



Elder Wilbur Harrison Barbour

December 4, 1919 - September 11, 2011

Elder Wilbur H. Barbour was born from the union of the late Russell H. Barbour and Grace Jane Barbour in Washington, PA on December 4, 1919. He was preceded in death by both parents and his only sister, Veryle Drake. He attended Addison Grade School in Masury, OH and graduated from high school in Brookfield, OH. He completed Mortuary Science School in Pittsburgh, PA and also served in the United States Army as a Warrant Officer during World War II, while stationed in France. Wilbur was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 30 years. Shortly thereafter, he began working for Major Wholesale for over 15 years, which in itself is a testament to his dedication, commitment and strong work ethic. Wilbur was a man who gave his life to Christ at an early age and served at "By His Grace Church" as an Elder, under the leadership of Bishop T. Alexander. He later united with The Galilee Baptist Church, Pastored by Dr. J. Louis Felton. Wilbur was a kind, friendly, loving person. He would help you, or show you how to help yourself. He was smart and ambitious. He loved to go fishing, exercise, and watch sports, especially Tiger Woods playing golf. He was a devoted man to God and he believed and trusted in God. His favorite words were, "God has been good to me" and "God is good all the time". He loved the Lord with all of his heart, soul, mind and strength. Everyday he gave thanks and praises to God Almighty. He was a humble man and loved to go to church, Bible Class and church school. He didn't "rob God"--he faithfully paid his tithes and offerings and walked in the ways and statutes of God. His favorite bible verses were:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:5-6). His favorite song was "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". On Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 1:30 a.m. with his loving and caring wife, Loisteen by his side holding his hand, Wilbur's spirit was lovingly commended into the hands of the Lord. His glorious memories of life will be forever cherished by his wife, Loisteen; son, Daniel H. (Gwen) Barbour; daughter, Marjorie R. Barbour, both of Chicago, IL; one grandson, Phillip Barbour; three great-grandchildren, Morgan, Michael and Phillip Jr.; niece that is dear to his heart, Dennis Floyd of Maury, OH; three nephews, Victor Scurry, Robert Scurry of Warren, OH and Russell Scurry of Columbus, OH. He also leaves in memories: One great nephew, Leslie Evans (Kimberly); a precious great niece, Patricia (Evan) James of Kalamazoo, MI; but most of all a fishing buddy, loving grandson, Kris Fountain of Concord, North Carolina. Wilbur had extended precious family from St. Louis, Missouri, who respected and referred to him as "Dad": Fred Robert Jr. and Jason Jamez Winston; Vanessa (Henry) Gant, Mechelle (Rev. Ronnie) Houston; two sister-in-laws: Ora L. Syms and Maggie Rhoden Houston of St. Louis, Missouri; Eurtis Jones (Flora) and Ivera Gaston both of Kalamazoo, MI; and a great hosts of nieces, nephews, relatives and many friends.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Custer National Cemetery

Augusta, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 18. 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home, Inc.
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Visitation

SEP 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Service

SEP 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elder Wilbur Harrison Barbour



Harper Funeral Home - September 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Elder Wilbur Harrison Barbour

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Elder Wilbur Harrison Barbour

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

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“ To The Barbour Family,

I'm very sorry for the death that you've experienced in your family recently. I would like to share a comforting scripture with you that has encouraged me in the past when it comes to losing one of our loved ones. John 11:25 says... "He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life."

I also agree with the bible when it says at Acts 24:15... That "there will be a resurrection, of both the righteous and unrighteous"

Revelation 21:4 states " Death will be no more." What a wonderful time to live when these scriptures will be fulfilled!

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.. please know that I' am thinking of you and your family during this hardship.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Caleb Aniol

Caleb Aniol - September 28, 2011 at 07:33 AM