

A MEMORIAL FOR RULING ELDER BOBBY GERALD COCHRAN

Whereas, on November 20, 2017, after he had “served the purpose of God in his own generation” (Acts 13:36), our Creator and Author of the destiny of all men, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call from our midst Ruling Elder Bobby Gerald Cochran into his glorious presence; and

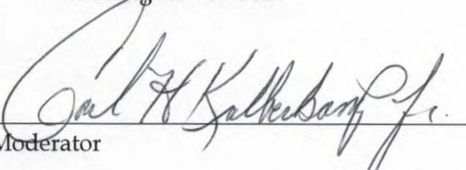
Whereas, Bobby and Cindy, his wife, joined Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church on May 6, 2004. He served as a Deacon from 2008 through 2010 and was ordained as a Ruling Elder on January 15, 2012. During his life at Pear Orchard, he loved all and was loved by all for his servant heart. Bobby was always looking for ways to help people and his church. He consistently strove to do nothing from selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility counted others more significant than himself. He looked not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Bobby beautifully exhibited the fruit of the Holy Spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Whereas, Bobby and Cindy, his wife, taught the youngest covenant children at Pear Orchard for a number of years. He also assisted with the Catechism classes; volunteered with the Sonbeams special needs ministry; served on the Moses’ Basket orphan ministry leadership committee; served as Chaplain for Trail Life USA Troop MS-1031; and tutored young men through the Sons of the King ministry. He reached out to widows, ministering to their needs. He met weekly with men studying the Word of God, encouraging and building one another’s faith. Bobby was hospitable. We give thanks to God, remembering before our God and Father, Bobby’s work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

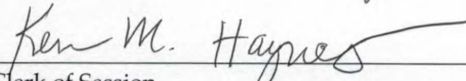
Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church does note the death of our brother in the Lord with a deep sense of loss and sorrow, yet also with thankfulness that he is now in glory, seeing his Savior as He is, and we offer this prayer of thanksgiving for the life of Ruling Elder Bobby Gerald Cochran, as he lived among us and served the Lord so faithfully. Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church rejoices in the full and certain assurance that our brother is in the presence of God to worship Him throughout eternity. To God be the glory, honor and power, both now and forevermore, Amen; and

Further Be It Resolved, that this Resolution be approved as a Memorial by Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and likewise that this Memorial be forwarded to The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to be spread upon its minutes; and

Further Be It Resolved, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, and that a copy be furnished to Bobby’s wife, Cindy, as an expression of the Church’s deep appreciation for the life, testimony and ministry of Ruling Elder Bobby Gerald Cochran, to the kingdom of God.



Moderator



Clerk of Session

