



Lloyd Gochenour

September 15, 2015

Lloyd Gochenour, 91, of Edinburg, VA passed away Monday, September 14, 2015 at Greenfield of Woodstock, VA. Services will be held Thursday, September 17 at 11:00 a.m. at Sunrise Church of the Brethren in Harrisonburg, VA. Pastor Richard Wehrle will officiate and Saturday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m. at Heights Community Church in Roanoke, VA (formerly Virginia Heights Baptist Church). Pastor Nelson Harris will officiate. Burial will follow in Evergreen Burial Park in Roanoke, VA. Mr. Gochenour was born November 6, 1923 in Hamburg, VA., son of the late Oscar Melvin and Lucy Mae Gochenour. He was a graduate of Woodstock High School, Moody Bible Inst. and Bridgewater College. He owned and operated WSGM/WAFC in Staunton, WRIS/WJLM in Roanoke and WXGI in Richmond and produced shows such as Little Country Church, New Years Eve Watchnight Service, Radio Family Chat and Back Home Hour. He was a longtime Deacon and teacher of the Men's Fellowship Sunday School Class at Virginia Heights Baptist Church. He was a director and member of Shenandoah Valley Gosp. Assn., founder of Peoples Baptist Church, director and owner of Camp Fair Haven, founder of the Caring and Helping Hands Thrift Store, member of the Roanoke Lions Club and volunteer Chaplain for over 20 years at Rescue Mission of Roanoke. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret H. Gochenour and brothers and sisters, Jacob Gochenour, Louise Klees, Allen Gochenour, Irving Gochenour, Harry Gochenour, his twin Lois Gochenour, Richard Gochenour and Ray Gochenour. Lloyd is survived by his son, John L.

Gochenour of Roanoke; daughter, Cynthia (Cindy) Gochenour of Edinburg; two brothers, Carroll Gochenour of Woodstock and Marvin Gochenour of Ocala, FL and sister, Lodema Lindamood of Edinburg. The family will receive friends, Wednesday, September 16 from 6-8 p.m. at Dellinger Funeral Home in Woodstock and Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 at Oakey's South Chapel in Roanoke. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Roanoke Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 11525, Roanoke, VA 24022 or Bethel Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 187, Edinburg, VA 22824. The family would like to thank Our Lady of the Valley, Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Greenfield Assisted Living, Shenandoah Memorial Hospital, Gentle Shepherd Hospice and Sentara Hospice. A special thanks to Linda Jenkins and Della Wheeling for all of their help and support over the years.

Tribute Wall

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“ I rememeber having a very nice bite of Irish Spring after cussing at Camp Fair Haven.

Tom - January 06 at 05:50 PM

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“ I went to camp fair haven many years in the 70s. Best times, I love your tribute to Mr. Gochenour. Thank you , from an old camper.

Jackie wilson osborne - July 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

“ I just saw this announcement and am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Lloyd. I knew Mr. "G" from Camp Fair Haven. To this day I can recall and see in my mind's eye Lloyd rolling in on Friday afternoons in his white "Caddy".... I haven't been very good at keeping up with him over the past few years and since I live several hundred miles from Roanoke it's easy to put off keeping in touch and when my phone crashed I had lost his phone #. For some reason, Mr. Lloyd has been on my mind the past few days. I went on line to see if I could find his contact information so that I could call him during the holidays. Instead of contact information I found the OBIT..... Closing my eyes I can see him as clearly as though it were yesterday. I recall the inspiration he would share as we sat nights at campfire...with the mountain range silhouetted in the background by the moonlight. How awe inspiring to sing "How Great Thou Art" in that environment. There is no telling how many young souls he reached on those nights. He certainly got through to me as a teen. There is a reward in Heaven for a man that shares that kind of love and faith with young people. I came through Roanoke a few years back, before he sold the station there, and I called him. He took me to his favorite 'eatery' and we stuffed ourselves as we relived years gone by. I made the trip to tell him how much I loved and appreciated all that he had done for me. True to form....he presented me with yet another gift. A series of CD's of inspirational stories of finding God. The last thing I said to him as I got in my car, knowing that I would probably never see him again, was "I love you Mr. "G"..... I thought he was going to cry as he returned that same sentiment. The next day, as I was driving down I-81 and headed home I tuned in to his morning show, which he produced from the studio he had set up in his home. He shared the story of our visit and the last thing I ever heard him say was a plea to parents; "Send your children to a good Christian camp during the summer...it will help them grow in so many ways that you can never begin to imagine." I know he is in a better place. I can see him, in my minds eye in the old dining hall at Camp Fair Haven with Peggy, Richard and his mom.... He loved that place so I know, for him, Heaven must contain some vestiges of that place he loved so dearly. The world is

a less warm place with his passing. God bless you Mr. "G"....I love you.

Carl Garrett - November 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Please accept my warmest condolences. Mr. Gochenour was a long time friend of my Great Grandparents (Oakley and Ruth Holsinger), and my Grandmother (Ila Propst). I remember him when I was a child coming to our home in Pleasant Valley. I thought he was the greatest. He was a wonderful man who loved everyone. Whenever he came to visit, he always made time for just me, and as a child, that was such a special thing. Your family will be in my prayers. This has brought back so many wonderful memories this morning. God Bless each of you!

Paige Blose (Whetzel) - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ John, I am very sorry to hear of your father's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts. Amy Nasta

Amy - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM