



Pastor R. G. Null

August 4, 1947 - May 22, 2021

Pastor R. G. Null, age 73 years, a resident of Goreville, left this earth and entered his heavenly home from his residence Saturday morning, May 22, 2021, at 5:45 A.M.

Pastor Null was born August 4, 1947 in Carbondale, Illinois. He was the eldest of eight children born to Gene Null and Clara Lucille (McKinnies) Null.

On June 11, 1966, Pastor Null was united in marriage to his beloved Geri at the United Pentecostal Church in Winona, Minnesota. She survives.

Other survivors include: Their children – Michelle Ann (Rev. George) Bankston of Greenville and Timothy James (Meesha) Null of Marion; 5 grandchildren – Brittany (Rev. Brian) Staley and Rev. Dustin (Jen) Bankston all of Greenville, Katlyn (Dylan) Rose of Plymouth, Indiana, Makenzie Prince and Ashlyn Cole both of Marion; great grandchildren – Sydney, Sage, Paisley, Lily, Addie, Reagan, and Hayven; 2 brothers – Randy Null of Las Vegas, Nevada and Rogey Null of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; 2 sisters – Tammy (Rev. Steve) Allard and Debbie Null all of Modesto, California; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, neighbors and his church family.

In addition to his parents, Pastor Null was preceded in death by: a sister – Brenda Lewellen; and 2 brothers – Terry Null and Danny Null.

Pastor Null attended High School in LaPorte, Indiana. He excelled in baseball and is credited with winning the championship game during his senior year in 1963 when he stole home. He was scouted by the Pittsburg Pirates ball club but felt the calling into the Christian ministry. He is a 1967 graduate of the Apostolic Bible Institute in St. Paul, Minnesota. Pastor Null earned a bachelors degree in Theology.

August 25, 2021 would have marked the 50th anniversary of Pastor Null's service to the community of Goreville and the First Pentecostal Church. He has been a faithful, energetic and dedicated shepherd not only to his church congregation but to the wider community and all across Southern Illinois. He was a true pastor and had a calling for visitation, a burden for the lost, and a heart for service. Pastor Null served in a number of capacities within the Illinois District of the U.P.C., including Section 1 Youth Director and later he served 18 years as Section 1 Secretary/Treasurer. He had also served for 20+ years as the Illinois District Chaplain for Prison Ministries. In addition to his pastorate at First Pentecostal Church in Goreville, Pastor Null also served at Apostolic Life in Carbondale for many years. He would minister at both churches on Sunday and conduct midweek prayer meetings on Wednesday evening in Goreville and in Carbondale on Thursday evenings. Pastor Null was instrumental in building projects with both congregations. He also founded the Education Resource Center, a Christian based school, first located in Carterville later located in Carbondale. For many years, Pastor Null conducted a weekly radio broadcast on the WXAN Christian radio station at Ava. Pastor Null carried his love of athletics and sports with him throughout his lifetime and was offered the position of serving as chaplain to the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. A position which, unfortunately, he felt led to turn down due to his feeling that the distance that he resided from St. Louis would prove a hinderance to his ability to minister to the needs of the team.

Pastor Null had a passion for ministry which his life exemplified. He did enjoy and occasional fishing trip when he and Mrs. Null would visit family in Wisconsin. In more recent years, he took an interest in motorcycling. Additionally, he even felt compelled to cheer on the Chicago Cubs baseball team.

The legacy which Pastor Null leaves behind and the lives that his ministry has touched knows no bounds.

A service honoring the life and ministry of Pastor R.G. Null will be conducted Friday afternoon, May 28, 2021, at 1 PM at the First Pentecostal Church, 915 North Broadway Street, Goreville, Illinois 62939.

Burial will be in the Cana Cemetery, north of Goreville.

Visitation will be conducted Thursday evening, May 27, 2021, from 4 PM – 8 PM at the First Pentecostal Church in Goreville. Additional visitation will be conducted Friday, May 28, 2021, from 11 AM until the funeral hour at 1 PM.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Southern Illinois, 204 Halfway Road, Marion, Illinois 62959.

To share a memory of Pastor Null or to leave an online message of condolence for his family, please visit www.baileyfh.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Cemetery Details

Cana Cemetery

Goreville, IL 62939

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Pentecostal Church
915 North Broadway Street
Goreville, IL

Visitation

MAY 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Pentecostal Church
915 North Broadway Street
Goreville, IL

Service

MAY 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Pentecostal Church
915 North Broadway Street
Goreville, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor R. G. Null*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *What an incredible man of God Pastor Null is... He's having the greatest time with Jesus and the gang! Be blessed my friend... Be heavenly blessed. Pastor Jeff Bealmear*

Pastor Jeff Bealmear - August 24, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *Pastor Null was my pastor for 5 years, Pastor Null dedicated Our youngest child (Erica) He was kind and caring. He never knew a stranger, there will never be another like him. Yes will be missed so much that it will indeed have a rippling affect everywhere ❤️
Charlene Robinson*

Charlene Robinson - May 27, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ *Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of Pastor R. G. Null.*



May 27, 2021 at 11:04 AM

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“ *The Ministry of Section 1 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Pastor R. G. Null.*



The Ministry of Section 1 - May 27, 2021 at 09:27 AM

SM

“ *Michelle, I am really sad to hear about the passing of your Dad. You and I have been special best friends since kindergarten. Your dad meant a lot to my entire family and me. Just shortly before covid, your dad sat with me in the waiting room while my dad was having a procedure done. We talked nonstop about you, how your mom and he met, the grandchildren. What an awesome guy. I will really miss him but I have great memories. My heart goes out to you.*

*Your friend,
Sam Martin*

Sam Martin - May 27, 2021 at 06:29 AM

MC

“ *It was truly our honor to know Bro. Null! He was such an asset not only to the Goreville community, but truly had a passion to treat everyone with kindness, dignity & respect. He exemplified the love of the Lord to everyone & was truly a servant! May the Lord minister to Sis. Null & their precious family during this time.*

*Michael & Lynn Cox
Cambria, IL*

Michael & Lynn Cox - May 26, 2021 at 06:24 PM

PB

“ *Pastor Michael and LouAnn Glasco, and Bridget purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Pastor R. G. Null.*



Pastor Michael and LouAnn Glasco, and Bridget - May 26, 2021 at 05:26 PM

BR

“ *Like so many people in Goreville, Bob & I were touched by Pastor Null. He was friendly, kind, caring & generous. He never passed by like he didn't see you. On the contrary, he always said hello & had something kind to say. We will miss his joyful face and big smile. We weren't members of his church, but we visited a few times and loved his sincere teaching from God's word. He will be missed on earth but heaven is gaining a wonderful Saint! Our sympathies to his wife Geri and his entire family.*

Bob & Judi Rude - May 26, 2021 at 03:33 PM

SH

“ *Thank you Pastor Null for your love for God and heart for people! You were there for me and my family in our darkest hour. You prayed with me before I went into life saving surgery, and you comforted my family through the storm. You will be greatly missed, but I look forward to being with you once again on that heavenly shore! What a day that will be, when my Jesus I shall see...! On that day, we will rejoice together! Chaplain Holem*

Stephen Holem - May 26, 2021 at 01:49 PM

CS

“ *Chaplain Holem Family and Religious Services Staff purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Pastor R. G. Null.*



Chaplain Holem Family and Religious Services Staff - May 26, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor R. G. Null.*



May 26, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Pastor R. G. Null.*



May 26, 2021 at 09:52 AM

CS

“ *Although Brother Null was not my Pastor, I visited the church and was truly blessed by him and his sermons. He was an incredible asset to this area and to so many lives. He will truly be missed down here, but he is rejoicing with our Lord and Savior. God Bless the family, friends and all who loved him. May the Lord comfort each one of you.*



Chritina Slivinski - May 26, 2021 at 02:15 AM

AC

“ *Pastor Null will be greatly missed by the Religious Services Department at USP Marion. What an incredible Man of God he was. Kind and Hilarious. I will miss running into him and laughing so hard at the stories we would share. He was always on the move and left an impact on anyone who knew. My heart is sad, but I know he is Heaven smiling down at all of us. Until we meet again....*



Abby Curry - May 25, 2021 at 12:33 PM

CM

“ *We lost a great man of God and I know he left us with such a great impact. He always was going to visit people and it seemed like I always ran into him at Walmart. I will miss those talks we had. Such a kind and caring person. Know he is in a better place. He will be greatly missed by the Malone family.*

Chanda Malone - May 25, 2021 at 10:16 AM

CP

“ *Cynthia Gaye Pivnicny lit a candle in memory of Pastor R. G. Null*



Cynthia Gaye Pivnicny - May 25, 2021 at 08:53 AM



“ There is so much one could share about Bro. Null. He was the minister who performed my marriage, rooted for me as I finished college and dedicated my babies to God. Most importantly, he was my pastor. My family will miss him.

Sheri McSwain

Sheri McSwain - May 25, 2021 at 12:13 AM



“ sorry for your lost he always had a smile joie robertson

joie robertson - May 24, 2021 at 08:56 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor R. G. Null.



May 24, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Pastor R. G. Null.



May 24, 2021 at 01:53 PM

JL

“ *Preacher Null was a good man. In 2014. my wife and I was involved in an auto accident and Preacher Null came up to St Louis to see how we were doing. Good man.*

Jerry and Angie Lindsey

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Jerry Lindsey - May 24, 2021 at 01:36 PM

MS

“ *Melanie And Virgil Strunk lit a candle in memory of Pastor R. G. Null*



Melanie and Virgil Strunk - May 24, 2021 at 07:29 AM

MS

You will be greatly missed! Love and appreciated Bro Null and his family. Until we meet again!!

Melanie and Virgil Strunk - May 24, 2021 at 07:31 AM

CP

Although Bro. Null was not my pastor, I spent a lot of my teenage years in Goreville with family and friends. He was always so kind and always had a smile. You will be missed but oh what an impact you have had on so many lives. Cindy Pivnicny (Caraway)

Cynthia Gaye Pivnicny - May 25, 2021 at 08:52 AM

EP

“ *Ellen And Gary Phalin sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor R. G. Null*



Ellen and Gary phalin - May 24, 2021 at 01:13 AM

EP

“ *You will be missed Bro. Null. We love you and we will meet you someday.*



Ellen and Gary phalin - May 24, 2021 at 01:11 AM

VB

“ Vickie Barton lit a candle in memory of Pastor R. G. Null



Vickie Barton - May 23, 2021 at 08:42 AM



“ Bryan King lit a candle in memory of Pastor R. G. Null



Bryan King - May 23, 2021 at 08:40 AM

JD

“ Such a kind and caring man. My husband had surgery in St Louis years ago. I was there alone and in walked Rev Nill and sat with me the whole time. What a thoughtful caring person. An angel here on earth snd now an angel in Heaven

Joyce Drew - May 23, 2021 at 05:36 AM

MI

“ I moved to Goreville 6 years ago. While dining at a local restaurant, a man walked over to my table and introduced himself . I told him I just moved to Goreville and only knew 2 people . He said, “Well, now you know 3. I’m Pastor Null.”

mike - May 23, 2021 at 12:46 AM

JL

“ *Joseph Lambert lit a candle in memory of Pastor R. G. Null*



Joseph Lambert - May 22, 2021 at 10:27 PM

NS

“ *Nell Stokes lit a candle in memory of Pastor R. G. Null*



Nell Stokes - May 22, 2021 at 10:25 PM

TL

“ *Terry Lambert lit a candle in memory of Pastor R. G. Null*



Terry Lambert - May 22, 2021 at 10:24 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Pastor R. G. Null*



Dorothy Bacon - May 22, 2021 at 08:04 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in
memory of Pastor R. G. Null*



Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney - May 22, 2021 at 12:36 PM