

## Appendix I

### Memorial Resolution

**Clyde M. Wray, Jr.**

September 30, 1931 - March 19, 2022

*"A warm, loving congregation is no small thing."  
(from "Sage Sayings" - Clyde Wray)*

Clyde Wray, child of God, was born in Mount Airy, North Carolina (near Winston Salem), on September 30, 1931, to Clyde Mack Wray and Parry Esther Joyce Wray. His life was framed by the mountains of North Carolina, where his father worked in the Mount Airy quarry for almost 50 years. Clyde married Mary Jo Walker in 1950, beginning a beautiful and loving partnership of more than 71 years. Clyde and Mary Jo raised two daughters, and he is survived by five grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren. He passed from this life into his new life with the Lord on March 19, 2022, at the age of 90.

Clyde was educated at Piedmont Bible College and Elon College and graduated with an M. Div. from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1965. He was ordained that summer by the Orange Presbytery and served two churches in Eden, North Carolina: Riverview and El-Bethel. God blessed the Presbytery of St. Augustine by calling Clyde to Jacksonville, Florida in 1974, where he began a long pastorate at Murray Hill Presbyterian Church that would extend through 1995. During the season of this special pastor-congregation relationship, Clyde encouraged this warm, loving congregation that was generous to its community and appreciative of the many aspects of his pastoral ministry. In 2003, he received the title "Pastor Emeritus" of that church.

For many years, Clyde served faithfully beyond the local church on presbytery committees and as a commissioner to the General Assembly in 1983. He was also a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol, had a passion for evangelism and stewardship, and was an earnest advocate for justice, with special attention to hunger and world peace.

After his retirement from Murray Hill, Clyde was called as the stated supply pastor at Mayport Presbyterian Church for about ten years. After that time, he continued to carry the good news of the gospel to churches in our presbytery as a Sunday supply preacher for many more years.

Those who knew him describe Clyde as "a kind and gentle soul." Murray Hill members appreciated his leadership, his partnership with Mary Jo, his wisdom, and his attention to evangelism and the business of the church. "If there was a need, Clyde was there." A pastor colleague describes him as "dependable, unwavering, constant, and resolute." Clyde shared with this colleague that he found "the Rock" for his own life when he was growing up in the hills of North Carolina. In his ministry for over 50 years, he cared for those around him and encouraged them to "leave the sinking sand and come to the solid Rock." One of his granddaughters shared in his service bulletin that her "Papa" was "kind, charitable, loving, funny, patient, gracious and humble.... I never heard him say a negative word; he was giving to a fault and believed everyone is capable of goodness."

The Presbytery of St. Augustine gives thanks to God for the life, ministry and example of Clyde Wray. We affirm with joy that he is now in the merciful care of his Lord and Savior whom he served with such grace and faith. To God be the glory forever and ever!