

Rev. James W. Russ

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The Rev. James W. Russ, a retired pastor of Wilton Manors Baptist Church, died on Friday of heart failure. He was 66.

The Rev. Russ, who was born in Kinston, N.C., earned a bachelor's degree in divinity at Columbia Bible College in South Carolina in 1950 and a seminary degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theology Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1955.

He then spent 18 years in Richmond, Va., where he had been pastor of Kingsland Baptist Church and Fairmount Baptist Church.

After about two years of living in Miami, the Rev. Russ moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1976 and became pastor of Wilton Manors Baptist Church. When he retired in 1982, he became interested in helping needy Indian villages and made two trips to India a year to preach to groups. ``He was doing missionary work, going from village to village,`` said his wife, Louise Russ, a teacher at Wilton Manors Elementary School.

In addition to his wife, the Rev. Russ is survived by a daughter, Mindy Gatchell, of Irvine, Calif.; a son, James W. Russ Jr., of Taiwan; another son, Randolph Russ, of Boca Raton; a brother, the Rev. William Russ, of Hampton, Va.; a sister, Virginia Marshall, of Ormond Beach; and four grandchildren. Viewing will be on Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Kalis Funeral Home, 2505 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors. A memorial service will be on Monday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.