



## Mr. Rolla L. Utley Jr.

June 1, 1926 - November 28, 2020

Rolla L. Utley, Jr., 94, of Dover, Florida, born on June 1, 1926 in Hannibal, Missouri, entered into eternal rest on November 28, 2020. He was a member of First Baptist Church Dover, a Veteran of the United States Navy, and a Pastor for over 60 years for churches in Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Maine, and Florida. He loved the Lord and his family, and enjoyed painting, woodworking, and fishing. He is survived by wife of 52 years, Polly Utley; children, Jenny Boliek (Paul) of State College, Pennsylvania, Cindy Streur (Larry) of Dover, Joe King (Sharon) of Munford, Tennessee, and John King (Linda) of Munford, Tennessee; 11 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren; siblings, Clinton Utley, and Donna Utley, both of Hannibal, Missouri; and many other nieces, nephews, family, and friends. A funeral service will be held Friday, December 4 at 4:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church Dover, 3223 Gallagher Road, Dover 33527, where the family will receive friends beginning at 3:00 P.M. For those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed at [firstbaptistdover.org](http://firstbaptistdover.org). A graveside service with military honors will be held on Saturday, 12 at 2:00 P.M. at Memorial Park Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, Tennessee. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Dover Missions at [firstbaptistdover.org/give/](http://firstbaptistdover.org/give/). Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Dover  
3223 Gallagher Rd  
Dover, FL 33527  
(813) 719-2273

## Funeral Service

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Rolla L. Utley Jr.



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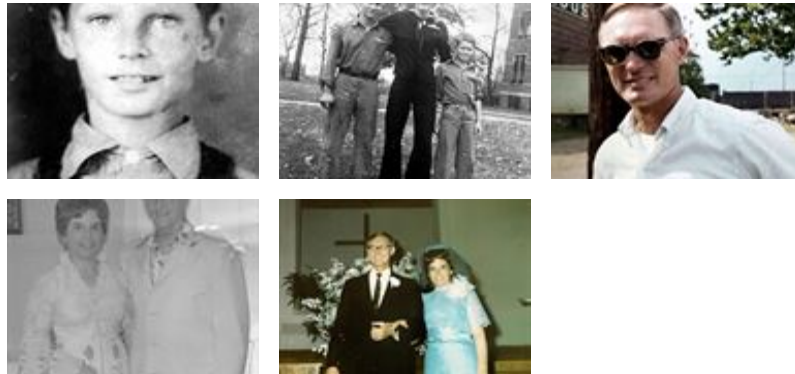


Miss him so much its been awhile since i got to see him proble over 7 years or more i love u uncle rolla

Shannon Utley - January 01, 2021 at 10:52 PM



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“ We truly loved and thought the world of Brother Rolla. He married me and my husband 38+ years ago and still remembered exactly what date that was. We are so blessed for this and having known him for so many years . He was the father of my best and longtime friend, Cindy. Rest now among the angels Brother Rolla. From Carol and Mike Williams

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**carol and Mike Williams** - December 02, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ Brother Utley was my pastor through my childhood and early teens. He was the wisest, most compassionate man I've ever known. And throughout my life he has been the standard by which I've measured all other pastors. No one has ever come close, the bar was set so high. I still use some of his sayings and pass them down to my sons. My favorite was "you never know what's in the bottom of the barrel until you shake it." Well we know what was in his. Well done good and faithful servant. Amy Graham, MS

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**Brad Graham** - December 01, 2020 at 07:59 PM