



## Robert Bruce Hulette

Pastor of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church

March 1969 - December 1974



Robert Bruce Hulette, son of Arthur D. and Essie B. Hulette, was born in Sunburst, North Carolina, September 25, 1923. He spent his childhood and youth in Kingsport, Tennessee.

Brother Hulette became a Christian at the age of fifteen and became a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tennessee a few months later.

After graduating from Sullivan High School, Kingsport, Tennessee, he was immediately inducted into the Army in 1943, and was medically discharged during the same year.

Upon returning to civilian life, he became employed in a Defense Plant in Kingsport. It was during this time that he met a young lady, Mildred J. Sandidge, of Gate City, Virginia, who was an employee of the same plant. On October 14, 1944, Miss Sandidge became Mrs. Bruce Hulette. In the same year, he became employed by the United States Post Office. It was in this period of time that he received his call into the gospel ministry.

Brother Hulette entered Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Kentucky in January, 1946. In the following fall, he entered Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee and graduated three and one half years later with the AB Degree. Two years of college was financed by self employment in a popcorn business.

He entered the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in the Spring of 1950, and graduated with the BD Degree. While in the seminary, he and his wife did mission work in the bayous of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

The Calvary Baptist Church in Algiers, Louisiana ordained him into the ministry on May 1, 1952 and called him a mission pastor of the Lower Coast Baptist Chapel in Algiers, Louisiana.

Returning to Tennessee in 1953, he became pastor of the Surgoinsville Baptist Church in Surgoinsville, Tennessee where he served for over two years.

In 1956, he was called to the West Liberty Baptist Church in West Liberty, Kentucky where he served for five years as County Missionary and pastor.

He returned to Tennessee in 1960 as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Whitesburg, Tennessee and remained on this field for four years.

In 1964, he accepted a call to become pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church in Four Mile, Kentucky and served there until coming to Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church in 1969.

Brother and Mrs. Hulette have five children. The oldest child, Cynthia Ann is a graduate of Georgetown College and resides in Cynthiana, Kentucky. Miles Rodney is stationed in the Canal Zone with the United States Army. Alan Rex, Connie Suzette, and Rita Gail reside with their parents and attend school in Lebanon, Kentucky.



Bro. and Mrs. Hulette, along with their daughter, Connie, were here to help the church celebrate its 125th Anniversary in 1999.

Mildred Janell Hulette passed away on May 30, 2004.

Rev. Bruce Hulette passed away on October 18, 2013. He was a faithful servant of God and will be missed by all who knew and loved him. The following obituary was published by Carter-Trent Funeral Home:



## Obituary of Bruce Hulette

Reverend Bruce Hulette went home to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, late Friday October 18, 2013 following a brief illness.

He will always be remembered as a loving servant of God, wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, and friend. He served God for 70 years pastoring many churches in New Orleans, Kentucky, and Tennessee, serving on committees, and teaching Sunday school at the Church Hill Health and Rehab Center. He was a graduate of Carson-Newman College and received his Masters of Divinity at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Reverend Hulette was preceded in death by his loving wife of nearly 60 years Mildred "Sandy" Hulette; mother, Essie Bradford Hulette; father, Arthur Deadric Hulette; sisters, Leola Hulette and Jerry Neal; brothers, Bill Hulette, and Jack Hulette.

He is survived by his children, Cynthia and Tom Pelphrey of Owensboro, KY, Rod Hulette of Rogersville, TN, Alan and Krystal Hulette of Bedford, VA, Connie and Doug Miller of Hardinsburg, KY, and Rita and Tony Dykes of Church Hill, TN; his grandchildren and great grandchildren, Brian Hulette, John Pelphrey and Kelly Dew, Clark and Brandy Pelphrey, Josh and Christina Hulette, Ryan Dykes, Christopher Miller, Nicholas Hulette, Logan Hulette, Porter Pelphrey, Paker Pelphrey, and Jocelyn Pelphrey; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Join the family as they celebrate his life at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Mount Carmel on Tuesday October 22, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the service following.

The graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Oak Hill Memorial Park, (Lynn Garden Community) Kingsport. Pallbearers will be his grandchildren, Brian Hulette, John Pelphrey, Clark Pelphrey, Josh Hulette, Ryan Dykes, Christopher Miller, and Logan Hulette. Honorary pallbearers will be the past and present deacons of Oak Grove Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Surgoinsville, Howard Hightower, John K. Williams Jr., Phillip Montgomery, Eddie Carr, and Smith Mayes.

Carter-Trent Funeral Home, Church Hill is serving the family of Rev. Bruce Hulette