



## Allen "Randy" Rand Niswonger

January 27, 1958 - January 27, 2015

Allen "Randy" Rand Niswonger, 57, of Ringgold, Georgia went home to be with his Lord and Savior Tuesday January 27, 2015.

A resident of the Ringgold area for the past 5 years, he and was formerly of Milan, Georgia. Randy was a member of New Liberty Baptist Church and a former employee of Covington Theological Seminary where he worked as Registrar, Dean of Students and Professor.

He is preceded in death by his father, Thomas E. Niswonger.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Oleta Sherwood Niswonger of Ringgold, GA.; mother, Barbara Merrill Niswonger of Rossville, GA.; two children, Kristina R. (Jonathan) Sumner of Bonaire, GA and Joshua Matthew (Amber) Niswonger of Thomasville, GA; three brothers, Merrill (Tanya) Niswonger of Chattanooga, TN., Tom Niswonger Jr. of Hixson, TN. and William "Bill" (Bobbi) Niswonger of Chattanooga, TN; one granddaughter, Ellison Niswonger , several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 A.M. Saturday January 31, 2015 at New Liberty Baptist Church with Rev. Danny Henson and Rev. Greg Carroll officiating. He will lie-in-state at the church Saturday from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. Interment will follow at New Liberty Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday from 6-8 P.M. at the funeral home.

On-line register book can be signed at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold,  
Georgia.

# Tribute Wall

DF

“ Dear Mrs. Oleta,

*I am saddened to hear of the passing of Bro. Randy.*

*The staff of Baptist Mobile Health Ministry would like to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family. It has always been our honor and privilege to serve you and Bro. Randy over the years. We will hope that you will continue to be a participant of the retreats.*

*On a personal note, I appreciated your coming to visit me at the display table during the GBC Annual meeting. It was always a pleasure to fellowship with the both of you.*

*We will be remembering you and your family in our prayers.*

*In Christ's love,  
Diana O. Brown  
Baptist Mobile Health Ministry.*

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**Diana Brown - Jasper, GA - friend** - February 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ When Glen Trundle called to give us the news that Randy had gone to be with our Lord, Pat and I were saddened to hear that. Then we recalled that Jesus Himself had much compassion on friends and family of Lazarus when he saw them mourning the loss of their friend and brother. And He knew He was just about to raise Lazarus from the grave. We pray that the Holy Spirit will encourage and comfort during this time of loss as we all look forward to the day we will see Randy again when we will all stand before our Lord and worship Him together.

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**Howard and Pat Chunn - Pensacola, FL** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“Merrill, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Please accept my condolences. Losing a loved one is never easy.

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**Angela L. Lawrence - Chattanooga, TN - Co-Worker of Merrill Niswonger -**  
January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SN

“Merrill and Family,  
There really are no words to say express the sadness I felt to hear of your brother's passing.. I would like to leave a verse of comfort: Psalm 34:18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.  
My prayers are with you.

*Sherlane*

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**Sherlane Paris - Chattanooga, TN - Co-worker of Merrill Niswonger -** January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“Dear family of Randy Niswonger, My heart is heavy for you during this most difficult time in your life. In times like this I want to remind you that the Christ Randy faithfully loved, served and shared with so many people is the same Christ that will be your strength. The day of the CTS 2015 July graduation, I talked with Randy in his office. He gave me info on some prospective students in my area. Then with joy in his words his conversation was all about his family and rightly so. One more reminder - we shall see Randy again. In Christ,

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**Dr. Danny Parton - Easley, SC - Dean of NW Ext. -** January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *My brother and partner in the ministry of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Randy has heard the words we all hope to hear one day. Well done my good and faithful servant. To God be the glory.*  
*Mike Greande*

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**Mike Grenade - Eastman, GA - Brother in Christ** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ *Randy was a good friend and fellow seminary student. I visited him and Oleta often during the three years at SEBTS. Randy was always open and helpful to me in my journey to earn a Masters Degree.*  
*My prayers are with Oleta, Kristina and Josh. Trusting God's hand of sheltering grace are wrapped gently in His love.*

*God bless,*

*Warrem*

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**Warren Jones - Pauline, SC - Friend and Co-laborer** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I am so very thankful to have shared a part of my life with this loving man of God. He touched so many people with his gentle nature, his spirit of fellowship, his sense of humor and his genuine love for Christ. His faith never waivered and his love for me and my family was a true gift from God. Oleta, Josh and Kristina how wonderful it was to have a husband and father that truly loved you the way that Randy did. His influence on your lives will continue to touch men and women for generations to come. He loved you dearly and was extremely proud to be your husband and father. I am sad to know that there is no chance for me to ever sit with him and discuss issues the way we did in years past. But, I take joy in knowing that many of our discussions in the past, were surrounded by our Hope that is Jesus Christ for our eternity. I will forever be grateful to you for allowing me to be a part of your lives. I know sorrow at this moment, but the last thing your husband, your father and my friend ever said to each other was "I love you." I know how good it made me feel at that moment. I can only imagine what it was like when Randy finally heard those same words spoken from the mouth of Christ. He finished the course.

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**Greg Warnock - St. Louis, MO - Friend** - January 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My deepest condolences to all the family

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**Marcos - Rio de Janeiro - Colleague** - January 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM