



Rev. George Baylis Corley

July 9, 1924 - June 2, 2024

The Rev. George Baylis Corley

The Rev. George Baylis Corley, formally of Orangeburg, SC, passed away on June 2, 2024,

at the home of his daughter in Seneca, SC, one month shy of his 100th birthday. He was the

husband of Barbara Ruth Dennis Corley for nearly 75 years.

Pastor Corley was born on July 9, 1924, in Lexington, SC, the son of Samuel Perry Corley and Leola Wingard Corley. He was a 1946 graduate of Newberry College, where he was the

president of the student body his senior year. In 1949, he graduated from The Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC, with a Masters of Divinity. Pastor Corley was

ordained by the South Carolina Synod of the Lutheran Church of America in 1949.

Before his retirement in 1990, Pastor Corley served as pastor in Lutheran Churches in the following South Carolina towns: Ehrhardt (1949-1950), Georgetown and Kingstree (1950-1955),

Newberry (1955-1960), Cameron and Creston (1960-1983), St. Matthews (1963-1983), and

Lexington (1983-1990). In 2012, he was designated Pastor Emeritus at both Resurrection Lutheran Church in Cameron and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Creston.

Pastor Corley was business/circulation manager of The South Carolina Lutheran from 1957-1993 and a volunteer chaplain at Tri-County Memorial Hospital in Orangeburg from 1990-2014. For a number of years he served on the board of The Lutheran Children's Home of

the South in Salem, VA. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Cameron, SC, for more

than 60 years. After retiring, Baylis and his wife Barbara were active members of the South

Carolina Rose Society and the Orangeburg Rose Society.

In addition to his wife Barbara, Baylis Corley is survived by daughters Denise Corley

(Steve)

Godowns of Houston, TX, and Edith Ruth Corley (Ed) Pekarek of Seneca, SC;
grandchildren

Amy Elizabeth Pekarek, Jeffrey Baylis (Lesslie) Pekarek, Andrew Edward (Carmen)
Pekarek,

and Franklin Dennis Godowns; great-grandsons John Baylis Pekarek, William Douglass
Pekarek and Patton Edward Paul Pekarek; and a number of nieces and nephews. He was
predeceased by his four older siblings, Sarah Steele, James Corley, Ellis Corley, and
Frances

VanPatton.

A celebration of Pastor Corley's life will be held at a later date at Resurrection Lutheran
Church in Cameron, SC, where he was a member. The family suggests memorials to
Orangeburg-Calhoun Free Medical Clinic, PO Box 505, Orangeburg, SC 29116 or to a
charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our sincere condolences to his family. Pastor Corley and his wife had major impacts on our family for decades as our pastor and after his retirement. They were always there for us through illnesses, marriages, births, and funerals. He was loved and respected; he will be missed. Ronnie and Kathy Wiles

Thomas R Wiles - June 12, 2024 at 06:04 AM

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“ So many sweet memories of my dear Uncle G.B. Rest now in God's sweet peace. We love you and will miss you until we meet again.



Ruth and Ron Padgett - June 07, 2024 at 02:29 PM

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“ Gloria Rast purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Rev. George Baylis Corley.



Gloria Rast - June 07, 2024 at 12:28 PM

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“ Gloria Rast planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. George Baylis Corley.

Gloria Rast - June 07, 2024 at 12:28 PM