



James Carroll Berry

February 3, 1925 - March 6, 2013

James C. Berry, Jr., 88, of Newnan died Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at Southwest Christian Hospice. He was born February 3, 1925 in Covington, GA to the late James C. & Ada Cornelius Berry. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by wife of 60 years, Dorothy "Dot" Causey Berry.

The Berrys lived in the West End section of Atlanta. James attended Boys High School in Atlanta and served in the Navy during WWII. After serving his country, he moved back to Atlanta where he began working at the Atlanta State Farmers market as a produce broker. He and a partner bought Merrin Cravens Produce Company where he retired in 1986 after 35 years.

Mr. Berry and his family moved to Newnan in 1967 and joined the First Baptist Church. He was an active member of the church and served in many ministries including, the AO House and the Board of Deacons. He was known throughout the state and country for his tireless work as a member of The Gideons International. He traveled throughout the world on behalf of The Gideons and over the years served as an International Extension Agent and held every Georgia office, including president, in his over 55 years with the organization.

The funeral is Sunday, March 10, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Newnan with Dr. Jimmy Patterson officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The visitation is Saturday evening between 5:00-8:00 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan. Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to The Gideons

International, P.O. Box 626, Newnan, GA 30264, First Baptist Church of Newnan, 15 W. Washington St, Newnan, GA 30263, or to Southwest Christian Care Hospice, 7221 Lester Rd, Union City, GA 30291.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Survivors include daughters, Carolyn Cowan & husband Ris, Cindy Mossey & husband Bob; siblings, Sidney L. Berry & wife Mildred, Joan Berry Wade & husband Bert, Dot Berry Fields, John W. Berry & wife Barbara; sister-in-law, Margaret Causey Maddox & husband Gil; grandchildren, Scott Braden, Greg Braden & wife Christine, Artie Cowan & wife Ana, Daniel Cowan, Mary Mossey Treat & husband Nathan, John Mossey; great-grandson, Asher Braden; and 31 beloved nieces and nephews as well as their spouses.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **9**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

MAR **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Newnan
15 West Washington Street
Newnan, GA 30264
(770) 253-0797
info@fbcnewnan.org
<http://www.fbcnewnan.org>

Tribute Wall

DB

“ To all of Uncle James' beautiful family: He was my spiritual mentor and father. He accepted me and saw me at my most broken-and loved me despite all of it. He showed me how to love in the most profound way possible. I can't thank him again until I join him, God willing, again...but I can't wait to see that smile and hear that laugh again, especially to hear him say, "Ay-MEHN brother!" What a gift it was to have him as a part of my life and to read below how many lives he's touched. James I know you had an express entry through the Pearly Gates and I know there were many many people waiting for you once you got there. I hope you and Aunt Dot are kicking up your heels! To the family: I am there anytime you need me. I know this is such a hard time for all of you but I know you are secure he's where he needs to be, too

Denise Berry - March 18, 2013 at 06:06 PM

DW

“ Dear Carolyn, Cindy & Family: We were saddened to learn of the loss of your Dad. He was one of the finest Christian men we have ever known & became one of our dearest friends. He was my (Dave) dad in the Gideon ministry; having led me into it during a new member meeting in Atlanta in 1966. We were in the same camp in Decatur for a few years where he 'trained me up.' He even took me to my very first Gideon 'speaking' service. Over the years we were able to share some wonderful Christian fellowship with your Dad, Mom & even you ladies as you were growing up. Brother Jim will leave a big void in a lot of hearts, but we can still rejoice because he is now with his precious Dot & his beloved Savior. No more pain, tears, uncertainty, death, etc.;only perfect joy for all eternity. You all have been in our thoughts & prayers and will certainly continue to be. Love In Christ, Dave & Marianne Wilson
Psalm 116:15

Dave & Marianne Wilson - March 13, 2013 at 04:06 PM

ES

“ There are times that God puts people in you life to let you see what being a follower of Christ should be like. I truly believe that everyone that knew Mr Jim Berry seen that example of Christ. It was a great joy to know Jim as a friend as well as a fellow Gideon. It was Jim would got me to sign on as a Gideon. I really enjoyed the time I spent with him not only as a Gideonbut as a volunteer in the AO House ministry.As long as he was able he was always there and shared his faith with those who came for assistance. He will truly be missed,but the mark he made in this world will long live on.Our loss is heavens reward..MY prayers go out to the family.May God continue to Bless you and Give you comfort during this time.

Everett Smith - March 10, 2013 at 08:51 PM

RG

“ Carol and Cindy, My deepest sympathy to you and the family during this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Roy Garner - March 10, 2013 at 12:33 PM

JW

“ So many fond memories of "Mr" Jim...just know that the angels are singing and his reception into Heaven was spectacular as he so richly deserved.... he will be greatly missed here on earth but the knowledge that we will hear his resounding "Praise the Lord" when we meet again will be a great comfort. May you be comforted in the days ahead by all of your wonderful memories.....Sincerely, Judi and Mike Worth

Judi Worth - March 09, 2013 at 09:23 AM

AH

“ Sometimes words cannot express the pain we feel inside when we lose a loved one. I didn't know Mr. Berry but I wanted to share some encouraging thoughts from the scriptures. Did you know that Jehovah God(Psalms 83:18) did not intend for humans to die? In Genesis 2:17 it mentions the consequences of disobedience which is death. If Adam and Eve had not sinned, then no one would have experienced death. In Revelation 21:4 it says that "death will be no more".

Audrey Hart - March 09, 2013 at 09:11 AM

LD

“ Dear Family of Jim Berry, Brother Jim was one of the first Gideons of another community that I met after joining the Gideons in 1976. We learned that we both were blessed with Christian ladies named Dot. When we saw each other without our wives, we would ask each other, "How is Dot". Brother Jim came all the way to Toccoa to conduct one of our training sessions and I am sure it was on soul winning. He was the best of anybody at that. That was his number one goal, to win another person to Christ. We would always look for him at the state convention and enjoyed his fellowship so much. All Gideons who had ever met him will surely miss him but Heaven is rejoicing with his presence and he is there with Jesus and his Dot. You are all in our prayers and thoughts at this time. May God richly bless you for sharing your Jim with everyone else.

Lamar & Dot Davis - March 08, 2013 at 11:32 PM

SN

“ Dear Family, I am a member of the Newnan First Baptist family and sing in the sanctuary choir and I was attending choir rehearsal on this past Wednesday night when our director informed that he had just left Jim's bedside and informed us that he would be "going home" soon and so he led the members in prayer to help "usher him home". I was informed of his passing that next morning, so I prayed a prayer of rejoicing and then I uplifted you precious family members and relatives that our precious Lord would enfold each of you within His loving arms.

Sandy Neundorfer - March 08, 2013 at 03:24 PM

CS

“ I'm a new member of the west camp of the Gideons and Mr. Berry was a real pleasure to be around and here talk. A really great man and Gideon. Will be missed by all. He's home with his beloved wife and family in heaven. More people should be like him. God bless you Mr. Berry

Courtney M Stamper - March 08, 2013 at 11:19 AM

DL

“ Dearest Cousins and Your Families: I will say that Uncle James was the spiritual leader of our large clan, without a doubt. I am grieved that I will not see his beautiful smile and hear his hearty "Praise the Lord!" until I see him on the other side, but I also know heaven is having a huge celebration. We can all take comfort that James is where he wants to be. He has shepherded and exhorted so many family members in times of personal tragedy and struggles. For this he has earned everyone's respect and thankfulness. James is larger than life, and so it is fitting we see him that way in this transition. How I hope we can all have what he had!

Darlene Berry Lauth - March 08, 2013 at 10:33 AM

DO

“*Mrs. Berry & Family, You are in my thoughts and prayers. I enjoyed being neighbors with you and Mr. Jim in Lakehills for many years.*
Debbie Olmstead”

Debbie Olmstead - March 08, 2013 at 07:01 AM

AR

“*There have only been a few people in my life that I have truly looked up to. My friend Jim Berry was one of them. I have so many great memories of our times together. He was the one that signed me up into the Gideon ministry in 2000. He was a real mentor. Every time I would call or visit him within a few minutes of sharing about how good Jesus had been to us it was like we were having church. As I was preparing a message to speak at the Alabama NW Florida Gideon State convention this weekend, I had included a great testimony of one of my experiences with Mr. Jim. I will be sharing that same message next weekend at the Georgia Gideon State Convention. I think that would have really made him proud. Cindy and Carol, I will not be able to be there this weekend because of the convention. I believe I know what he would say to me if I asked him which one he would rather me do. He would say the same thing to me he always did " go get'em Alan, praise The Lord " All of the Alabama NW Florida Gideon's and Auxiliary will be praying for your family this weekend. God Bless you all.*”

Alan Robison - March 07, 2013 at 11:43 PM

JP

“*Our deepest sympathies to you and your family at this time. Love*
Jan & Don Patrick & Family”

Jan Patrick - March 07, 2013 at 10:27 PM

SM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Jim was greatly loved by so many. The memories of Jim and Dot will continue to bless conversations in the years to come. I am sure Jim heard "We'll done, good and faithful servant", as he entered into Glory last evening. Rest in Peace.

Susan McEntyre - March 07, 2013 at 09:36 PM

NR

“ Mr. Jim was my friend and mentor. He was my ideal as a Deacon and probably introduced more people to Jesus than anyone else I have ever known. Maybe Mr. Jim's greatest legacy is that there are several of us who try to emulate his life. He leaves a big hole in this world and in my heart, but as Sue said when I told her, "I'll bet Jesus is happy to have Mr. Jim."

Nick & Sue Rickenbaker - March 07, 2013 at 07:28 PM

EF

“ We will miss Jim for his faithfulness in sharing his faith...his steadfastness...dedication to his Lord...optimism...abilities...generosity...and so many other attributes he shared with us at FBC. He was a fine man. The world has lost a giant, but Jim has gained his reward! I shall miss him.

Ellie Farrington - March 07, 2013 at 07:21 PM