

Scripture Reading

II Timothy 2 & 4, selected verses Mary Margaret King

MUSICAL OFFERING

“What Wondrous Love is This?”

*John Kingsley, guitar; Cameron Kingsley
and Emma Kingsley Palmer, vocals*

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-2, 4-10

HOMILY

Rev. Laura H. Jernigan

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. AMEN*

HYMN #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

COMMENDATION

Rev. Collin Blair Adams

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

*There will be a reception and visitation with the Jernigan family in the
Fellowship Hall following the memorial service.*



Minister: Rev. Collin Blair Adams

Accompanist: Eileen Butler

**A Service of Witness to the Resurrection
and Thanksgiving for the Life of**

Robert H. (Bob) Jernigan

May 9, 1925 – December 8, 2023



January 6, 2024

2:00pm

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church 1415 Waverly Road Kingsport, TN 37664



A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for
Robert H. (Bob) Jernigan

**Those who are able, please stand.*

PRELUDE

SEATING OF FAMILY

GREETING Rev. Collin Adams

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103:2-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless
God's holy name.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's
benefits.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, who forgives all your sins,
who heals all your infirmities,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Let us worship God.

***HYMN 716** "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of mercy, you see us as we are, and know our
inmost thoughts. We confess our sin before you.
We have not always sought or done your will, nor
lived as you command. We have not loved as
Christ loved us. We forget that all life comes from
you and that to you all life returns.*

*Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace
can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us,
heal us and make us whole. Restore to us the joy
of your salvation. We make our prayer through
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you
are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL OFFERING "Morning Has Broken"

*John Kingsley, guitar; Cameron Kingsley and
Emma Kingsley Palmer, vocals*

GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCES

Scripture Reading Psalm 116:5-9 Ben Jernigan

Remembrance John A. Jernigan

Scripture Reading John 21:1-6, selected verses
Will Jernigan

Remembrance Mary Jernigan Kingsley

Scripture Reading Micah 6:8 Jefferey A. Jernigan

Remembrance Jefferey R. Jernigan

stories of his warmth and humor. Many friends, colleagues, neighbors, and former patients in the area also mourn his passing and acknowledge the impact that his life had on the community.

The family would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to staff and caregivers of NHC HealthCare Kingsport and The Blake at Kingsport for their dedication and compassionate care.

A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at Oak Hill Memorial Park.

A memorial service will be held at Waverly Road Presbyterian Church in Kingsport, Tennessee on Saturday, January 6th, 2024, at 2:00 pm, with reception to follow in the fellowship hall.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Friends in Need Health Center, Inc. at 1916 Brookside Drive Kingsport, TN 37660 (DONATIONS - FRIENDS IN NEED), or the Waverly Road Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, 1415 Waverly Road, Kingsport, TN 37664 (Waverly Road Presbyterian Church Food Pantry | Feed Kingsport).



Dr. Robert H. (Bob) Jernigan

Dr. Robert H. Jernigan, respected physician, beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend to all, passed away in Kingsport, Tennessee on December 8, 2023, after a long struggle against declining health. He was 98.

Born in Dunedin, Florida on May 9, 1925, he was raised by his parents, Lora H. and Clara Bell (McClung) Jernigan. He attended primary and junior high school in Dunedin, graduating from nearby Clearwater High School in 1943. With his formative years coming in the Great Depression and World War II, he grew up in an era when nothing came easy, especially on the rural west coast of Florida, where, as a child he naturally gained a simultaneous love of the water and a healthy respect for nature. He fondly recalled fishing, scalloping, and crabbing in the bay with his father, and playing in grapefruit groves with friends. He never liked snakes and he was wary of bad weather, especially hurricanes, having watched his home being destroyed in the Labor Day Hurricane of 1935.

His upbringing instilled in him the values of hard work, community, and service. He worked many jobs during his youth, all of which he would recount in later years with pride. He also acquired a love of music which he nurtured through playing the saxophone, one of his lifelong pursuits. As a member of his school bands, he experienced firsthand the sustaining and unifying effects of the Big Band Era of the 30s and 40s, as it aided the Greatest Generation in surviving economic catastrophe and world war.

From an early age his driving passion was to become a doctor. He worked hard at school, and while Florida in those years had no medical school, he was able to find mentors who helped him gain acceptance to Tulane University in New Orleans and the V-12 Navy College Training Program. This was not an easy choice for him, coming from a family that had not had many members even attend college, let alone leave home to do it. During these undergraduate years he returned to Dunedin periodically to help his father run Jernigan and Thomas Brush Company, a business that survived until his father's death from cancer in 1971. Eventually he had to devote his time more fully to the increasing demands of undergraduate and medical education. He was a member and president of Alpha Tau Omega as an undergraduate and a member of Phi Chi Medical Fraternity in medical school as well as a member of the Pan Hellenic Council and OWL Club.

It was during his time in New Orleans that he met the love of his life, Jeanne Amis, a young girl whose family had moved from Dyersburg, Tennessee a few years earlier. They became inseparable for life and married in 1951. Upon graduation from medical school in 1950, he began serving his active duty commitment to the U.S. Navy, and was assigned as General Medical Officer to Destroyer Division 282 during the Korean War. During these 14 months at sea, he was the primary medical provider for USS Pritchett, USS Cushing, USS Owen and USS Cowell. After his tour as General Medical Officer, he was transferred to Naval Hospital Millington, near Memphis, where Jeanne's mother had moved. Upon completion of his active duty, he returned to Tulane for residency in Internal Medicine.

During his final year of training in 1956, he was approached by his department head and told that a colleague, one John Powers M.D., was looking for an internist to join himself and Dr. Donald Bales in their practice serving the growing post-war industrial town of Kingsport, Tennessee. Upon telling Jeanne this, she reminded him that they had once had car trouble in Kingsport during one of their trips across the state going between Memphis and Norfolk, Virginia, where he had been stationed. They remembered the mountain scenery and the friendly people they encountered while their car was worked on at Latimer-Looney Chevrolet. They decided that Kingsport was where they wanted to make their lives, and in August of 1956, after extra training in the use of radioisotope therapy for thyroid disease, he became the youngest partner with Powers, Bales and Jernigan at 202 W. Ravine. He joined the staff at Holston Valley Community Hospital, and during the next 30 years he was part of a core group of providers and administrators that truly and faithfully served this community while establishing HVCH (later Holston Valley Medical Center) as a leading healthcare provider in the region. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine. He was a Fellow in the American College of Chest Physicians as well as the American College of Physicians, having served 3 years on the Tennessee governor's board of that organization. At various times during his tenure with Holston Valley he was Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine and served on multiple committees. He was active in the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society. In his later years of practice, he became affiliated with ETSU School of Medicine as an associate clinical professor. He was loved and respected by his colleagues and patients.

After retirement, his commitment to community medicine continued when he became an active physician with and an avid supporter of the

Friends in Need Health Center in Kingsport. He and many of his old colleagues were instrumental to its early growth and success.

During these years he and Jeanne raised their three children and became integral members of their neighborhood and community. One could not have asked for a better role model while growing up in the 50s, 60s, and 70s as he offered guidance with love, wisdom, and humor. He was an altogether decent man who respected everyone while gaining their respect. He brightened many family and social gatherings with his engaging sense of humor. He was a long-time member of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church and brought his family up in that church while serving terms as Deacon and Elder.

He had many interests and hobbies over the years, ranging from fishing and golf (having grown up on the Gulf Coast) to artistic pursuits such as metal sculpture, woodworking, photography, gardening, and of course music. He was a founding member of The Has Beens orchestra, playing his big band favorites with friends and colleagues at many events in the area. He served for a time on the board of the Arts Council of Greater Kingsport. He was a fan of Shakespeare and poetry, and, to add color or comment to a situation, would often spontaneously recite lines from such works as Julius Caesar, As You Like It, Thanatopsis, or The Rime of the Ancient Mariner. He loved life and lived it to the fullest. He will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his immediate family including his wife of 72 years Jeanne (Amis), son Dr. Jefferey Robert Jernigan (Carol) of Jonesborough TN, daughter Mary Elizabeth Kingsley (Ted) of Poolesville, MD, and son Dr. John Amis Jernigan (Laura) of Decatur, GA.

Known to them as "Gramps", he was greatly loved by 8 grandchildren: Mary Margaret (Jernigan) King and Christopher Robert Jernigan of Memphis, TN, John Christian Kingsley of Long Beach, CA, MSgt(s) (USAF) Robert Cameron Kingsley of Fayetteville, NC, Mary Emma (Kingsley) Palmer of Washington, D.C., John Benjamin Jernigan of Washington, D.C., LT (USN) Jefferey Amis Jernigan of Anacortes, Washington, and William Davis Jernigan of Atlanta, GA.

Three great grandchildren survive him: Thaddeus Wallace (Wally) Ferrell of Durango, CO, Amis Marie King, and August Hugh King (Gus) of Memphis.

Known throughout his life as "Robert", "Uncle Bob", "Bob", or "Dr. Bob", he is mourned by numerous nephews, nieces and extended family across the country and world who remember him with many