



Mr. Bennie W. Baker

March 12, 2013

Baker, Bennie W., 83, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on March 12, 2013. He pastored several Southern Baptist churches in the central Florida area. He was also a faithful servant of several ministries including Chaplain of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and the Bethany Baptist Church Food Pantry. These ministries served as pathways for him to witness to others and share the good news of Jesus to everyone he came in contact with. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Betty Baker; children Becky Mullis (Terry) of Lakeland, Krista Beauchamp (Johnnie) of Plant City, and Larry Baker (Shannon) of Lakeland; sister Anna Crenshaw of Wildwood, and Lottie Connell of Jacksonville; 7 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Friday, March 15 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Bethany Baptist Church, 3409 Cork Road, Plant City, where a Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 A.M. Interment to follow at Memorial Park, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the following: The Gideons International, Plant City Camp, P.O. BOX 1469, Plant City 33564 and/or the International Mission Board, P.O. BOX 6767, Richmond, VA 23230. Expressions of condolence at www.hopewellfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park

Plant City, FL

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethany Baptist Church
3409 Cork Rd.
Plant City, FL

Visitation

MAR 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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3409 Cork Rd.
Plant City, FL

Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Bennie W. Baker



Hopewell Funeral Home - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Rest in Peace uncle Benny... You loved me whether I was good or bad and that will forever remain close to my heart <3

Stephanie Blackner - March 21, 2013 at 08:52 PM

ED

“ Brother Benny was "the one" that encouraged our family to attend church and to get involved in the Lord's work when he was Pastor at East Thonotosassa Baptist in the early 60's. He was a wonderful person, full of compassion and love for those he served. When Mom Dickey passed away we tried to pay him for conducting her service. He returned the check with a note that said he could not accept the money because she was so much like his own sweet Mother. We will never forget his devotion, dedication, and sweet spirit. We send our love and prayers to you all.

Gene & Elinor Dickey
Sun City Center, Florida

Elinor Dickey - March 14, 2013 at 08:18 AM

BB

My uncle Bennie was a very special man. He was a protector of me and my siblings when we were young children looking out for our welfare. We love him and will miss him! Beverly Hersey Binfield

Beverly Binfield - March 17, 2013 at 08:20 AM

LB

Mr. & Mrs. Dickey, Thank you for sharing those kind words. You are two of the thousands of lives my dad has touched in such a special way. He was the most genuinely caring and compassionate man I ever knew. He truly cared about everyone he came in contact with, whether they were black or white, rich or poor. I miss him so much. He can never be replaced.

*Larry Baker
Lakeland, FL*

Larry Baker - March 17, 2013 at 09:01 PM