

**REV. FRANKLIN PIERCE JERNIGAN OBT.**

b. 1 July 1875, Sparta, White Co., TN – d. 29 August 1932, Corning, Clay Co., AR, md **Ella T. (Maddux) Jernigan**, b. 5 June 1878 – d. 15 August 1961, Little Rock, Pulaski Co., AR, d/o **Robert "Bob" Fagan Maddux** (1854-1936) & **Cinderilla R "Sinda" Maxwell** (1857-1930), both buried in Robert F. Maddux Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. Franklin Pierce Jernigan, s/o **Wiley Jernigan** & **Sarah "Sallie" Short** (1836-1911) of Putnam Co., TN.

Death Very Suddenly Calls Rev. Jernigan at His Son's Home Here

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Rev. Franklin Pierce Jernigan, aged 57, widely-known pioneer Methodist minister, passed away suddenly at the home of his son Dr. E. D. Jernigan here last Monday at 6 p.m., following a heart attack. He had been ill only a week and his death came as a severe shock to his relatives and many friends.

News of the death of Rev. Jernigan will bring a twinge of sorrow to the hearts of thousands of men and women throughout the North Arkansas and South St. Louis, MO conferences of the Methodist Church which he served so long and faithfully. His life was an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact. He was a pillar of the Methodist church and a worthy one – a man who lived a Christian life 24 hours of every day and inspired others to live better.

Rev. Jernigan was born in Sparta, Tenn., on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1875. He was ordained as a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the age of 24, and soon afterwards removed to Arkansas where he became pastor of Teyno M. E. circuit. During the years that followed, he served as pastor at North, Little Rock, Clarendon, Heber Springs, Harrisburg, Piggott, Rector, and Corning, in Arkansas; at Charleston, WV, Louisa, KY and at Farmington and Bismark, MO of which latter city he was pastor a the time of his death.

Rev. Jernigan's funeral services were conducted at Corning M. E. Church last Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock by Rev. Harry Hoy presiding elder of Farmington, MO district, assisted by Rev. Broadhead, pastor of Poplar Bluff First M. e. Church, Rev. L. E. Mann, pastor of Walnut Ridge M. E. Church, and Rev. J. Abner Sage, pastor of Corning M. E. Church. A beautiful eulogy was paid to the life and character of Rev. Jernigan by his brother pastors, and a large array of floral tributes from his friends and admirers, far and near, gave evidence of the high esteem in which he was held. A large concourse of his friends and relatives attended the obsequies. About fifty members of his church at Bismarck came by motor or train for the funeral as well as many of his friends from Piggott and Rector.

Active pallbearers were ministers of the Farmington Methodist District.

Rev. Johnson, Flat River; Rev. Bess, Elvins; Rev. Crow, Desloge; Rev. Stewart, Featus; Rev. H. Gra\_\_\_\_, Farmington; and Rev. Hunter, Bismarck, MO.

Honorary pallbearers were Rev. Jernigan's board of stewards while a pastor of the local M. E. Church, W. D. Polk, G. B. Oliver, T. W. Rate\_\_\_\_, T. W. Wynn, S. E. Grayson and A. B. Gallegly.

Among Rev. Jernigan's relatives who attended his funeral were O. C. Jernigan and Howard Thomas, Statesville, NC; M. M. Maddux, Lebanon, TN; Ernest Maddux, Baxter, TN; Alfred Maddux and family, Crawfordsville, AR; Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Taylor, Carthage, TN; Dr. R. M. Jernigan, his daughter Miss Janice and Wann Jernigan of Jonesboro and Dr. O. C. Jernigan and his family of Rector, AR.

**Surviving are his widow and one son, Dr. E. D. Jernigan of Corning; four brothers, O. C. Jernigan, Statesville, NC; T. W. Jernigan, Brotherton, TN; C. P. and John Jernigan; Double Springs, TN; two sisters, Mrs. Wm. Austin and Mrs. Richard Vaughn, Baxter, TN.**

Brother Jernigan's life was rich with good deeds and noble acts, and his memory will be revered by all who knew him. He was laid at rest in the family burial plot at Corning, the community he loved so well.

**Mrs. F. P. Jernigan Dies In Little Rock:** *Clay County Courier*, Corning, AR, Thurs. 17 August 1961

Graveside services will be held this afternoon (Thursday) for Mrs. Franklin Pierce Jernigan, former Corning, resident, who died in Little Rock Hospital Tuesday. She was the widow of the late Rev. F. P. Jernigan, former Methodist pastor, and resided here for several years after his death. She had lived with her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Jernigan in Little Rock since moving from Corning. Dr. and Mrs. Jernigan are also former Corning residents. He practiced dentistry here before moving to Little Rock several years ago.

Mrs. Jernigan was about 82 years of age. She had many friends here and had visited Mrs. Wm. Ledbetter and others in numerous occasions since she moved to Little Rock.

\*See more about the Jernigan family at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>