



Rev. Dennis Melvin Jech

March 30, 1928 - November 5, 2019

Rev. Dennis Melvin Jech, 91 year old resident of Gentry, Arkansas, went to be with the Lord on November 5, 2019. He was born on March 30, 1928 in El Reno, Oklahoma, to Charlie G. Jech and Agnes S. Miller. His family moved to Gentry when he was 8 years old and he grew up there. Dennis graduated from Gentry High School and attended South Central Bible College in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He married Maudie Coulson on March 25, 1950 in Gentry. Dennis served as an Assembly of God Minister in Malvern, Huntsville, Harrisburg, Green Forest, Winslow, Gentry, Cedarville, Rogers, and Fort Smith. He was a member of the General Council of Assemblies of God for over 69 years. Dennis was a member of the Gentry Assembly of God Church, and was still serving as Associate Pastor at the Decatur Assembly of God.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers, Leslie, Lloyd, Otto, Paul, Carl, and Sanford; and one sister, Stazie Viewig.

He is survived by his wife, Maudie; two sons, Terry Jech and wife Cheryl of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Jeff Jech and wife Patti of Berryville, Arkansas; two daughters, Teresa Bradford and husband Chuck of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and Janice Reed of Fort Worth, Texas; eight grandchildren, Kimberly Buller, Shawna Davis, Brent Bradford, Tera Mitchell, Melissa Goodell, Kara Trimble, Ryan Jech, and Blake Jech; twenty-two great grandchildren; one brother, Roy Jech and wife Georgena of Gentry; one sister, Inez Bramwell of Gentry; and

numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 8, 2019 at Decatur Assembly of God, with Rev. Kirk Anderson and Rev. Dennis Thrasher officiating. Burial will follow at Gentry Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, November 7, 2019 at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs.

Cemetery Details

Gentry Cemetery

Gentry Cemetery
Gentry, AR 72734

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Service

NOV 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Decatur Assembly of God
675 N. Main St.
Decatur, AR 72722

Tribute Wall

CM

“*Dear Jech Family, I'm so thankful that, years ago, our paths crossed in such a special way. The Jechs served as my childhood pastors for many years. The memories are so special to me! May the Lord comfort you and give you His peace each and every day. Love always, Carolyn Moss*

Carolyn Moss - November 11, 2019 at 03:56 PM

MS

“ I first saw Dennis when I was 5 yrs old. We lived right behind them when he was at Gentry. My grandma would come and get me and Rick and take us to church with her. I remember her telling us to not be scared because sometimes Brother Dennis would get a little bit loud and boy was she right. He always started off calm and then the intensity would increase with every word he spoke. The louder he got preaching the gospel the more I made sure I was sitting as still as I could be. Was afraid he could get on to me if I was moving around too much. I remember by the time he finished a sermon he would be dripping in sweat Looking back I can now really relate to the calm before the storm. I had many good conversations with Dennis and we shared many things we had endured through life. Some I think he had never talked to anyone about except looking for answers from God. I would say that Dennis is the one person who was at the top of my list of people I truly respected. When my dad passed I went and asked him if he could do the service and he told me that it would be very hard for him to do because they had been friends since they were in school together and they thought very much of each other. I told him that if dad had one wish that it would be that his lifelong friend was the one who spoke the last words about him. Dennis did do the service and although I could tell it was difficult he did his usual amazing job. Dennis is one special man that will live in my heart and my thoughts forever. I thank him for being my friend

mike still - November 09, 2019 at 04:47 PM

PC

I am very late with this but did not know he had passed away until last week. I love Dennis and Maudie so much. They were a part of our families for years. When my mom and dad renewed there wedding vows on there 40th anniversary, we asked Bro Dennis to marry them as he did 40 years earlier. Dennis was a true man of God. I respected him so much.

Pam (Evans) Caldwell - April 20, 2020 at 12:48 PM

NS

“ Maudie, I just found out Dennis had passed. So sorry. He was a good man and great pastor. Ray greeted him in heaven I'm sure. He loved you and Dennis as I did. Love you, Nila Sams r.sams@cox.net

Nila Sams - November 08, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Dennis Melvin Jech.



November 07, 2019 at 06:17 PM

CG

“ Carolyn Holcomb Gordon lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dennis Melvin Jech



Carolyn holcomb gordon - November 07, 2019 at 06:00 PM

JF

“ James Wright & Joseph Cope Families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rev. Dennis Melvin Jech.



James Wright & Joseph Cope Families - November 07, 2019 at 04:54 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Rev. Dennis Melvin Jech.*



November 07, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Rev. Dennis Melvin Jech.*



November 07, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ *Bro. Jech was my Presbyter when I first became a Pastor. He appointed me to the first two churches I Pastored. I will always remember his kindness, patience, and most of all his dedication to the Word of God. May God bless his family during this time of loss.*

*Rev. Jerry Mizell
First Assembly of God
Lincoln AR.*

Jerry Mizell - November 07, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Dennis Melvin Jech.*



November 07, 2019 at 12:33 PM

JB

“ *Pastor Jech stands out as one of the most caring and loving ministers I have ever met. Over the years he always warmly accepted me to visit his church for a missions service. He was a great friend of missionaries and missions. He wanted everyone to hear the good news. God bless Sister Jech and all the Jech family.*
Missionary Jim Bennett

Jim Bennett - November 07, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev. Dennis Melvin Jech.*



November 07, 2019 at 10:14 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Rev. Dennis Melvin Jech.*



November 07, 2019 at 10:09 AM

LN

“ *Love you, Rhonda, Larry, and Nina purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Rev. Dennis Melvin Jech.*



Love you, Rhonda, Larry, and Nina - November 07, 2019 at 10:02 AM

DB

“ Sis. Jech and family.....was so sorry to hear about Bro. Jech. He just beat us to Heaven. Had some GREAT memories of him when I was a teen in the 60's going to all the C.A. Rallies. At that time I went to the Gravette Assembly of God Church. Even remembered one night at your house getting in trouble along with your kids for bouncing on one of their beds. I remember listening to Bro. Jech preach many times and how passionate he was about the Gospel. Great memories! Just hold on to all those lifetime "Precious Memories"! May GOD BLESS you and your family in this time of sorrow.....Diane (Presley) Bennett

Diane(Presley) Bennett - November 07, 2019 at 09:56 AM

AD

“ I never knew anyone more devoted to God and Family as I did Brother Jech! I hope that I can be just half the man he was someday! He always gave me a handshake and a the big smile! He loved My family, and we loved him more than words can say! The world lost a great Man, and heaven gained a Angel! RIP Brother Jech
With all My Love
Tony Duncan

Anthony B Duncan - November 07, 2019 at 06:09 AM

BB

“ He was a trusted friend, loyal man of God and colleague that I have loved and respected for many, many years. Who you are and what you have done for the Kingdom of God will never be forgotten.

Bob Brock - November 06, 2019 at 09:56 PM

PS

“ Brother Jech was a good friend of our family and just a big teddy bear of a pastor. He will be missed by our family even though we haven't been in touch much in the past years. I remember spending nights or days at their various parsonages during my youth and you always felt so much at home. Oh, have you ever ridden in a VW Beetle with this family? Memories close to my heart.

Paula Mankins Snow

Paula F. Snow - November 06, 2019 at 09:30 PM

EN

“ My first memory of Dennis is his family having a truck that only ran in reverse! Now if you knew their mother she always made sure her children in Church so.....here they came in this old truck backing all the way to Church! So many other great memories, one of my best is hearing him preach his first sermon as a quite young man. Am so sorry to hear of his passing but know he is rejoicing with his family who have gone before. RIP Dennis

Erma Newman - November 06, 2019 at 09:30 PM

TK

“ The Mankins Kids Paula, Perry, Marty, and Kenny purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Rev. Dennis Melvin Jech.



The Mankins Kids Paula, Perry, Marty, and Kenny - November 06, 2019 at 09:28 PM

WB

“ Kim and I are very sorry to hear of Bro. Jech’s passing. During the four years that we pastored in Gentry we got to know the Jech family. It took me a couple of encounters to know how to take Bro. Dennis’ humor delivery. But we soon were fast friends. He loved to joke around and talk about the Lord. I admired his commitment to minister at a small country church that needed his pastoral experiences and wisdom. He will be missed but we will see him on that happy day! God bless y’all. With love, Wes and Kim Bennett

wes bennett - November 06, 2019 at 09:19 PM

MA

“ I am so glad I had some wonderful, quality time with my Uncle Dennis and Aunt Maudie just a couple of weeks ago. God called him home yesterday and the world turned a deep color of grey when he left. He always brought me immeasurable joy where we have joked for decades about swimming in Flint Creek and he jokingly baptized me in the Name of Beelzebub. There was never an evening, as a 3 year old, when he would come home from work at Grandma Speer’s house that I wouldnt lift my arms up to him so he could turn me upside down so I could ‘walk on the ceiling’ of the old farm house. He served God all his life and no new person visited his home that he didnt ask if they had a personal relationship with God nor have I left his and Aunt Maudie’s home that we didnt hold hands and pray before we left. RIP Uncle Dennis and I’m sorry I took back the nickle I put in the offering plate when I found out you got it and made you go buy me an ice cream cone. I cannot imagine this world without my Uncle Dennis. RIP

Mary Morefield Allen - November 06, 2019 at 08:56 PM

B(

*Happy for him sad for Maudie & the rest of us. I was just thinking about brother Jeck. He and his lovely wife Maudie were such a blessing to me during my 1st few years living for God. I learned so much from both of them. He was a man of God I looked up to. He was a wonderful teacher of God & life. One Thursday night I was going to the church for prayer night. I stopped to fill up my gas tank & drove off with the pump handle still attached to my car 🤦🏻. I was so afraid the police were on their way to arrest me. He didn't miss a beat, he prayed with me, consoled with & helped me to return it to the store. I found later how funny he thought it all was but didn't want me to see him laughing 😄. We laughed about it several times in the coming years 😂😂😂. He & Maudie represented Gods love to everyone they they came across. I soaked it in as much as I could. Much love to you Maudie ❤️
(((HUGS)))*

Beverly Groom (young) - November 07, 2019 at 01:33 AM