



## Rev. William Donald Crutcher

March 11, 1935 - February 24, 2024

Rev. Dr. William Donald Crutcher, a native of Wilmore, KY, born on March 11, 1935 to

Thomas Crutcher and Alice Warren Simpson Crutcher. He is predeceased by his

parents, an infant sister, a brother Rev. James Crutcher, sister-in-law Addie Crutcher,

niece Wanda Gooden, and nephew; Steven Crutcher,

He matriculated thru the Jessamine school system; became a graduate of Kentucky

State University with a B.S. Degree in Industrial Arts. He served in the ROTC and U.S.

Army in Germany. He was a former Teacher in the Ohio and Fayette County School

Systems.

Rev. Crutcher excepted Christ at Davistown Baptist Church at a young age, later uniting

with First Baptist, Nicholasville, KY

March 29, 1963 he was called to the ministry and preached his trial sermon at First

Baptist Church, Nicholasville, KY. This same year he went to serve as assistant pastor

of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Quincy, Florida. In 1964, he returned Kentucky to enter

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

On January 21, 1968, he graduated with a Master of Divinity Degree from Southern

Baptist Theological Seminary . Four months prior to graduation, he was called to pastor

his hometown church, Cedar Top Baptist in Wilmore, KY. He resigned after six years

and three months of service. In November 1973 he became interim pastor o First

Baptist Church, Danville, KY until the call to pastor came seven months later.

On March 2, 1975, he preached his first sermon at Mt. Gilead as a supply minister after

the death of Rev. R.L. Weathers and was called two Sundays later to serve as the 10th

Pastor. On May , 1975 he assumed his official pastoral duties. He was a retiree of the

Kentucky Department of Human Resources.

Rev. Crutcher is the father of Samantha Crooks. In 1970, he married Anna M. Hill, a

science teacher in the Lexington School System (retiree) and they are the parents of

three daughters, Dawn A. Afitilie and Bess A. Fender, deceased infant Samantha

Crutcher.

In 1976, Under his Pastorate, Mt. Gilead broke ground for the building a then \$50,000

church annex housing a larger newly equipped kitchen, spacious dining room, choir

room, new and refurnished pastor's study, an indoor baptismal, tithes and

offering

boxes, upholstered pews/ bibles/hymnals/ office equipment,/church vans,  
microphone

system. Later, a complete sanctuary renovation with removal of entire original  
1800's

roof and sanctuary support posts. Services were held in church annex until  
completion

of renovation.

Through faith and prayer, great efforts of pastor and membership, all things  
were

completed and paid for without church financial indepthness. Later efforts  
encompassed

expanded evangelism and outreach ministry.

Pastor Crutcher rendered \_\_\_ years of service, often returning to visit and  
preach.

# Cemetery Details

## Camp Nelson National Cemetery

6080 Danville Rd  
Nichoklasville, KY

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Pilgrim Baptist Church  
541 Jefferson St  
Lexington, KY 40508-1320  
(859) 252-3717

*Funeral 12pm Saturday March 2, 2024 at Pilgrim Baptist Church Lexington, KY with visitation 11am until time of Service visitation Friday March 1, 2024 at Mt Gilead Baptist Church from 3 - 5:30 pm Burial Camp Nelson National Cemetery Nicholasville, KY*

# Tribute Wall

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“ To The Family of Reverend Donald Crutcher:

*I only heard of Rev. Crutcher's passing on yesterday at a family reunion. I am so sorry to hear. He, his parents, and brother had been family friends of the Knox's for decades. You have my sincere condolences.*

*May the Lord wrap His loving arms around you and remember the good and laughable times had with Donald. As you know, he was a character and a man of many talents. We loved him dearly.*

*Blessings to you all,*

*The Knox Family & Teresa Hawkins Jones*



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**Teresa Hawkins Jones** - July 28, 2024 at 07:31 PM

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“ Your Sunrise Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. William Donald Crutcher.

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**Your Sunrise Family** - February 29, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rev. William Donald Crutcher.



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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rev. William Donald Crutcher.* ”



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February 29, 2024 at 09:05 AM