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B. Gray Allison, 94, of Arlington, Tennessee went to be with the Lord on February 12, 2019. He was born in Ida, Louisiana on May 7, 1924. He is survived by his wife of 72 ½ years, Voncille Cruse Allison; daughter, Suzanne Grigsby (Charlie), of Arlington, TN; daughter, Charlotte Miller (Rama), of Maumelle, AR; son, Gray M. Allison (Anita), of Collierville, TN; 6 grandchildren and their spouses; 12 great-grandchildren and another on the way; brother, James Allison; sister-in-law Margaret Allison; very special nieces and nephews; and a large host of extended family members and friends. Gray served during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Force as a pilot. He was a loyal patriot. Gray attended Louisiana State University and remained an avid Tiger fan his entire life. He graduated from Louisiana Tech University with a Business degree. When he was 25 years old, he surrendered to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. He graduated with a Divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and then went on to earn his Doctor of Theology Degree there. Gray served as a pastor of local churches in Louisiana during his first few years in ministry. Beginning in 1960 to 1966, and later from mid-1967 to Fall, 1972, he was a full-time evangelist, preaching all over the world in conferences and revivals. From January, 1966, through June, 1967, he worked in the Evangelism Department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. In August, 1972, Gray founded Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis. Staying true to his passion and calling, the seminary's focus was, and continues to be, personal evangelism and world-wide missions. Gray retired as President of Mid-America in 1997. However, he continued to serve as a Professor of Evangelism there through the fall of 2017, when he was 93 years old. Even after he stopped teaching, he still spent time encouraging others to be soul winners. He witnessed to everyone he saw. He was known for his passion for God, his devotion to Voncille, his unconditional love for his family, and his wonderful sense of humor. He will be sorely missed by all who



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knew him. Visitation will be Monday, February 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, 2095 Appling Road, Cordova, TN. The memorial service at the Seminary will begin at 1:00 p.m. that same day, with burial to follow at First Baptist Church of Fisherville, 11893 Macon Road, Eads, TN. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to: MID-AMERICA BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY-designated to either the Northeast Branch OR the B. Gray Allison Chair of Evangelism; SHOR MINISTRIES in Arlington, TN; or HELPING HURTING HEARTS in Maumelle, AR.



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SE

Steve Ellis posted:

What a man. What a disciple of our Jesus. What a mentor. What a husband. What a dad, granddad, and great granddad. What a friend. I have known this man all my life. He led me to Christ when I was 6 years old and I haven't been the same since!!! His devotion to our Jesus has filled a good bit of heaven with person after person he loved to Christ as well as those who were inspired by him to do the same. Heaven will only reveal the impact for God's glory that his devotion caused. You have longed for HIS appearing B. Gray. And there is a crown of righteousness for you. I am sure you will lay it at the feet of our Jesus. Praise HIS Holy Name! See you later my friend. Glory !!!!

February 16 at 5:14 PM

RL

Ralph & Libby Triplett, Lenoir, Nc posted:

We are sorry to hear of Bro. Allison's passing. He was a great Man of God, that we met back in the mid '70's at West Lenoir Baptist Church, in Lenoir, North Carolina. He continued to come to our Bible Conference's until sometime in the late '80's...He was a precious friend to our family and our church family...He will be missed, but we know we will see him again in Heaven...You are all in our thoughts and prayers

February 15 at 1:18 PM

TB

Towanna Bowles posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you dear family. Mrs. Suzanne I am so sorry for you loss. Miss you and Bro. Charlie.

February 15 at 9:38 AM

DC

Don Chastain posted:

Our Prayers and our thoughts are with the Allison Family today as we mourn the loss of a giant in the Faith. Only Jesus knows the countless lives that have been changed through this Dear Brother in Christ. Dr. Allison was a WWII Hero, a humble Godly man, who loved his Wife and family exponentially. He Love his country sacrificially. He love his MABTS student passionately. But most of all, Dr B Gray Allison loved Jesus Supremely! The ripple affects of this humble soul winner's life will continue until Jesus comes again! Thank you Dr Gray Allison!

February 14 at 8:10 AM



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Laverne D Jones posted:

My heart goes out to your family. Look to God for comfort in your time of sorrow. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 He will hear your prayers. Psalm 65:2 Please accept my sincere condolences.

February 14 at 6:20 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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