



Rev. Lewis Thompson See Jr.

October 14, 2019

Rev. Lewis Thompson See, Jr., 67, of Batesville, passed away Monday, October 14, 2019. Rev. See was born in Cabot, Arkansas to Lewis Thompson See, Sr. and Wilhelmina Bogle See, who preceded him in death along with his son, Geoffrey Benjamin See. He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Melody Alexander See; daughter, Jennifer See-Rodgers (Bradley); son, Daniel Thompson See (Rebecca); sister, Elizabeth See Scott (Richard) of Summerville, SC; brother, John See (Kathy) of Cabot; and grandchildren, Parker Benjamin Rodgers, Kenzie Grace Rodgers, Henry Thompson See and Eleanor Catherine See.

Rev. See graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1974 with a Business Administration Degree. After earning his Masters of Divinity Degree in 1980 from St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, he served at Belton United Methodist Church in Belton, Missouri, Huntsville/Presley Chapel UMC in Huntsville, Shiloh UMC in Paragould, 1st United Methodist Church in North Little Rock, Prescott United Methodist Church in Prescott, West Memphis UMC in West Memphis, Asbury UMC and St. James UMC, both in Little Rock. He also served as District Superintendent for the Fort Smith District and Area Director of the United Methodist Church of the State of Arkansas. Rev. See also served in the United States Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant and Pilot.

He loved fishing, the New York Yankees, chocolate, teaching the scriptures (if you met him for the first time he always had a bible quiz for you), and history. He especially loved his grandchildren and had a great passion for pets, especially those who are hurt or have no home.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 17 from 6-8 p.m. at Cabot United Methodist Church. Services will be Friday, October 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the church, officiated by Rev. Philip Hathcock, Rev. Paul Seay and Rev. John Fleming. Interment will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Independence County Humane Society, 5 Environmental Dr., Batesville, AR 72501.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct., (501)224-2200. Rev. See's
online guestbook may be signed at www.littlerockfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Mt. Carmel Cemetery

Cabot, AR, 72023

Events

OCT **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Cabot United Methodist Church
2003 S. Pine, Cabot, AR, US, 72023

OCT **Funeral Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ my pawpaw

parker - Yesterday at 03:16 PM



“ Rev. See served as the guest preacher for a revival at Cabot UMC many, many years ago. The series was entitled “Grits and Grace”, and he revealed the meaning of that title during one of the sermons: he was at a restaurant in the south when the waitress brought a serving of grits. Rev. See said that he hadn’t ordered any grits, to which the waitress replied, “Oh, you don’t order the grits; they just come.” And God’s grace is just like that. I’m grateful for Rev. See’s dedicated ministerial service.

Laura Hankins Vaughn - October 25 at 11:20 AM



“ Lewis and I go back to our college days at Fayetteville. We were friends through our Airforce ROTC commitment. We learned to fly at Drake “international” at Fayetteville and had good times receiving our graduation honors. I remember Lewis racing behind the defense during our intramural football games and no matter how long I threw the football, he would manage to be under it for a touchdown! We had a long discussion while flying in the Air Force about the morality of dropping bombs. He made the decision to leave his love of flying for the greater cause of administering through the ministry. later in our lives, the good Rev. married me to my wife while he served at 1st United Methodist Church in North Little Rock. Lewis had the most positive, cheerful and impactful manner of anyone I’ve ever met.

Bob Petrik - October 24 at 11:02 AM



“ Lewis and Melody were such a blessing to our churches at Huntsville and to my family. He was an inspiration to our 4 boys (Eric, Patric, Clay & Cliff) during their teenage years, as he worked closely with the youth of our church. We will always remember him with love and how he touched our lives, as he did many others. Pat & Butch Anderson

Pat & Butch Anderson - October 20 at 02:49 PM



“ Dear Melody, Jennifer, and Daniel,

God smiled lovingly on the Hoggard family when He sent Lewis and his family to West Memphis to be our Spiritual Lead and close friends. Many fond memories were made between our families.

I remember our skiing trips to Colorado and Jennifer singing “Butterflies Will Soon Be Free” over and over. Scrambling to get the punch thawed out at Jenn’s wedding. And let’s not forget Lewis’s Bible jokes “What kind of car did the Disciples drive? It was a Honda. The Bible said “they came in one Accord””.

So many memories that will live on in our hearts forever!!

All our ,

Al, Debbie, Tim, and Dana

Al Hoggard - October 18 at 10:52 AM



“ Jennifer and Family,

Although I only met Mr. See a couple of times, I know that he was a wonderful father and husband. This must be so because the family that I know well whom he left behind is a wonderful family. We love you all and please know that our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Will, Sawyer, and Fletcher Carlile

Will Carlile - October 18 at 09:28 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Lewis Thompson See Jr..



October 17 at 03:01 PM



“ Dear Melody,
I didn't have the honor of knowing Bro. Lewis, but I want you to know that you and your family are in the prayers of the people from Cabot UMC.

God Bless.
Bro. Stephen and the entire Cabot UMC family.

Stephen - October 17 at 11:27 AM



“ Dear Melody and family, we were so sadden to hear about Lewis. Been a long time since Prescott but we have so many fond memories of Lewis and family. A bright light to our community. Cherish the memories.

Thomas & Vickie Reeves - October 17 at 11:09 AM



“ Jennifer and family,

So sorry to hear of your loss. We never met your Dad, but anyone that raised a daughter like you has to be one of the best. Our thoughts are with you all. May your beautiful memories keep you going.

Hugs,
Scott & Alisa Lancaster

Scott & Alisa Lancaster - October 17 at 10:41 AM



“ The Kaminar Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rev. Lewis Thompson See Jr..



The Kaminar Family - October 17 at 08:50 AM



“ My condolences to the family and friends of Lewis. I'm very sorry for your loss.

Robert Wittenburg - October 17 at 08:05 AM



“ Worked with Lewis at UM Conference Center. He was a wonderful, caring man with a fun humor. Grateful to have known him. Prayers for comfort to all the family during this sad time. Laura Organ Morris

laura morris - October 16 at 08:05 PM



“ Oh, My Dear Melly & Family, I saw this and tears began to flow! Your Lewis has been strong for so long as well as all of you. My heart breaks for your loss, but he is with your baby boy, your fur baby, and right in the arms of Jesus. He and Geoffrey are flying high and smiling down at all of you. He will be missed but your precious family has a trove of treasured memories. I wish I was close by so I could be there for hugs and his service. I know it will be a celebration of his life. I love you like a sister, you are on my heart and in my prayers. God bless your precious family. Hold each other close and know you are loved by many. I'm so sorry for this loss. Y'all take care, we send Big Love! □



Vicki V & WM Wallace Family - October 16 at 07:33 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Little Rock Funeral Home - October 16 at 04:47 PM



“ This is Parker. I love the video because it has all my family in it including my old friend, pawpaw.

parker - Yesterday at 03:31 PM



“ I am Parker I have read all of these comits.

parker - Yesterday at 03:40 PM



“ HI I have known this family sents 1 grade. hunter courtney

Hunter - Yesterday at 03:43 PM



“ sorry :(

BRODY - Yesterday at 08:55 AM



“ Melody,

I was saddened to hear the news of Lewis's passing. May God comfort you and your children during this time with thoughts of all the happy memories. One of my first thoughts when I heard were of Geoffrey greeting his dad and the reunion they must be having. I am sure you are hearing lots of great stories and memories of Lewis cherish each one. Lewis and you were a blessing in my life.

Mike

Mike Thorpe - October 16 at 01:38 PM



“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF LEWIS PASSING , I WAS 13 WHEN LEWIS WAS BORN AND HAVE KNOWN AND TALKED WITH HIM MANY TIMES SINCE. NOTHING LIKE GROWING UP IN A SMALL TOWN WHERE YOU KNEW THE PARENTS AND WATCHING A YOUNG MAN GROW. LEWIS YOU WILL BE MISSED. THINKING OF YOU MELODY AND THE FAMILY. PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH EACH OF YOU.

PEGGY ODUM HARTSELL

PEGGY HARTSELL - October 16 at 12:48 PM



“ We lived near Huntsville, and were members of the Presley United Methodist Church in Old Alabam where Lewis See was Pastor. He played a very important part in my husbands life, as he was not brought up as a part of any church, teaching him he could be a man of God, and still enjoy life. He found that out through Lewis See, as he not only taught him lessons of the life of Christ, but lessons of Faith through giving.

Many years later, we were living in Oklahoma and my husband, Larry had been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, and just before he passed away, Lewis and his son-in-law made the trip from Little Rock to see him, bringing him words of comfort, even though at that time Lewis himself had been very ill, and could no longer drive. They were still able to attend church together, and share their silly church jokes together. Then Lewis returned on the day Larry passed , and sat by his bedside. I will always

have fond memories of Lewis and Melody See and the joys and sadness they shared. May God richly Bless you Melody, and your dear family. Love always, Wanda Haines

Wanda Haines - October 16 at 12:25 PM



“ I was a member of FUMC in NLR when little Geoffrey passed. I can still remember what a sad time it was for the entire congregation. I'm sending prayers today for the See family. Although I know how sad they must be, it does my heart good to know Lewis is reunited with Geoffrey.

Mauri Douglass - October 16 at 10:56 AM



“ My heart is broken at the passing of Lewis See. My youth is filled with memories of us fishing together and running all over Cabot full of spit and vinegar sharing our big dreams of the future. Bubba went to collage and I went in the Navy and to Viet Nam and we didn't spend much time together after that but he will always be one of my favorite memories of my youth. The whole See family was wonderful and you always felt loved and honored to be in their circle. God Bless you all and I will look forward to seeing Bubba again when I get home and we can laugh together again!

Jim Knox

Jim Knox - October 16 at 09:25 AM



“ Lewis was my best friend throughout grade school and high school. Throughout all those years, what I remember most was his sense of humor. God showed us His sense of humor by turning this funny guy into a minister. Of course he loved preacher jokes, they were probably all about him. If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also. John 14:3

KENT WOMACK - October 16 at 08:15 AM



“ Our whole family loved Lewis. I'm sad to hear of his passing and my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Melody. Lewis and Joe were the last ministers my mom worked for before retiring, and she truly loved them. Lewis' bible study was The Best! I'll always have very fond memories of him! ~Robin Abbott (formerly Robin Dudley)



“ Pastor See came to our Huntsville congregation when I was a young mother of four about to lose the father of those children. His plainspoken kindness and gentle humor were just what I needed to push on into a very uncertain future and to heal my shattered heart. I'm still grateful for the Wesleyan covenant group he organized and facilitated among several women members of our congregation. We shared each other's personal burdens, encouraged one another and had many happy times. I'll never forget when Hillary Clinton attended one of our meetings -- at Pastor See's invitation -- to help us get started making a patchwork "peace" quilt together with the women of a congregation in the (then) Soviet Union. It gave me such a wonderful personal sense of belonging to a group of women who cared about each other, even though we never met. Jesus came to us through Pastor See that way, by his encouraging us to look into each other's souls, with love.

Patricia McKenney - October 16 at 12:43 AM



“ I am the daughter of Lucy Horton who worked along side Lewis during his time at Asbury. He was a great man and an amazing pastor. He became such a great friend to my mom, and was someone I truly admired. I used to always love the Lewis See stories I would hear growing up. Even after her passing, I thought of him and some of those stories often. My prayers will be with you all during this difficult time. Sincerely, Lindsey Horton

Lindsey Horton - October 15 at 11:33 PM



“ Melody, Jennifer, Daniel and family, we are so saddened to hear of Lewis' death. Prayers for strength and peace. Please know that our prayers are with you during this difficult time . Dick and Joetta Duke

joetta duke - October 15 at 10:30 PM



“ I will always cherish my memories of Pastor Lewis. I loved his energy, his sense of humor and his love of God's word. I was the 2 yr old Sunday School teacher at First UMC, NLR for 13 years and had the pleasure of having Jennifer and Daniel as my students. I first met Melody as she delivered the kiddos to Sunday School. Then on to church to hear Lewis' wonderful sermons after Sunday School. I have always loved the See family. I know Lewis is perfect now and has no medical issues. Praise God for eternal life. My prayers are will all if us who loved Lewis as we will miss his earthly presence. Sending love to his family.



“ I cried when I read of Lewis's passing and as I thought back on how much Lewis meant to me all those years ago. He was truly one of a kind. Some of my fondest church memories are of the days when he led our youth group. I can't help but smile when I think of our infamous ski trip to Pagosa Springs, CO. Despite the seemingly never ending drive, the complaints of teenagers and everything else he had to manage, he never stopped smiling or being there for us. His faith, his humor, his intelligence, his support and his love are all things I will never forget. I didn't even realize at the time what an influence he was to me; I wish I could have told him how much I respected and loved him. I hope he knew how cherished he was by so many. He leaves behind a legacy that will never die. Wrapping your family in thoughts of love and peace. Lovingly, April Westmoreland Mosebrook and family

april mosebrook - October 15 at 07:18 PM



“ Absolutely loved walking next door and talking to Mr. Lewis. He was and is a shining light in my life. The stories he would tell and the very corny preacher jokes he loved. The memory he had was amazing, even on some very sick days he would say, turn my bible to page so-n-so and look about halfway down on the right column and read that scripture.... nope that's not it, turn to the next page.... yep that's the one I wanted. So smart, so caring, sooooo loving! I will always cherish my friendship with Mr. Lewis

Jeff Combs - October 15 at 06:48 PM



“ He loved you all. He especially enjoyed being a mentor to Justin. He was so proud to do that.

Melody See - October 15 at 07:05 PM



“ Lewis is special--special in loving God, special in ministry, special in love of family, special in friendship, and SPECIAL IN TELLING SOME OF THE CORNIEST JOKES EVER UTTERED BY A HUMAN! Those are just a few of the reasons Lucy and I and our kids loved him and all his family. I am a better person for knowing him and am comforted by knowing that he now has a perfect body and mind. I bet he's catching heavenly fish and playing spiritual golf with his son right now. Prayers for all of you!

With love and prayers,

Terry Horton

Terry Horton - October 16 at 10:27 AM



“ It was an honor to call you Dad. Thanks for teaching me the importance of a sense of humor. I love you so very much.

Jennifer See-Rodgers - October 15 at 06:20 PM