



Rev. Charles W. Barnes

November 28, 1931 - August 28, 2021

Rev. Charles W. Barnes passed away Saturday, August 28, 2021 from a massive heart attack. His family and friends are mourning this loss. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie and Alpha Barnes; brothers and sisters, Paulene and Lowell Jacobs, Mac and Lenoy Barnes, Opal Barnes, Myrl and Harley Orhood, and Quillian and Etta Barnes; and his grandson, Phillip Sweatmon. Others who preceded him in death include many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He is survived by his wife, Myrlene Barnes; daughter, Dale Barnes; and son and daughter-in-law, Doyle and Barbara Barnes. He is also survived by many stepchildren and grandchildren, who he loves as his own including Mike Edie, Curt Allen, Kristin, Mark, April, and Josh Schlinkert, Jake Freel, and Allison Emrick; and nieces and nephews.

Charles was born in Carroll County, Georgia on November 28, 1931. He grew up on his father's farm and learned his gardening skill as well as the basic values of life. It is there that he started his long association with the Methodist Church. He met Myrlene in High School and they married 71 years ago. After High School, he worked odd jobs and attended West Georgia College, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and he then had his daughter, Dale and son, Doyle. He then earned a Master's Degree in Theology from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He served many Methodist Churches in those 30 years, in the North Georgia Conference. While he was serving the Paulding Circuit and again while serving the Redan Circuit, he received the Town and Country Circuit of the Year Award.

After 30 years, he retired for the first time and he was appointed to the position of Director of Growth and Development, under the Church Development program. He picked the building sites, appropriated the funds and built many new churches during those 11 years. Charles has always given credit to his colleagues, knowing many lay people and clergy who worked tirelessly beside him to make the program a success.

The North Georgia Conference established the Charles Barnes fund. Money from any

properties is directed into this fund. These funds are used in Church Development programs throughout the Conference. The value of this fund is over 30 million dollars.

After retirement from the Church Development (his second retirement), he was named the Distinguished Evangelist for the Board of Discipleship of Nashville. It was related to the Foundation for Evangelism headquartered at Lake Junaluska, NC. He served 2 more years travelling across America, working with churches, districts, and conferences who were interested in starting new churches as well as revitalizing established congregations.

Upon retiring for the 3rd time, he received the North Georgia Annual Conference Denman Award for this work in Evangelism.

Charles cared strongly about feeding the hungry. He used his knowledge in gardening to grow potatoes and delivered truckloads of them to the Lilburn Co Op. He spent his last years very involved in Mountain Park United Methodist Church.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Mountain Park United Methodist Church, Stone Mountain, GA. Entombment will follow at Eternal Hills Memory Gardens, Snellville, GA. he family will receive friends on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 from 2:00 PM until 3:30 PM at Tom M. Wages Snellville Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mountain Park United Methodist Church, <https://www.mountainparkumc.org/give>.

Due to COVID-19 regulations, our staff is committed to taking care of our guests and families that we serve. We also ask all guests and family members attending visitations and services to continue social distancing and to please bring and wear a mask.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at <http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com>. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 02:00PM - 03:30PM

1

Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - Snellville
3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA, US, 30039

SEP **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

2

Mountain Park UMC
1405 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, GA, US, 30087

SEP **Entombment**

2

Eternal Hills Memory Gardens
3700 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - September 01, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ 33 files added to the album LifeTributes



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - September 01, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ Rev. Charles Barnes's ministry at Duluth First UMC (1980-1984) "encompassed many extraordinary developments...including, prominently, the construction of a new educational facility, the most expensive undertaking so far. His ministry also saw the beginnings of a new children's ministry, Mothers' Morning Out, that grew exponentially, a senior program that has continued ever since, and increasingly more viable youth program with several directors, hiring multiple choir directors, and growth in many directions as 100 new members were added each year he served." This quote is from Duluth First United Methodist Church's Sesquicentennial History, Chapter 8, "Building on the Past for the Future," which includes 10 pages describing Rev. Barnes's remarkable and highly productive ministry at Duluth. He is remembered fondly by many members of the church.

Lloyd E. "Pete" Fleming
DFUMC Church Historian

Lloyd Fleming - August 31, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ When I married Omega, Charles’s niece, Uncle Charles quickly became one of my favorite people. His humble character, combined with wonderful quick wit and countless funny stories endeared him to all who met him. Our boys were always eager for the chance to visit Uncle Charles and Aunt Myrlene. We loved him and will miss him dearly.
Mike McKinney

Mike McKinney - August 31, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ I had the privilege of working with Charles from 1977-80 while he was Pastor at Mountain Park UMC. He hired me as Youth Pastor and Assistant while I attended seminary. He was my Mentor but also my friend.

Jerry Van Dyken - August 31, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ I have incredibly fond memories of Rev. Barnes. He was a kind and humble man, and graciously hosted me and my dad and I on numerous occasions as a kid. I would fish for hours, and when the opportunity presented itself, I'll never forget how excited I was to get to see him and to fish. I have so many fond memories of those times and they are moments I will never forget and will cherish always. Thank you for investing that time in me, kind sir, and thank you for the mark you made on this world.

Brad Bowling - August 30, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ Rev Barnes worked with my father-in-law to do our wedding at Ousley. We appreciated his willingness to share the duties with him. Sending love to Myrlene and the family. Love, Kellie & Dave Frissell

Kellie Frissell - August 30, 2021 at 05:31 PM