

Rev. Cranford, Retired Minister, Dies In Concord

CONCORD — Rev. A. B. Cranford, 78, retired minister of Center Baptist Church in Concord died Monday at Cabarrus Hospital.

Rev. Cranford served as a minister of several churches in Montgomery and Cabarrus counties and as a prison chaplain in Belton, Tex. He retired from Center Baptist Church in 1965.

His funeral will be at 3 p.m. today at Midland Baptist Church. Burial in Fairview Cemetery in Albemarle.

He is survived by his wife; daughters, Mrs. Leonard Schenck of Royal Oaks, Mrs. D. E. Miller of China Grove, Mrs. Tracy Cruse of Concord; sons, Jesse A. Cranford of Central, S.C., Lt. W. J. Cranford of Winter Park, Fla., Z. C. Cranford of Salisbury; sister, Mrs. Calvin Davis of Central Falls; brothers, L. L. Cranford of Albemarle, Fred Cranford of Troy.

Charlotte News
Charlotte Observer
Concord Tribune
Dunn Record
Durham Herald
Durham Sun
Elizabeth City Advance
Fayetteville Observer
Gastonia Gazette
Greensboro News-Argus
Greensboro Daily News
Greensboro Record
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~~Montgomery~~
10-9-68

Retired Baptist Pastor Passes On Monday

Rev. A. B. Cranford, 78, brother of Lacy L. Cranford of Albemarle and a retired Baptist minister, died Monday in Cabarrus Hospital, Concord, shortly after being stricken.

Mr. Cranford, a resident of 2802 Royal Avenue, Royal Oaks, Concord, was a native of Montgomery County and had served as pastor of a number of Baptist churches in this general area.

He was born July 24, 1890, the son of the late J. B. and Mary Lewis Cranford. As pastor he served a number of churches in Montgomery County, and then was a prison chaplain at Belton, Texas.

He was also pastor of Howells and Midland Churches in Cabarrus County, and retired three years ago from active duty as pastor of Center Baptist Church at Candor.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Midland Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Gerald Lanier, pastor, assisted by Rev. Marvin Helms. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery, Albemarle.

In his capacity as a minister, Mr. Cranford made many friends wherever he went. He was active in his calling for many years after the usual retirement age.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Effie Moore Cranford; three daughters, Mrs. Leonard Schenck of Royal Oaks, Mrs. D. E. Miller of China Grove, and Mrs. Tracy Cruse of Concord; three sons, Jesse A. Cranford of Central, S. C., Lt. W. J. Cranford of Winter Park, Fla., and Z. C. Cranford of Salisbury; a sister, Mrs. Calvin Davis of Central Falls; two brothers, L. L. Cranford of Albemarle and Fred Cranford of Troy; 20 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Ahoskie: Hertford Co. Herald
Albemarle: Stanly News & Press
Andrews: Journal
Apex: News-Herald
Asheboro: Randolph Guide
Asheboro: Courier-Tribune
Asheville: News
Ayden: Tribune
Belmont: Banner
Bessemer: City Record
Benson: Review
Black Mountain: News
Brevard: Transylvania Times
Bryson City: Smoky Mt. Times
Boone: Watauga Democrat
Burgaw: Pender Chronicle

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10-11-68

OPERATION BAPTIST BIOGRAPHY DATA FORM FOR ~~PERSON~~ PERSON

Please read carefully the *Instruction Sheet* and then list the appropriate information as it directs.

1. NAME Cranford A. B.
(Last) (First) (Second)

Give full names. For a married woman please put maiden name in parentheses.

[EXAMPLE: Cole, Mary Ann (Smith).]

2. BIRTH Native of Montgomery County, 1890, July 24
(Place) (County) (State) (Date)
DEATH Cabarrus Hospital, Concord, N. C. 10-7-68

3. PARENTS J. B. and Mary Lewis Cranford
[EXAMPLE: Alec Joe Doaks and Lucy Mae (Brown) Doaks]

Father's occupation _____ Mother's occupation _____

4. BROTHERS () List full names and year of birth _____
(Living or deceased) Number
(Living) L. L. Cranford & Fred Cranford

5. SISTERS () List full names and year of birth _____
(Living or deceased) Number
(Living) Mrs. Calvin Davis

6. CHILDHOOD RESIDENCE: (Please list each residence of 3 years duration or more, up to the time of the 18th birthday)

Type of Community	Post Office	County	State	Dates
Rural (R); town under 2500 pop. (T); city 2500 or more pop. (C). Check one.				

R ☐	T ☐	C ☐		
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7. EDUCATION:

Grammar school: Graduate? Yes () No () Year graduated _____

High school: Graduate? Yes () No () Year graduated _____

School attended: _____
(Name) (Place) (State)

(Whether graduate or not; if more than one was attended, show the last one.)

College: Years attended: None () One () 2-3 () Graduate ()

Whether graduated or not, list college(s) attended: (EXAMPLE: 1935-'38)

(Name)	(Place)	(State)	(Years attended)	(Degree)

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8. SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION RECEIVED: (Honorary degrees, such as: D.D., Howard College, 1948; citations, such as: *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, 1939; honorary positions, such as: "Man of the Year"—Pryor, Okla., 1943; etc.)

9. MARITAL INFORMATION:

Spouse	Birthdate of Spouse	Place of Marriage (Town and State)	Date of Marriage
(1) <u>Effie Moore Cranford</u>			
(2)			

Number of children (6). List their full names and birthdates: (an example of a married daughter would be: Mrs. John Alan (Mary Lou) Ross, 3-7-1918)

Mrs. Leonard Schenck, Mrs. D. E. Miller, Mrs. Tracy Cruse, Jesse A. Cranford,
It. W. J. Cranford, Z. C. Cranford

10. VOCATIONAL HISTORY (List all vocations, occupations, trades, or professions engaged in for two or more years)

11. RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE:

Conversion _____ (Date) _____ (Age) Baptism _____ (Date) _____ (Church) _____ (Location of Church)

List any church, *other than Baptist*, with which formerly affiliated

Ordained as: Minister () Deacon () Other _____

(Date ordained) _____ (Church) _____ (Place) _____ (State)

12. LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITY, *UNSALARIED* (Place the *number of years service*, in the space provided, for each office ever held.)

Gen. Supt., Director, President	Dept. Supt., Director, Circle Chm.	Teacher, Counselor, Sponsor, Leader	List below other offices or service, such as: Sec., Assoc. Supt., etc.	Other Offices (give number of years service)	
S.S. _____				Deacon	Ch. Treas.
				Trustee	Ch. Library
				Usher	Ch. Recreation
				Ch. Clerk	Choir Mem.
				Other	Choir Direc.
T.U. _____				Ch. Committee Chm. _____	
V.B.S. _____				List completed Study Course diplomas (Indicate related organizations, such as: S.S., T.U., etc.) _____	
Broth. _____				_____	
W.M.U. _____				_____	

13. DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE, *UNSALARIED*. (Please list positions held in Baptist associations, conventions (state or Southern), national and world-wide organizations, such as; moderator, president, clerk, trustee, board, commission or committee members; etc.)

Example: S.S. Superintendent Bethel Association Kentucky 1942-1944
(Position) (Organization, board, agency, etc.) (State) (Date)

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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

14. TO BE FILLED OUT ONLY BY THOSE WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN, IN SALARIED CHURCH-RELATED VOCATIONS. (Including pastors, denominational workers, missionaries, ministers of education and music, church secretaries, faculty members or employees of Baptist institutions, agencies, etc.)

TYPE AND LENGTH OF SERVICE: List all positions of such service with one or more years of duration; check F (full-time) or P (part-time). Examples:

	(Position)	(Church, agency, area, institution, place of service)	(Date of service)
F ☐ P ☒	1. pastor	County Line Baptist Church, Turkey Creek, La.	1925-1929
F ☒ P ☐	2. missionary	Ogbomosho, Nigeria, W. Africa	1930-1952
F ☐ P ☐	3. pastor	Howells and Midland churches, Cabarrus Co.	
F ☐ P ☐		Center Baptist at Candor, N.C.	
F ☐ P ☐	4. Chaplain	At one time was prison Chaplain at Belton, Texas	
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15. OTHER TYPES OF RELIGIOUS SERVICE: (In associations, assemblies, colleges, conventions (state or Southern), national or world-wide meetings, such as: speaker, music director, committee chairman, etc.)

(Position)	(Place of Service)	(Date of Service)

16. AUTHORSHIP (Include books, booklets, lesson courses or curriculum material, and tracts)

(Book, item, etc.)	(Publisher)	(Date published)

17. CLUB OR GROUP MEMBERSHIP: (Service organizations, fraternal, P.T.A., Civic, etc.)
List important positions of leadership held

18. HOBBIES AND LEISURE INTERESTS:

Favorite _____ Others _____

19. PUBLIC SERVICE: (Military, educational, political, etc. not previously listed)

The information for items #1-19 has been filled in by _____

Mailing address _____

Sources used in compiling the information are: (Example: personal knowledge; minutes, Calvary Baptist Church, Wisner, La.; Court Records, Copiah County, Miss.; etc.)

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