

Presbytery of St. Augustine
Memorial Resolution
The Rev. James R. Lloyd
1931 – 2018

The Rev. James R. Lloyd, a member of the Presbytery of St. Augustine, died on February 26, 2018, in the Taylor Care Center of Jacksonville, Florida, where he had been a resident in the memory-care unit for several years. He was 86.

Rev. Lloyd was a Presbyterian minister for 61 years. He was also a gifted musician. At the young age of just 14 years old he was ASKED to become a member of the Duke University Symphony Orchestra, where he played the cello for eight years: from junior high school days until he and his wife Margaret graduated from Duke.

Following his graduation from Duke, Rev. Lloyd earned his Master's Degree from Union (Presbyterian) Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He later pursued a Doctorate in Preaching at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. He had completed all of the required classes and needed only the Practical Application Project to complete the degree. At the same time, however, his wife Margaret had begun work on her doctorate in School Psychology. After much introspection and prayer, they decided to stop pursuing these degrees in order to give more time to their family and to their other interests.

Rev. Lloyd began his ministry in North Carolina as Pastor of the Park Ave. Presbyterian Church in Rockingham and of the Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church in Durham (where he had grown up). He entered this Presbytery in 1965, when he was called to Jacksonville's Lakewood Presbyterian Church as Assistant Pastor. Subsequently he served as Associate Pastor at our Arlington Church, and Pastor of our Covenant (Jacksonville) church, and our Mikesville (near Lake City) church, from which he retired in 1997.

A number of years ago, under the auspices of this presbytery, he gathered a small group of Presbyterians and held worship services, church school classes, and activities in the Elks Lodge in Middleburg, Florida. From that small group emerged the thriving Middleburg Presbyterian Church of today. For eight years, Rev. Lloyd was the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in St. Marys, Georgia.

Rev. Lloyd happily and ably participated in camps and conferences at Montgomery Conference Center in Florida and annually spent a week at Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina, where each member of his family participated in the classes and activities.

Rev. Lloyd served a term as Vice President of the Florida Association of Christian Educators and a term on the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Counseling Center of Jacksonville. He represented this Presbytery as a Commissioner to the 1983 General Assembly, which reunited the General Assemblies of the southern Presbyterian churches and the northern Presbyterian churches.

Through his preaching of the Word and his living the Christian way of life, he guided persons to know and love Christ. Throughout his life he was deeply interested in helping the less fortunate, particularly the homeless and those who felt helpless or hopeless.

Rev. Lloyd is survived by his wife of 61 years, Margaret, his daughter Melanie Thompson (John), grandchildren Stephanie/ Heather/ Jeremy, and great-grandson Jaxon. He is also survived by his brother Kenneth Lloyd and brother-in-law Ray Vance Hopper. He was predeceased by his son Eric in 2014.

The Presbytery of St. Augustine enters this resolution to thank God for our brother's unique gifts and the many ways he served Jesus Christ with distinction, creativity, hopefulness, and courage. We ask for blessings on his family and on the continued impact that his ministry will have on the many lives that he touched.

Done this 1st day of May, 2018, at the Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center in Starke, Florida.