



## Rev. Robert Lands

September 18, 1928 - August 28, 2014

Rev. Robert “Bob” Lands, 85, left this world on August 28, 2014 peacefully at home by the side of his loving care giver and wife of 64 years. He passed in his sleep and woke up in the arms of Jesus.

Rev. Lands served his country with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was saved in 1958 and committed from that day to answer the call God put on his life. His first ministerial assignment was at Wesleyan Methodist Church (Crossville, TN). He went on to found Wesleyan Christian School (Chattanooga, TN) where he served as an administrator for 20+ years. He also served as the Pastor of Temple Bible Methodist Church (Chattanooga, TN) for 25 years. Based on his passion for lost souls and commitment to his call to the ministry, he answered God’s call to establish what he called “The Old Country Church” in Dayton, TN where he faithfully served as Pastor of the flock God sent to him until his diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease in 2004. Many members of his church came from the jail services he held in Rhea County. His faithfulness to God’s call led countless souls to Christ throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by siblings Oma Long, Helen Brandon, Mary Pelfrey, Clifford Lands, Earn Lands, Luke Lands, Herbert Lands, and George Lands.

Rev. Lands is survived by his wife of 64 years, Kathleen Gilliam Lands

(Dayton, TN); daughter, Linda (David) Hudson (Ooltewah, TN); son Roy (Renee) Lands (Rossville, GA); Grandchildren, David (Ginger) Hudson (Flintstone, GA); Jason (Erica) Hudson (Ringgold, GA); Kelly (Michael) Shields (Rossville, GA); great-grandchildren, Cori, Alivia, Trey, Brianna, and Brody Hudson; Matthew and Savannah Shields; sister Betty O'Dell (Rockwood, TN).

Rev. Lands to most; Husband to his one true love, Daddy to his precious children, Pawpaw to his beloved grandchildren, Brother to his many siblings, Friend to all that knew him, and most importantly a Child of the King . He was a kind loving man who touched everyone he met. I don't know if he ever met a stranger he didn't ask, "Do you know Jesus?" He loved deep and faithfully lived out the Great Commission more than anyone I've ever known this side of heaven. On August 28th, 2014 he entered heaven and was able to say these words from 2 Timothy 4:7 with full confidence "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." If he met you today, the first thing he would say is "Do you know Jesus?" and then proceed to tell you what Jesus did for him in 1958 when he gave his life to God and never looked back. Loved and missed dearly. We will see you in the morning!

Funeral services with military honors for Rev. Lands will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Richard Miles officiating. He will be laid to rest in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Rockwood Sunday afternoon at 3:45pm.

Please share your memories of Rev. Lands on his online guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Sunday after 12 noon.



# Cemetery Details

## Oak Grove Cemetery

Rockwood, TN 37854

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **31**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home  
164 Maple Street  
Dayton, TN

## Service

AUG **31**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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164 Maple Street  
Dayton, TN

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Sis. Lands and family.  
Joseph Christian, Gate City, VA*

Joseph Christian - September 06, 2014 at 11:44 AM

LS

“ *Sr. Lands, Linda, and Roy  
So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. A man with an ideal combination  
of wise humor and deep spirituality. His visit to us in Guatemala (in  
1963/'64) is a memory to be treasured. And our too-infrequent visits  
across the past 50 years have been a source of encouragement.  
Janet and I assure you of our prayers and concern. May God's  
strength and solace be yours.  
Leonard Sankey*

Leonard Sankey - September 03, 2014 at 09:12 AM

 Buddy  
Shirk

“ *Rev. Lands was a major force at Wesleyan  
Christian. I have fond memories. My sincerest  
sympathy to the family. Buddy Shirk*



Buddy Shirk - September 02, 2014 at 01:27 PM

JD

“ *As a boy in Crossville, TN, I knew the Lands. I have never forgotten  
the kindness of Rev. Lands, his wife, and family.*

John Denton - September 02, 2014 at 09:42 AM

LH

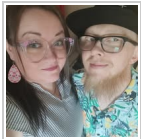
*Hello John, thanks for sharing your memories of my dad. Over the years we have wondered where you were now. Would love to hear from you sometimes. Mothers number is 423-667-8011.*

**Linda Hudson** - October 03, 2014 at 03:25 PM

DH

*“How sad to hear of Bro. Lands passing BUT so glad he isn't suffering anymore from that dreadful disease. We truly loved Bro. Lands and enjoyed working with him! Our daughter, Jeanene, remembers him preaching on Psalms 23 at Wesleyan School!!!! Our sincere sympathies for the family!!!! Heaven is richer!!!!*

**Dan and Charlene Henson** - August 31, 2014 at 08:21 PM



*“You have our deepest condolences. My parents (Rheda and Tommy Brooks) were very fond of Preacher Lands.*

**Jessica Patterson** - August 31, 2014 at 06:19 PM

CR

*“Dear Sister Lands and Family, We are so sorry to be unable to attend today, but know that we are thinking of you. Your Dad was a wonderful man. We do know where he is now. May God's grace and love sustain you during this time of loneliness and grief. Love and Prayers, Dan and Carole Roush and Stella Scarbroudh*

**Carole Roush** - August 31, 2014 at 04:59 PM

SY

“ Linda: My deepest sympathy and prayers for you and yours during this difficult time. ❤️



Sarah Yount - August 31, 2014 at 04:41 PM

 Renee King

“ I love u all and was a very good service. I can see him now with his brothers and sisters and Jesus.

Renee King - August 31, 2014 at 04:10 PM

JS

“ I have been thinking of you all this afternoon. I so wish I could be there for Bro. Bob's service. What a wonderful man he was! I don't have words to express my appreciation for him. He was always the same ~ faithful, steadfast, loving, kind, prayerful, humorous, and a million more things. I am so thankful for his lasting influence on my life. Love and prayers for all the family ~

Janice (Bradley) Seely - August 31, 2014 at 01:56 PM

BW

“ Bob was there for me when I needed help. I will never forget him. Rest in peace bob.

brian wilson - August 31, 2014 at 01:48 PM

SC

“ I understand the loss in your family is huge. But I know you are also rejoicing with his homecoming! My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this sad time of your lives!

Sandra Carrel - August 31, 2014 at 01:45 PM

DO

“ *Debra Hester Owens lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Lands*



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**debra hester owens** - August 31, 2014 at 12:38 PM

TH

“ *Sorry in your loss. He is having a grand reunion and celebration. He was a great man.*  
*Tina Howard*

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**Tina Howard** - August 31, 2014 at 11:17 AM

DD

“ *Donna Domion lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Lands*



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**Donna Domion** - August 31, 2014 at 11:16 AM

KG

“ *My heart goes out to the entire family on this sad day! May you find comfort knowing that he is resting peacefully! He is so blessed to have such a loving and caring family! God Bless all of you!*

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**Kelly Gilliam** - August 31, 2014 at 10:40 AM

DS

“ *Deborah Tedders Seals lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Lands*



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**Deborah Tedders Seals** - August 31, 2014 at 10:24 AM

JW

“ *Janis Webb lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Lands*



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**Janis Webb** - August 30, 2014 at 09:28 PM

JN

“ *Brother Lands visited with my husband and me while we were young in marriage and having alot of problems. He ministered to us as a friend and a man of God. My favorite saying that he used was Daniel and Judy I may give out, but I'll never give up on ya'll, and he never did. He then begin to visit my Mom and Dad. My Dad was a precious man but had no trust in all the preachers. Brother Lands was the only preacher that visited my dad that he did not run off. He visited with us and mom and dad for years. Through all the prayers and ministering of Brother Lands my dad died a christian man and he preached his funeral then went on to visit and minister to my brother. Again my brother died a christian man and Brother Lands preached his funeral. He also visited my husbands family and brought many to the lord and preached some of their funerals. He will forever be missed and always respected. He was truly a man that served God.*

*Daniel and Judy Newman*

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**Judy Newman** - August 30, 2014 at 09:21 PM

AT

“ *My sincere condolence to the Land's family.*

*Allan Taylor*



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**Allan Taylor** - August 30, 2014 at 07:37 PM

BF

“ *Thinking of you at this time with love and sympathy.*

*Betty Ferguson*

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**Betty Ferguson** - August 30, 2014 at 07:28 PM

TF

“ *Praying for the Lands Family.*



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**The Peavyhouse Family** - August 30, 2014 at 06:50 PM

RH

“ *Rene' Hickey-Wyatt lit a candle in memory of  
Rev. Robert Lands*



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**Rene' Hickey-Wyatt** - August 30, 2014 at 02:00 PM

RH

*Heaven has a wonderful angel. Great man who will be greatly missed.*

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**Rene' Hickey-Wyatt** - August 30, 2014 at 02:02 PM

LH

*Rene' thank you so much for your love and kindness to my dad. We always knew he would be ok when Rene' got here. You were his angel and my dad loved you dearly.*

**Linda Hudson** - August 31, 2014 at 09:41 AM



*“ around 1969, my sisters and I went from a huge elementary school to a tiny Christian school started by Brother Lands....even though the school was tiny, it was still scary for an 8-year-old to start a different school. Brother Lands made our transition comforting...and through the years I never saw him without a smile and his love for Jesus. He was a mentor, hero, father figure and the Christian example any child needed in their life. RIP Brother Lands.....you are finally where you deserve to be, in heaven with Jesus.*

**Cathi Hixson Pominski** - August 30, 2014 at 11:10 AM



*“ Cathi Hixson Pominski lit a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Lands*



**Cathi Hixson Pominski** - August 30, 2014 at 11:01 AM

PA

*“ We send our sincere condolences to Sis. Lands and all the Lands family. His ministry had a great impact on the Alabama Bible Methodist church family and lives on in the memories of so many that he ministered to. Paul Alexander on behalf of the Alabama Bible Methodist Church Expansion Dept.*

**Paul Alexander** - August 30, 2014 at 09:03 AM

JH

“ *This world's loss is heaven's gain. Being a man who loved his family dearly he has gone to open the path for his loved ones to join him. "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?" John 11:26. We think this thought was on his mind as he joined his Heavenly Father and Son Jesus. Jesus being the first face he saw there to greet him. We know your earthly loss is great and hearts heavy. We will remember everyone in prayer. We love you, Jack and Evelyn Hudson*

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**Jack & Evelyn Hudson** - August 29, 2014 at 04:22 PM

AP

“ *my mom told me a story about a young preacher who came knocking on her door when i was a small child. it was about 1962 and she said a young preacher came knocking on her door wearing black pants and a white shirt. my mom had two boys and toddler twin girls. she said this preacher began to tell her the story of his old life and about the bad ways he lived and how Jesis saved him, an old sailor boy who drank and luvd for himself. well, he really made an impression on my mom, who was a stay at home mom, with an abusive husband. my mom took her four children to his church andwe grew up there and then went to the Christian school that he started. our families lives were forever changed. he introduced us to our Savior and showed us a better road. even when as a child we would slack going to church and my dad would be drinking and doing whayever, you could still find Brother Lands walking up the street to come visit and pray. he changed our lives and when my dad died about five years ago he died a saved man, not a drunk mean man. so brother Lands made a difference and i will always love him and i know that God is so excited to have his most precious seservant and to give him his crowns. thank you brother Lands, i love yoy..ARlene Graham Plemons*

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**arlene graham plemons** - August 29, 2014 at 04:00 PM