



Dr. Robert Haralson ("Harold") McClendon

April 12, 1947 - September 28, 2025

Dr. Robert Haralson ("Harold") McClendon, age 78, went to be with the Lord Sunday, September 28, 2025. He was predeceased by his parents, Gladys and Wallace McClendon, and his granddaughter, Kayleigh Blair McClendon (7). He will be greatly missed by all.

Harold obtained an electrical engineering degree from Auburn University, and he remained a die-hard fan. After his brief career as an electrical engineer, Harold was called into the ministry in 1975. He attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned both his Masters and Doctor of Ministry, Harold served as a pastor of several churches over his thirty-six years of full-time ministry. His ministry did not end in retirement, as he continued to preach as needed and most recently volunteered with the senior adult ministry at Gardendale Baptist Tabernacle where he and his wife were members.

Harold is survived by his wife of 57 years, Gloria McClendon; his children Tammy McClendon Stokes (husband Curt) and Timothy Haralson McClendon (wife 'Carrow); and his grandchildren, Alexander Curtis Stokes (23) (wife Cameron), Elizabeth Cole Stokes (21), Nancarrow Grace McClendon (20), and Cole Wallace Haralson McClendon (17).

Honorary pall bearers include Tim McClendon, Curt Stokes, Alex Stokes, Cole McClendon, Billy Acton, Tony Davis, Gary Farley, and Neal Johnson.

The funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Gardendale Baptist Tabernacle, 2649 Decatur Hwy., Gardendale, Alabama. Visitation with the family will begin at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Prayers for Kayleigh Foundation, www.thepfkfoundation.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gardendale Baptist Tabernacle
2649 Decatur Highway
Gardendale, AL 35071

Funeral Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed working with Brother Harold several years ago in the North Jefferson Association. He was a man who loved the Lord and wanted to see people saved. My prayers are with his family.
Sammie Reid

Sammie Reid - October 04, 2025 at 06:45 AM

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“ Brother Harold has been a part of my family for as long as I can remember. From family funerals to memorials to the wonderful moment of marrying my husband and I. The world was always brighter with his smile and words of wisdom!! Thank you for your guidance over the years and being a servant of the Lord!! You will be missed greatly!!



Andrea Boutain - October 02, 2025 at 08:32 PM

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Harold was a wonderful classmate at Albertville High School, and we both attended Auburn University along with other classmates. We remained friends on Facebook and shared mutual friends in Gardendale where I worked for many years! He was loved and respected by all who knew him and will be remembered!!

Mary Klein - October 19, 2025 at 01:58 PM

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“ *Almost like a little brother because we lived so close, Harold and I have remained very close over the years. So many fishing trips with his dad, so many times eating some homemade ice cream together during our younger years. We double-dated on my very first date with the beautiful girl I have been married to for over 58 years. I remember meeting the also beautiful Gloria for the very first time. Oh how proud of his children and grandchildren he was. And oh yes, I loved to hear him preach. So many memories, I can never express them all, but my cousin Harold will always be remembered as a special Christian, who is now living what he so faithfully shared with his many churches over the years! Good job faithful servant-- see you soon!!*

Neal Johnson - September 30, 2025 at 07:41 AM