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WILLIAM EDGAR WOODSON 1931-2010

It was a sad day that I heard of the passing of brother Woodson. Talk about a giant of a man, he was that and more, in mind and spirit and in most every way.

I did not know him well. I had heard him and been with him several times in the last few years. I heard him in Phoenix at the Camelback church the first time several years ago. Then I heard him two different times at the Northeast (now Southern Ridge) in Moore, Oklahoma a year or two later. When we were having our seminars at the Highland church in California where I preached for over 10 years, we had him for one of those.

In Phoenix when it was time for him to leave to catch a plane, I took him to the airport. We had time to visit and get better acquainted. I was an admirer of the late Gus Nichols and learned that he was very close to him and one of his students for years. It was remarkable to me how much like brother Nichols he was, but different. He had his own personality and his own way of doing things, but like Nichols, he could speak endlessly and always have something worthwhile to say.

I had not had contact with him in the last few years but kept up with his activities in reports and though my good friend, Roy H. Lanier, Jr., with whom he talked from time to time. Most of his work was done east of the Mississippi. He was head of the Bible Department at Freed-Hardeman for several years, spending 22 years with that institution. Then a few years before he “retired” he established the Master’s Program at David Lipscomb in Nashville. Since his retirement he was one of the busiest people I have ever known, especially for a man in his late 70’s.

He will be sorely missed. He had a great mind, was a kind and generous man and lived the way he preached, standing firmly on the Word of God.

Our condolences to Jeanne, his wife of 57 years and to his children and all those who were close to him.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ed Amthura". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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