

Pallbearers

Mike Allen
Edward Birt
Jerry Russell

Curt Allen
Jake Freel
Scott Russell

Interment

Eternal Hills Memory Garden
3700 Stone Mountain Hwy
Snellville, GA 30039

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers, that we saw sitting there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts
we thank you so much for whatever part.

From the Family of Rev. Charles Barnes

Reception

Mountain Park UMC

Immediately following the service in the Family Life Center

Memorial donations may be made to:

Mountain Park United Methodist Church

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Celebration of Life



REV. CHARLES W. BARNES



NOVEMBER 28, 1931 - AUGUST 28, 2021

Mountain Park United Methodist Church

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

11:00 am

SENIOR PASTOR
REV. ELLYNDA LIPSEY

ASSOCIATE PASTOR
REV. TYLER JACKSON



REV. CHARLES W. BARNES

Obituary

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, 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 skills 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 in 2005. 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 traveling 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 his 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.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude.....Mark Hadden

Processional....."Blessed Assurance"

Gathering.....Rev. Ellynda Lipsey

Word of Grace.....Rev. Lipsey

Greeting.....Rev. Lipsey

Special Music....."Amazing Grace," arr. Monroe and Burton.....Dr. Keith Lenenski
Mark Hadden

Prayer.....Rev. Dr. Gary Whetstone

Scripture Reading.....Rev. Charles Robinson

*Hymn....."Rock of Ages" (UMH #361).....Rev. Dr. Mike Owenby

Words of Remembrance.....Rev. Dr. John Simmons

Scripture Reading.....1 Peter 1:3-9.....Rev. Tyler Jackson

Solo....."In the Garden" Nicole Elsey

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Dee Shelnutt

*Hymn....."It Is Well with My Soul" (UMH #377).....Rev. Dr. Owenby

Words of Witness.....Rev. Lipsey

*Affirmation of Faith.....A Modern Affirmation (UMH #885).....Rev. Jackson

Benediction

*Recessional....."For All the Saints".....Mark Hadden

**Stand as you are able*



"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

~ Matthew 28:19-20