



## Dewey Ray Barber

April 8, 1931 - April 8, 2023

Dewey Ray Barber, age 92, was born April 8, 1931 in Pell City, AL and passed away at his home in Gardendale on April 8, 2023. He is preceded in death by his parents; Edward L. Barber and Alice Treadwell Barber; granddaughter, Sheena Christmas Dixon; brother, Gerald Barber and sister, Edith Barber Addison.

Dewey leaves behind his loving wife of 71 years, Gail Wiggins Barber; daughters, Teresa Barber Thomas (Rodney), Vicki Barber Weaver, Jan Barber Christmas (Danny); son, Scott Barber; sister Alene Barber Watkins and brother, Glenn Barber. Gail and Dewey were also blessed with 15 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Gail was his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, they built their home in Gardendale, AL in 2005 and loved living in the Gardendale community.

Dewey graduated from Tarrant High School and attended UAB and Oberlin College in Oberlin, OH. He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force reaching rank of Staff Sergeant. After working in the Insurance business for several years, he purchased Gurley Insurance Agency in Tarrant, AL in 1964 and retired for the first time in 1978. Never one to miss a promising business opportunity, he came out of retirement in 1980 and purchased Calvert Chevrolet in Warrior, AL, changing the name to Dewey Barber Chevrolet. In 1985 he purchased the Chrysler/Plymouth dealership in Scottsboro, AL. In 2013 Dewey Barber Chevrolet moved to Gardendale, AL. In 2004, Dewey purchased Quail Ridge

Golf Course and changed the name to Castle Pines Golf and Country Club. He sold it in 2016 for health reasons.

Dewey was a faithful member of the Decatur Highway Church of Christ and a former member and deacon at the Homewood Church of Christ for over 25 years. Being loyal and dedicated Auburn fans, the family has enjoyed the same reserved seats at Jordan Hare Stadium for over 30 years.

Dewey's crowning achievement was his loving and adoring family. His many contributions to his businesses and community include:

President of Alabama Mutual Insurance Association

Mr. Mutual Insurance Agent of Alabama

First President of the Tarrant Quarterback Club

Secretary of Tarrant Rotary Club

Board Member, Faulkner University, Montgomery, AL

Board Member Emeritus, Faulkner University, Montgomery, AL

NRCC Businessman of the Year, 2006

Gardendale Citizen of the Year, 2019

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at Decatur Hwy Church of Christ from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Funeral services will be held, Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 11am in the Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home chapel. Burial will follow in Oakwood Memorial Gardens. Minister Miles Stutts and Minister Wayne Kilpatrick will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hope Hospice, Gardendale, AL

Pallbearers will be Chad Langston, Kyle Christmas, D.J. Barber, Tucker Jinright, Eason Jinright and A.J. Dixon.

Honorary pallbearers are Cooper Langston, Cash Langston, Brodie Christmas, Malachi Newton and Micah Newton.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Memorial Gardens

2100 Moncrief Rd  
Gardendale, AL 35071

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

Decatur Highway Church of Christ  
1750 Decatur Hwy  
Gardendale, AL 35071  
(205) 631-7000

## Funeral Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home  
2214 Decatur Highway  
Gardendale, AL 35071  
(205) 631-8810  
gardendalefuneralhome2@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dewey Ray Barber.*



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April 12, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *The Barbers welcomed us to our community with much warmth and good wishes in our new home. Dewey was one of the kindest man I ever met. We are so saddened by his passing, as we will miss Dewey. May his shining spirit continue to warm the hearts of all who knew him. Much love, Darlene and Courtney Winston.*



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**Darlene Winston** - April 11, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ *My memories of the Barber family go way back to the Tarrant church of Christ. Dewey has always been a friendly man, who never met a stranger. I will always cherish the memories of our families good times together there. My sincere condolences to the Barber family. Dewey lived a long, faithful life. I have no doubt that he is resting in the arms of Jesus.*

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**Charla Bromley New** - April 10, 2023 at 11:50 PM

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“ I have known Dewey and his family most all my life. He was an outstanding businessman and friend to my parents and family but most of all he was a true Christian man that I respected very much. My condolences to Gail and the entire family. Thanks to Jesus we will see him again.

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**Danny Bromley** - April 10, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dewey Ray Barber.



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April 10, 2023 at 05:01 PM