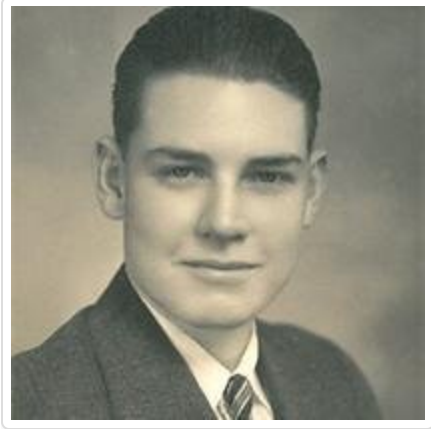




## Albert Bentley

September 2, 1923 - October 11, 2012

THE REVEREND ALBERT A. BENTLEY Age 89, a resident of Albuquerque for over 16 years, and a minister of the Church of God (Anderson, IN) since the age of 23, having retired at the “tender” age of 85, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 11, 2012. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Irene Hogue Bentley, with whom he served as Pastor, Missionary-teacher, author and administrator in English, Spanish, Portuguese, German, African-American and Native-American ministries in a number of places, including Southwestern USA, Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina. He is also survived by his son and daughter, Jerry and Ginger Bentley; daughter-in-law, Carol Bentley; 5 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn & Paul Findley; sister-in-law, Lorene Hogue Kimball; brother-in-law & wife, Melvin & Cindy Hogue; 2 aunts, Lois Lesher & Josephine Mackey; and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, cousins and friends. Brother Al was preceded in death by his parents, Frank & Gladys Bentley; brother, Frank Eugene Bentley; son, Larry Bentley; and great-grandson, Makai La Flamme. After retiring from pastoring in Prescott, AZ, at the age of 65, Rev. Al served an additional 20 years as a chaplain for the Veteran’s Hospital, Samaritan Village, Police Dept., and Hospice. In Albuquerque, while pastoring the bilingual Southside Church of God (1960-68) and Montgomery Place Church of God (1975-1982), he also served as a police chaplain, taught Spanish at Immanuel Lutheran School, did substitute teaching in various public schools, and was active in several ecumenical and community

organizations throughout his life, including El Concilio & La Alianza (Hispanic ministerial alliances), NM Council of Churches, National Council of Christians and Jews, Lion's Club and NAACP. Albert also served his country during WWII as a Flight Engineer on B-29's. Brother Al enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, as well as gardening, horseback riding, reading and wood-working. He summed up his own life by saying, "I did the best I could." To those who knew and loved him, he was a unique combination of pride and dedication in everything he did , coupled with deep humility and respect for others, as well as having a great sense of humor. Memorial services for Rev. Bentley will be held at Los Altos Christian Church, 11900 Haines Ave. NE, at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 20, 2012, with the Rev. Mary Harris-Koth officiating. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of New Mexico, 4015 Carlisle Blvd. NE, 87107. Please visit our online guest book for Rev. Al at [www.RememberTheirStory.com](http://www.RememberTheirStory.com). FRENCH10500 Lomas Blvd NE505-275-3500

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The world is a better place now through the life of the Albert Bentley family. Great man, great life...*

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**norman & cindy bentley** - October 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *The Bentleys have been a part of my family's life since the 1960s in Albuquerque. Although I had married a service man by that time, my younger brother Greg and sisters, Audrey, Pat, Pam, and Brenda all attended Southside Church of God for a number of years. When my father became pastor of the church in Estancia, my father and the Bentleys still worked together for ministers' meetings and youth camps. During the 1970s, my husband had retired from the Air Force and we were back in Albuquerque again. My two sons, Rob and Dave attended Youth Camps where Bro. Bentley played an active part. They have wonderful memories of Bro. Bentley and Sister Bentley as well. We are all looking forward a reunion in heaven where we can share some of those memories again.*

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**Barbara (Harris) Dodson** - October 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *I didn't get to see Uncle Albert and Aunt Irene very much growing up, but somehow I felt they loved me as I did them. I will always remember how loving Uncle Al was and how he told me he was proud of the life I had made with my husband and children. That meant so much. I know he is having a joyous reunion with his loved ones who went before him. God bless you and may you rest in peace. I love you Aunt Irene, dear cousins Ginger, and Jerry. I will pray for you every day. Pray for the Lord to give you strength and comfort that comes only from him. God bless you all. Love Kellie*

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**Kellie Hogue Engebrecht** - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Jerry and family, I was so saddened to read about your Father's passing. Know you are in my prayers. (If you do not remember who I am Jerry, I am Ben Miller's ex wife). God bless you all.

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**Cookie Miller** - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.

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**Joel Chavez** - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I will always remember my trip to Albuquerque to visit with Albert , Irene, Ginger, Jerry and Larry when I was a young girl. I remember traveling on the bus with Aunt Gladys to get there. I really enjoyed spending time with the whole family in their home. I am sorry for your loss and I know Albert will be greatly missed, but I can only imagine what a time he's having.

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**Marcella McElroy** - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Sis. Irene, Jerry, Ginger and family, we mourn the death of a wonderful man and servant of the Lord. He touched lives for good wherever he was. Be comforted knowing that he is enjoying the full and eternal presence of the Lord.

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**Luz & Carol Gonzales** - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ After serving the lord in so many different ways and showing other people how to do the same for so many years the leader of our family has found peace and gone home.....You will be missed Grandpa.... I will see you again someday.....I love you

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**Tami Bentley Scarrette** - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ It is with heart felt sympathy at this time for the loss of your Husband, Father , Grandfather. I never met Mr. Bentley but I share a common Love, his granddaughter Tami. All of you are very heavy on my mind and heart at this time. May GOD grant you his blessing and his compassion in your hours of need and sorrow. May you find comfort in the memories that will forever remain.

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**David Scarrette** - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM