



## Rev. Barney E. Austin

July 26, 1941 - May 4, 2020

A visitation for Rev. Barney E. Austin, 78, of Oxford, will be on Friday, May 8, 2020 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Miller Funeral Home. A private service will be held on Saturday.

Bro. Barney went home to be with his Lord on May 4, 2020.

He is survived by his children, Karen Austin Berry (Mark), David Roy Austin (Stephanie), Kristy Austin Payne-Pate (Jeremy); nine grandchildren, Stephen Berry, Ashely Berry, Matthew Berry, William Roy Austin (Tabitha), Zachary Austin, Abby Austin, Austin Payne, Noah Payne, Andrew Payne; brother, William McKee Austin, and a host of extended family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Austin; parents, WR and Glades Austin; sister, Charlsie Parks, and a brother, James Austin.

Bro. Barney was a 1959 graduate of University High School in Oxford, Mississippi.

On June 2, 1974 he accepted his call to ministry. He attended Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. He graduated in May of 1979.

Bro. Barney pastored many churches. Locally, he was the pastor at Oak Bowery Baptist Church in Ohatchee from 1981-1985. He was currently the pastor at Faith Baptist Church in Coldwater.

He had a heart for missions and served in places such as Russia, Africa, El Salvador and Jamaica.

Bro. Barney will be deeply missed by all those that had the pleasure of knowing him.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home  
50 Hamric Drive East  
Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 831-4611  
millerfuneralcal@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall

MB

“*Brother Barney was like a Father to me. He helped me through a tough part of my life. I also enjoyed working with him at the church. I am a better person and man because of him.*

*With Love,  
Mike Brady*

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**Mike Brady** - May 06, 2020 at 10:34 PM

JC

“*He was always a kind ole soul with a cool vibe. Aunt Pat and he were so in love. In my mind's eye they are forever young. Karen, David, and Kristy, I am praying for y'all. Love, Marilyn*

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**john calhoun** - May 06, 2020 at 09:27 PM

CA

“*Full of kindness, precious gentle spirit, contagious laugh that always made you smile. Much love*



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**Carol Anne** - May 06, 2020 at 09:07 AM

DB

“ As a fellow pastor, I had known about Barney Austin for over 30 years. But I really got to know him a few years ago when I was his Pastor at Faith Baptist Church. He came to me and asked if their coming back would hinder my ministry in any way. I told him that I would be honored to have them sit in our pews. They became the best supporters that a Pastor could ever desire. He and his wife remained in the back light and allowed this Pastor to function as the sole Pastor. Once he came to me with a sheepish grin. He asked if I wanted his old suits. (He had purposely lost a lot of weight) He gave me 5 or 6 "preaching" suits and shirts and ties. His generous gift may not have helped my preaching, but I looked good in trying. Barney was a good friend and a great churchman. The Austins will leave behind a multitude of grateful church members from many many congregations who loved them and who are better Christians because of their faithful and kind service. Knowing they will be there in heaven waiting for us will make it easy for us to come home someday.

*Dr. Jackie Bentley*

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**Dr. Jackie Bentley** - May 05, 2020 at 10:53 PM