



## Rev. Grover Talbert

January 6, 1932 - June 12, 2014

Grover Clarence Talbert, Jr. 1932-2014 Grover Clarence Talbert, age 82, died June 10 in Huntsville, Texas. He was born January 6, 1932, in Edgefield County, South Carolina. He was the first son of Grover Clarence Talbert, Sr., and Helen Aileen Byrd Talbert. He was preceded in death by his parents and only brother, Dr. Robert E. Talbert and his wife Jane Talbert. He graduated from Edgefield High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Newberry College, Newberry, South Carolina. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Grover answered to many names in his life: Grover Junior, Brother T., Mr. Grover, Preacher, and his favorites Pastor, PawPaw and Grandpa. At Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, near Black Mountain, North Carolina, he met his wife of 58 years, when they served on the summer staff – he for three years, she for two. He also served as a summer missionary to the Bahama Islands as a seminary student. He served as Pastor of Reece Prairie Baptist Church, near Burleson, Texas; Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield, South Carolina; First Baptist Church, Rusk, Texas; First Baptist Church, Frankston, Texas; and two interim pastorates at First Baptist Church, Edgefield, South Carolina and Tyler Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Texas. He served as President of the Trustees of Pinewoods Baptist Encampment and on various boards and committees on the associational, state, and national levels in the Southern Baptist Convention. He preached revivals in Massachusetts, Oregon, Oklahoma, Texas, and South Carolina. His travels included Israel, Egypt, Italy,

Greece, Cyprus, Germany, and Brazil. His collection of mustache cups was a lifetime hobby. His favorite activities included attending plays, musicals, and all kinds of sports events. Football was his favorite sport. He loved his time as chaplain for high school football teams and in retirement attending all the home football and men and women's basketball games for Sam Houston State University. Grover is survived by his wife, Charlotte Elaine Nations, better known as Wegi Talbert; one son, Dr. Tony Lee Talbert, and his wife, Dr. Sandra Bass Talbert, Clifton; one daughter, Tami Talbert Walker, and her husband, Richard L. Walker, Jr., Houston; three grandsons, Tyler Bass Talbert and his wife Camille, Waco, Texas, Taylor Bryce Talbert, Marshall, and Van Andrews Walker, Houston; one granddaughter, Charlotte Claire Walker, Houston, Texas; nephews, Ben Talbert and wife Nancy, Marion, North Carolina; Dr. Bob Talbert and wife Gigi, Aiken, South Carolina; one niece, Leslie Ann Key and husband Dale, Wilmington, North Carolina. He is also survived by one brother-in-law, Ronald Nations and wife Marillyn Nations of Raleigh, North Carolina. Extended family includes Jody Douglas Jordan, wife Stephenie and children Scott and Rebekah, Katy, Texas; and Vicki Jo Jordan Beard and husband David, Rusk, and children Ramey Jo Richey, Jordan Beard and John David Beard. Pallbearers are Bob Clayton and Houston White, Rusk; Johnny Burks and Travis King, Frankston; Tom Sprott and Val Dixon, Huntsville. Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m., Thursday, at Elkins Lake Baptist Church, Huntsville, Texas, with Dr. Ken Huggins officiating. Interment will be at Eastview Cemetery, Edgefield, South Carolina, under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, Texas. Nephew Ben Talbert will officiate at the graveside services. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Grover Talbert*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Wegi, how are you doing? I just found out about Grover this p.m. My health has been a little out of whack lately, but that is no excuse for not keeping in touch. I'm sorry about Grover, but know we know he is a healthier place. Just want to know how you and yours are. If you have time and find it in your heart, let me hear from you.*

*You and Grover were two of the best friends I ever had.*

*God Walk with you and yours ever.*

*Love,*

*Dolores*

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**Dolores Hardin** - July 07, 2014 at 09:29 PM



“ *Wegi, What a great inspiration and role model Grover was for me as a young, married man. There are so many sayings, thoughts and jokes I heard that still stick with me today. I'll miss seeing you guys at the top of Johnson Coliseum and Bowers Stadium. I will make copies and send you some of the things Grover gave to me over the years. We love you!*

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**Russell Burnett** - June 17, 2014 at 11:26 AM

DW

“ *Wegi, Grover and you were so special to me. I have pictures of you attending my wedding and when my youngest son, Jacob, was sick, you were both such a comfort. I will always remember you fondly and wanted you to know that you and yours are in my thoughts and prayers. Dianne West Alto*

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**Dianne West** - June 14, 2014 at 08:45 AM

JD

“ *Grover was one of those few people that bless our lives with their presence....we become a little bit better because they give us a piece of their soul and spirit to carry on and hopefully share with others.....yours and Grover's friendship has been and will always be very special to me and my family....jim*

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**Jim Dwyer** - June 12, 2014 at 07:47 PM

JW

“ *Wegi, I was so saddened to hear about Br. Talberts passing. I know that your comfort today and in the days to come will be your faith. God be with you and keep you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Jan*

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**Jan Butterfield Waggoner** - June 12, 2014 at 06:48 PM

EB

“ Wegi, I am saddened about Bro. Talbert's passing. You and Bro. T were a great team while serving as pastor of First Baptist Church, Rusk where my husband and I were members. You and Bro. T were so kind to me while Sam was in Viet Nam. Bro. T was first pastor for my daughter, Gayla Deeann Brewer Reid and preached my mother's funeral. I always appreciated the support you both gave the young people as well as the adults in FBC, Rusk. You two missed very few events in which the students participated. You were great role models! I will always remember Bro. T's infectious laugh, his powerful sermons from God's Word and his beautiful tenor voice singing the great old hymns of the faith. I wish I could be with you as you have been with hundreds of people during times like this, but know that I am praying for you, Tony and Tami along with the rest of the family.

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**Edith Brewer** - June 12, 2014 at 01:30 PM

GK

“ Bro Grover was one of my dearest friends, mentor, and great pastor. He was always such a joy to be around with such a positive attitude! Bro T impacted the lives of so many folks, especially young people. Our days together at RA CAMPS at Pineywoods will always be great memories. To you, Wegi, Tammi & Toni, you all were his great pride. We will miss Him but see him again!

*Gene Kendrick*

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**Gene Kendrick** - June 12, 2014 at 11:59 AM

AT

“ Dearest Wegi, Tami and Family members, Tony and Family members and all other Family members, loved ones and dear friends ~~~ I remember so well, Wegi, when you and Grover moved to Rusk. Everyone fell in love with both of you immediately, because, you were both so loving and lovable. ABSOLUTELY THE BEST! TRUE 'HEARTS OF GOLD!' Both of you so funny, FUN and the greatest and most dedicated followers of Christ. You both...loved by so many! Grover baptized me, as he did so many. Jewel McClure sprinkled me when I was 12...(a Methodist) but, Grover 'dunked me' before I married Ray (a Baptist) and Grover always teased me by saying that HE "had made our marriage LEGAL!!!" LOL! One of my most favorite memories was when Grover and Doyle Brooks would often take my baton and make out like they were marching...and pretend to be leading a band!!! HILARIOUS!!! both AMAZING MEN! Always funny! Always loved and respected! Always Admired and now MISSED! They both, as well as Jewel McClure, Coaches, Almond, Pruitt, Jordan, McGaughey, Watson and others...MADE AN \*IMPACT\* & WERE GREAT POSITIVE INFLUENCES IN MANY LIVES! (I PRAY THAT THERE ARE STILL GREAT ONES OUT THERE LIKE THEM TODAY...FOR OTHERS ! ) I know that many others have wonderful memories, as well. I remember how excited you were, Wegi, and Grover and everyone else was over Tami and Tony & the happenings in their lives & in yours. You all are 'God's Special People! And, loved by many! I THANK GOD FOR THE LIFE OF GROVER TALBERT, (PHIL. 1:3) FOR HIS FAMILY & FOR ALL THE LIVES THAT HE TOUCHED AND HE CHANGED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!!! We are all blessed and better people in knowing him. Ray loves you Wegi...and I remember how much fun he had with you & Rena commuting to SFA that summer!!! He and I have always loved you and Grover so very much! We love you all dearly. We are praying that each of your most favorite special moments with Grover and your most cherished and treasured memories of Grover...WILL KEEP YOUR HEARTS SMILING!!! I know that mine will!!! Sending you ALL our love, BIG HUGS, prayers and God's blessings to each of you ALWAYS!!! We love you

*!!! Ray and Arlene Todd; Tyler, Texas*

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**Arlene & Ray Todd** - June 12, 2014 at 11:48 AM

MS

“ *Wegi and Family:*

*Grover, Brother T, to all of us who grew up in First Baptist-Rusk, had our lives greatly touched by him. The youth fellowship in our Church, led by Brother T and you, brought many teenagers into contact with the Lord.*

*He impacted many lives and that is a great thing that should be remembered. Our family all loved him. We speak of him often when reminiscing about those days. Brother T will always hold a special place in the lives and hearts of our entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Mike Sartain*

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**Mike Sartain** - June 12, 2014 at 11:43 AM

DW

“ *Brother T was such an awesome man. He will be greatly missed by so many. Mrs Wegi stay strong sweet lady. Hope to see ya when you are through this area. David Westbrook Jr*

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**David Westbrook** - June 12, 2014 at 11:12 AM

TE

“ *I am truly sad to hear of Brother Talbert ' s death. Mr. And Mrs. Talbert were a huge part of my life growing up in Frankston. Mrs. Talbert you are and always will hold a special place in my heart and I love you. I'm sorry for the loss of Bro T and know we will meet again. Love, Your Taryn*

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**Taryn Ellis Evans** - June 12, 2014 at 11:03 AM

SL

“ I was saddened to hear about the loss of brother T. He was such a great Christian leader for so many. I recall interviewing him for a story while I was at the newspaper. What a vibrant happy man he was. I loved to hear him sing how great thou art. Our prayers are with you at this time. Love Steve/Nancy Lee

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**Steve lee** - June 12, 2014 at 09:28 AM

JD

“ You two were always a staple in my young life, with Aunt Margie and Uncle Joe and Aunt Freddy. We all loved you so very much. I pray for your continued strength.

*Joy B. Jones Daly, Palestine*

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**Joy B Jones Daly** - June 12, 2014 at 08:55 AM

TC

“ Wegi, I am so sorry for your loss. What a blessing Bro. T was to our family & community. Sending much love & prayers to you, Tony, & Tami.

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**Tommy, Margaret, Chris, & Cindi Carr** - June 12, 2014 at 08:30 AM

JH

“ Wegi and Family, We are so sorry to hear about Grover/ Brother Talbert. He was such a blessing to those who knew him. He will be missed by many. Love to you all. Jeff, Jill and Family

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**Jeff and Jill Hyde** - June 12, 2014 at 08:23 AM

ER

“ *What a blessing Grover was to all who were fortunate enough to meet him! I'm sad I won't see him when we come home to huntsville anymore. However, we will see him when we go home someday, no doubt he'll be singing in the choir!*

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**Elizabeth Grona Rathke and Bryan Rathke** - June 11, 2014 at 11:40 PM

TW

“ *Grover was very special to our family. We are grateful for the influence he had in our lives. Many memories from Rusk involve time spent at First Baptist Church and with the Talbert family. Much love to all of you and our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Libby and Andy Gamble*

*Peggy Mize*

*Preston and Dee Womack*

*Greg and Lou Womack*

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**The Womacks** - June 11, 2014 at 10:23 PM

LC

“ *Thoughts and prayers for this special family. Bro. Grover will always in our hearts.*

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**LaJuan Sales Cagle** - June 11, 2014 at 09:12 PM

JL

“ *Wegi, Molly and I are so sad about Brother T. One of my favorite memories of him was that of serving as his fishing guide just after ya'll moved to Rusk. The two of you are so special to us.*

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**John Mark Lester** - June 11, 2014 at 08:48 PM

AP

“ *Wegi, I am so sorry for your loss. We all have an empty feeling in our hearts. Bro. Grover was such a wonderful man. He will always be my favorite pastor. Thank you for all of your love and support with teaching my children and the love that you and Grove gave them .*

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**Agnes & Frank Petri** - June 11, 2014 at 06:52 PM

TL

“ *I loved Bro. T. He was such a wonderful man. I remember him watching us during recess at Rusk Elementary. My family just loved him and his family. Heaven is getting a mighty angel!!*

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**Teresa Tosh Langley** - June 11, 2014 at 06:09 PM

JW

“ *Brother T. was a very, very special man to so many in my hometown of Rusk, and being a musician we crossed paths, many, many times, in times of sorrow and loss as well as celebration. Of all the many pastors with whom I have been in contact in all my years as a church musician and accompanist, I know for a fact that he officiated at more weddings and funerals combined than probably all the rest of them put together, as best I can recall at least. He wrote me a wonderful little letter several years ago, following a wedding service in Bullard on a very hot summer afternoon, after he got back home, which I will always treasure, as well as the memories of a wonderful man and devoted Christian servant of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has now welcomed him with open arms into the heavenly realms.*

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**John C. Williams** - June 11, 2014 at 05:43 PM

JW

“ *Wegi,  
What a legacy Brother T has left to us all! We were very saddened to hear of his passing, but reminded of how very blessed our family has been through the years to have known and loved him. He baptized, married and buried many in our family and was always there to lend support along with you by his side. He will be greatly missed, but will live in our memories forever.  
We are praying for you and the family in fondness and friendship, particularly at this sad time.  
Janey (Sartain) & Les Woods*

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**Jane Woods** - June 11, 2014 at 04:25 PM

SP

“ *I love that guy. Bless you all.*

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**Sonny Perry** - June 11, 2014 at 03:00 PM

KL

“ *I am sorry for your loss. I enjoyed meeting him at the Lorena girl's basketball playoff game several years ago at Sam Houston. I pray that God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time and in the days ahead. May God Bless you all!!  
Kathy Lina*

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**Kathy Lina** - June 11, 2014 at 02:20 PM

TB

“ *Tami and Wegi, words cannot express my sorrow for your entire family. I only met Grover once, at Tami's wedding, but I've heard so many stories I feel like I knew him well.*  
*My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. We have no doubt where he is right now, so I pray that brings you much comfort and peace.*  
*Love you.*

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**Teri Bono** - June 11, 2014 at 12:36 PM

DB

“ *We will always remember Grover with much love; what a wonderful Christian example and inspiration he was, and will remain. We love to remember Grover singing one of his favorite old hymns of the faith in his strong and beautiful tenor voice! Although we did not have the privilege of knowing him during his pastorates, we did hear him preach the gospel from the pulpit of ELBC on many occasions. Will we dearly miss you, Grover, and look forward one day to greeting you in Heaven as we sing the praises of our Lord and Savior together! Wegi, you are lovingly in our thoughts and prayers as you say a temporary goodbye to the love of your life. Dale and Lynn*

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**Dale and Lynn Bishop** - June 11, 2014 at 11:44 AM

JT

“ *Rest in Peace, my friend.*  
*My Sweet Mrs Talbert, I am send you a big ole hug, and my deepest condolences. Breathe, get some rest, and know that I appreciate you.*  
*Jerry the Maillady*

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**Jerry Turner** - June 10, 2014 at 07:01 PM