



Rev. Hal Mahan

May 5, 1949 - December 5, 2021

Reverend Languel Hal Mahan, born May 5th, 1949, passed away at his home on December 5th, 2021. He lived in the Sims Community most of his life. He pastored Welcome Bethel Church for many years, at least four decades. He is preceded in death by his parents W L and Viola Mahan; brother, Kenneth (Butch) Mahan, sister, Suzette Mahan Peppers, niece, Ginger Sims, and sister Pamela Jean Hayes.

He is survived by his wife, Maryann Mahan, daughter Victoria Mahan Harris (Jim Harris); daughter Danielle Mahan Cruz, (Nicky Martin), four grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, brother David Mahan, brother Rickey Mahan (Judy), and a host of nieces and nephews.

Officiating the service will be Rickey White and Jeff Teele.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked for donations to Welcome Bethel Church PO Box 67 Guntersville, Alabama 35976

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church # 2 Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Guntersville Memorial Chapel
1601 Henry Street
Guntersville, AL 35976
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Service

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 192 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Guntersville Memorial Chapel & Crematory - December 09, 2021 at 09:30 AM

DB

“ *Bro. Hal was a very fine Christian man, he was my very good friend> He could out eat me eating Mary Sim's fried pies. May the Lord bless and comfort the family.*

Don Bradford - December 08, 2021 at 04:27 PM

David Michael here again:

Something amazing happened when I was 17 years old. I became born again and gave my life to the King of Kings and LORD of LORDS - JESUS Christ! I finally got to know this great God that Uncle Hal knew and I found the love of God that Uncle Hal had in his heart that emanated from him.

Now, when I would see Uncle Hal, he was a brother to me in the LORD. I now had the same love for him that he had for me albeit his love was probably more refined and disciplined because I was so young and a new Christian! I began to study the Word of God and found this great big book that aided in knowing the meaning of the words in the original language and tongue. It was that Strong's concordance he had given to my parents about 10 years prior! I had no idea until yesterday that this was a gift from him to them! I still have that book with me to this day.

When I was about 27, I came to understand that prayer language I had been hearing from Welcome Bethel church - a church with so many of my kin. The fruit was bearing, sown from my family all of those years before.

Here I am today, 38 years old, husband of a wonderful wife, father to four precious children, and still full of the joy of the LORD, and thankful to God for people vital to my walk with Him like Uncle Reverend Hal Mahan.

I can't wait to see him in Heaven. In the meantime, I hope to carry what he carried and sow into our future generations like he did.

Glory to God! Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb!

Please pray for the comfort of the Holy Spirit to our family after such a loss and for his precious wife MaryAnn Mahan .

David Michael - December 08, 2021 at 06:11 AM

DC

Thank you for sharing your story. I have so many memories of Story's similar to yours about my dad. I didn't realize that everyone else felt the same as I did. I thought the way I looked at my father was something just daughters felt towards their dads but no I was wrong. My father to me was the most humble, non judgemental, loving, caring, honest, fair, soft spoken and with a loud voice all in one and he was everything that a daughter should have in a dad. It took many years before I realized that he was that same great man to every person he met. It was a privilege to have him as my dad. Thank you again for sharing.

danielle manhan cruz - December 18, 2021 at 12:27 PM

“ Part 1 of 2

David Michael here, son of Julie Battle and Ron Michael, son of Arzell and Clarsie Jo Michael, daughter of Arnie and Gladys Buchanan (Mahan), daughter of Lan and Gertrude Mahan.

I feel an unction of the Holy Ghost on me now to write this so here I go! How many of you know that heritage is an important thing to the LORD? Those genealogies are in the Book for a reason!

Psa 16:5 The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

Psa 16:6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Psa 16:7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel:

On Sunday, My Great Uncle and Reverend Hal Mahan passed on to glory. He was a spiritual giant in our family. There are key people in my heritage that I can point to that have left a Godly inheritance for our generations. It is important to declare and sow into our future generations. I can say that I'm not sure if I would be here doing this now if it were not for God's Fatherly Shepherd's heart through this man and the great love he also had for not only for everyone he met but also his family.

I was a kid and wondered how could this man love me so much? I then saw that he loved us all like that. If we had a large group of family for the meal then it was always deferred to him to pray. I would love to hear him pray. He prayed with such joy, power and authority. It wasn't just your typical, "God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food". He prayed like someone who knew JESUS and the Holy Ghost personally. When it was time for Uncle Hal to pray then I had great anticipation and excitement!

He was a giant man with an even bigger heart to me. As a child, I quickly realized that he had a fatherly heart towards me and others.

I remember my times going to his church, Welcome Bethel. I was always very welcomed! They weren't my average (at that time) church service. They were meetings with God moved by the Holy Ghost and led by Him. I wouldn't know what to expect (in a good way)! The uncertainty had me on the edge of my seat. There was no pew warming to be had there! I would hear others pray in a different language. I had no idea what that was about then!

Uncle Hal gave a Strong's Concordance to my parents back when I was a kid. He even drove to see us once at least (to my memory) and we were a good 3.5 hour drive away. I was always amazed that he cared for me and my household so much. He cared so much for my grandparents I noticed too. My Grandfather, Arzell Michael, also had a change in his life that he would tell me about many times as a kid. He told me about Welcome Bethel and how he got baptized. He said when he came out of the water that his body was a little bit cold but his heart was unusually warm. He could touch his hand over it and feel so too. That blew his mind. He told that story frequently. My grandparents would play TBN and Gospel music all of the time!

David Michael - December 08, 2021 at 06:10 AM

DS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dustin sims - December 08, 2021 at 12:34 AM

PK

“ Pam Kirby lit a candle in memory of Rev. Hal Mahan



Pam Kirby - December 07, 2021 at 01:24 AM

DK

“ Mary Ann my thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls just know that hes in the battle place and we all are at this moment as the young kid growing up in Ohio and being an Alabama from my vacation I always spend a lot of time at the main hints because I was related to aunt Jay but I spent a lot of time with Suzette and Pam too I got to listen to him preach as the breakthrough at welcome battle he was a good preacher

Darla sims kerns - December 07, 2021 at 12:30 AM

BL

“ So many memories of services at Crossroads FG Church Dallas Ga and the camp meetings, Wayne performed Hal & MaryAnn’s 25th wedding renewal vows. They came to visit & go eat @ Harmony restaurant , Catfish Den and Rt 61.

Brenda Landmon - December 06, 2021 at 11:20 PM

KC

“ Such a precious man, He was always there when me and my family needed him. He will be truly missed. I know he is now rejoicing with his Lord

Kathy Kelley Clark - December 06, 2021 at 09:13 PM