



## William Witcher

December 16, 1944 - July 29, 2013

Rev. William Edward Witcher, 68, met his Savior face to face on Monday, July 29th, 2013, when he died peacefully in his sleep at his home. He was born December 16th, 1944, to Clara and J. B. Witcher in Wynne, Arkansas. He was born again on October 31st, 1962, when he accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. He married Esther Grogan Witcher on June 16th, 1966.

He is survived by Esther Witcher, his wife of 47 years, of Forrest City; his daughter, Andrea Brock and her husband Mike Brock of Forrest City; his three grandchildren, Josh, Jackson and Emma; his brother Terry Witcher of Indiana and his sisters Rachel Boruff, Judy Sarvela and Marilyn Qualls all of Michigan.

Rev. William Witcher was the Pastor of Oak Hill Church of God. He preached his first sermon for that congregation on the last Sunday of July 1970, and he preached his final sermon for that congregation on the last Sunday of July 2013, exactly 43 years later. Oak Hill Church of God was the only church Rev. Witcher ever pastured and he dedicated his life of ministry to that precious family of God. Rev. Witcher was not only a pastor to Oak Hill Church of God, but he was also a pastor to the entire community. He loved Forrest City and saw Eastern Arkansas as his mission field. He was a man known for his love of people. He was always available to minister to those in need. To those who were hungry, he gave food; to those who were sick, he visited; and to those who were lost, he shared the gospel of Jesus Christ. In addition to his service

and ministry to this community, he served as District Bishop more than 20 years and he served on numerous state leadership boards for the Church of God over the last 43 years.

Rev. Witcher loved to preach the gospel more than anything. He loved to sing (even though he said he "couldn't carry a tune in a bucket"). He also loved antique cars and was a member of the Cross County Car Club. He enjoyed visiting the local coffee shops every day and his routine started with drinking coffee and visiting at Sawmill followed by breakfast and more visiting at McDonald's before he headed to his office at the church. Rev. Witcher also loved to work in his garden and to spend time with his three grandchildren. To say he will be greatly missed is an understatement.

Funeral services for Rev. Witcher will be held Saturday, August 3, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Oak Hill Church of God, with burial to follow at Barnishaw Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 at the Church. The family request memorials be made to the Oak Hill Church of God, 97 SFC 309, Forrest City, AR 72335. Visit online registry at [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net). Under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“*Bro. Witcher was more than a fellow pastor he was my friend. On more that one occasion we would stop and talk about the people that had confused us and the on going saga at the cleaners. Our prayers are with you through this transition period . In christian love, J. E. & Donna Hughes*

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**J. E. Hughes** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

IM

“*Dear everybody, I will and always will love and miss uncle Butch, He was such an amazing kind-hearted person, and will NEVER forget how not only him but you guys have impacted my life. Thank you very much, I love and miss everyone.*

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**Ivy Morris** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

MH

“*Thank you for the legacy you left not only your family but everyone yet me. God bless the whole family as they celebrate your homecoming.*

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**Mindy Mason Hoover** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

SB

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LP

“ Brother Witcher was a wonderful pastor and will be greatly missed here on earth, but will be readily welcomed in Heaven. Brother Witcher married my husband and I. He counseled us and was a great help to us both.

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**Linda Poindexter** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

SF

“ he was a good man i now him for many years sent i was a kid he always been there for me hard times and good times he will be mess but i now god has him now and i will see him agin love you bother witcher your the best and my love go out to the family to

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**sheila fryer** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

CB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

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**Charline Willingham and Brenda** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM



“ Lee and Jennifer Sanders along with Kenneth and Scarlett Sanders all wish our deepest sympathy and condolences to Bro. Witcher's family and church. He was a great man that touched many lives including ours!

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August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ It is with GREAT sorry and Heartbreack for Esther and Andrea and family. My heart is truly broken in the loss of this dear sweet man. I personally have know Esther and William "Butch" as we knew him, for most of my life. May the Lord comfort you beyond measure,Bless and Keep you in His Comfort.  
LaNan and W.L. DeVazier

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**LaNan and W.L. DeVazier** - August 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM