



## George Lewis Gouge

February 10, 1934 - July 23, 2022

Reverend George Lewis Gouge passed away peacefully on July 23rd, 2022. He was born in Bakersville, NC on February 10th, 1934. He was the son of Mack and Virgie Gouge.

George graduated from Bowman Highschool and went straight to work at the US Government Mica Company. Years later he answered God's calling and attended and graduated from Fruitland Bible Institute in 1962. George began preaching that same year and throughout his many years he touched the lives of people in various counties throughout North Carolina. He started in Yancey County and made his way through Mitchell, Montgomery, Columbus, Stanly, and Union County. George retired from the ministry in 2000 but continued to do interim preaching until 2011.

To know George was to love George. He never met a stranger. He loved making new friends and sitting and talking with the old ones. It was often joked that he could carry on a conversation with a brick wall. George was someone who had many friends because no matter what or when you called, George would be there. He also loved anything outdoors specifically hunting and fishing. As a matter of fact, many of George's sermons were derived from sitting outside and enjoying the peacefulness of God's creation.

Besides George's love of friends, the outdoors, and the Lord; his one true love was his faithful wife of sixty-eight and a half years, Ms. Ella Sparks Gouge. George and Ella were married on February 22nd, 1954. They had two children Dennis and Sherry. Besides being a great mother, Ms. Ella was a true example of a preacher's wife. She loved the Lord and all her church families just as much as George. George and Ella lived a beautiful life together and has been an inspiration to many people over the years, some even jokingly said that they one day hoped to be just like Mr. George and Ms. Ella. Mr. George is certainly going to be missed.

George is preceded in death by his son, Dennis Gouge, his parents Mack and Virgie Gouge and his sister Joyce Ellis.

George is survived by his loving wife Ms. Ella Gouge, his daughter Sherry Koepp (Glenn), his sisters Jackie Thomas, Joanne Sullins, his brothers Jim Gouge, Bill Gouge (Jodi); his brother in laws Tom Sparks (Carolyn), Lewis Sparks (Anita), sister-in-law Ann Stewart (Nate); 2 step granddaughters, 5 step great-granddaughters, multiple nieces and nephews and many close friends and family members.

The family will visit with friends and family on Wednesday July 27th from 12:30 to 1:45 with the funeral starting at 2pm and the burial to immediately follow at Antioch Baptist Church in Monroe, NC.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to the benevolence fund at Antioch Baptist Church. 6223 Love Mill Rd. Monroe, NC 28110

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church  
Monroe, NC 28110

## Funeral Service

JUL 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church  
Monroe, NC 28110

## Burial

JUL 27 (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery  
Monroe, NC 28110

# Tribute Wall

LW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Ella and Sherry. Just found out. The Sides Family have had many many wonderful times with the Gouge Family. And I keep those good memories close to my heart. A true man of God, one of my favorites! Mother and Daddy had some of the best times of their life with George and Ella. And of course, me and Diane have had so much fun also with the whole family. We have had a many good meals, fun times and shared a lot over the years. Sorry we have lost touch over the years. My heart goes out to you.*

*Love,*  
*Linda Sides Wallace*

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**Linda Sides Wallace** - September 20 at 02:58 PM

AR

“ *Alice Richardson lit a candle in memory of George Lewis Gouge*



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**alice richardson** - August 07 at 11:16 PM

RM

“ *We are so sorry to hear about George. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

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**Rev Dwight Mabry** - August 07 at 10:27 PM

RM

“ *We are so sorry to hear about George. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Rev Dwight & Norma Mabry** - August 07 at 10:23 PM

SE

“ *When I was Minister of Music and youth at Pine Branch in Spruce Pine, George was my counselor and friend. A lot of the other pastors in the association did not recognize me as a minister, but George did. His kindness and encouragement to a young seminary grad meant the world to me. Thank you George for being an example of Christ to me. ❤️*

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**Sherry Murdock Edwards** - July 27 at 09:00 AM

TP

“ *Tammy Patterson lit a candle in memory of George Lewis Gouge*



Tammy Patterson - July 26 at 10:21 PM

NS

“ *Nate,Ann,Sara & Lisa Stewart purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of George Lewis Gouge.*



Nate,Ann,Sara & Lisa Stewart - July 26 at 05:23 PM



“ *Larry Buchanan lit a candle in memory of George Lewis Gouge*



Larry Buchanan - July 26 at 05:02 PM

KB

“ *Karen Bolick lit a candle in memory of George Lewis Gouge*



Karen Bolick - July 26 at 03:29 PM

DT

“ I loved Preacher George so much! My children loved him just as much. We left the Unionville area over five years ago, but have often talked about him and Mrs. Ella and our time with them at Mill Creek. He baptized Masen but left before baptizing Nealey. His ministry and our good Lord helped bring my children to Him. I will never be able to repay Preacher George for all he did in our lives. I know he is dining with God in glory now. Preacher George, save me a seat!  
Blessings,  
Dr. Val Tarte

Dr. Val Tarte - July 26 at 02:49 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of George Lewis Gouge.



July 26 at 02:10 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Heritage Funeral and Cremation Services - July 26 at 12:17 PM