“ Pastor Sharon & Pastor Tony, we just heard about the passing of your father at NLCM service this morning. Our family, Rhiannon and Kyoko and I send our most heartfelt condolences to you and yours at this difficult time. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and that HIS love and peace, that surpasses all understanding, will be your Rock during this season of life. God Bless you all.

Dennis Jennings & Family

Dennis Jennings - September 10, 2015 at 08:44 AM

MB

“ Mrs. Hartsfield my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. The influence that you all have had on others is immeasurable.

Mark Burns - September 10, 2015 at 08:44 AM

SD

“ We have been blessed to have the friendship of this precious couple for many years. They were loved by so many and will never be forgotten. Heaven's gain; our great loss. So loved them both and Sharon and Mike as well. Our hearts go out to you both. With much love...

Sterling & Margueriete Dunlap - September 10, 2015 at 08:44 AM

VP

“ Dear Mrs Nelle, Sharon, Michael and family,
I have such fond memories of Dr Hartsfield. I know that our
Heavenly Father will pour out his blessings of comfort and peace
during your time of grief. May your precious memories always bring
joy to your hearts.

Vicki Powers - September 10, 2015 at 08:44 AM

SM

“ Words can't say the sorry I feel for all of you. Miss Nelle, as I told
you one day, God heals the heart and helps you to go on, but you
never forget. That keeps the good and yes maybe ever some not so
good just within reach. We cry because WE don't want to let go but,
he wouldn't come back for anything. We know and he knows we will
see each other again. Bless you Miss Nelle, I will pray for you and
forever hold you in a part of my heart.

Shirley Macomson - September 10, 2015 at 08:44 AM

WS

“ Dr. Hartsfield was my psychology teacher at Emmanuel in 1967. I
remember his 14 page exam for which I studied all night. I
remember him most, however for his guidance and inspiration on
the 1967 college choir tour, and his challenge that we could bring
revival to the campus when we returned for our final concert. He
was used of God. How greater accolade could one wish.

Weldon Slayton - September 10, 2015 at 08:44 AM

DC

“ I offer my sincere Christian sympathy to the family of Dr. Kirk Hartsfield. He was a man of integrity and principles. His psychology class was a challenge and opened my mind to inquiry. I spent many hours with Dr. Hartsfield seeking guidance during a difficult time of my life; I appreciate his availability and concern. He gave much of his life to Emmanuel College.

Dr. Sid Chapman - September 10, 2015 at 08:44 AM

RM

“ I would like to say that I was sorry to hear of Dr. Hartsfield's passing. I am praying that God will be with you in the days ahead and after to help comfort you and give you the peace in knowing that he is with his Heavenly Father and no longer suffering. If we can be of any help please do not hesitate to let us know.

Rallie McCoy and family

Rallie McCoy - September 10, 2015 at 08:44 AM

TL

“ It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit continues to bring great comfort to the family during the time of their loss. Blessings!

Tim Lamb - June 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Dr. Hartsfield was one of the most gracious instructors and leader. He carried himself with poise, class and dignity. The Hartsfield family is in our prayers.

Greg Amos - June 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM