



## Rev. Rickey H. Hinkle

May 7, 1952 - February 5, 2021

On February 5, 2021, Bro. Rickey H. Hinkle finished the race and stepped into eternity after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. He was a true servant of God. Even in the hospital, he could be seen praying with the nurses, doctors, and staff. He hated to see suffering people which made him so good at his job as a pastor. He was a selfless person who always put the needs of others ahead of his own. He was the pastor of Hughes Memorial Baptist Church, New Lebanon Baptist Church, and Clay Baptist Church. He also served on staff at Pineywood Baptist, Pine Mountain Independent and Clearview Baptist Church.

He retired from Bellsouth after 28 years and Samford after 17 years. He also graduated from Samford University. He spent his free time watching football, hunting, riding horses and spending time with his family and friends. He loved watching westerns, the food network, and Alaska shows.

He was preceded in by his daughter Julie Hinkle Hutchins, sister Jan Hinkle Elliott, his Mother Edna Hollis Hinkle and Father Talmadge Fredrick Hinkle. He is survived by his wife of 49 years Karen Hinkle, son Jeremy Hinkle, Brother Mike (Rita) Hinkle, Uncle Edwin (Gwen) Hollis, Son-in-Law Robert Hutchins (Rachel), granddaughter McKinley Renee Hutchins, Brother in-law Bruce (Celeste) Hinkle, Jeff Hinkle and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, beloved family members and friends.

His family will receive friends on Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home in Gardendale, AL. The service will begin at 2:00 p.m. at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home. Brother Rich Hutchins and Craig Gilley will be officiating. The burial will follow at Oakwood Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family would like a donation to Hughes Memorial Baptist Church and the American Cancer Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Memorial Gardens

2100 Moncrief Rd  
Gardendale, AL 35071

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

FEB 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AG

“ I just heard about this and I'm so sad! . I'm so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He was a former coworker, 30+ year loyal friend, & a great man of God, humble as the day is long and I'm glad to have had him as such. He was also the minister who married my husband & I as neither of us had a church and that time and he was our friend. He was kind and generous with all he had & loved. I know he is rejoicing with the Lord and free of all pain -leaving only the pain of his loss for us. Well done good & faithful servant. Well done. 💜🙏



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**Andee Gay** - March 23, 2021 at 05:57 PM

DA

“ Brother Rick and his family was part of our family. He baptized both my children and my husband. We spent many a Sundays in a little white church that Brother Rick had brought back to life. Most Sundays we had more teens and children than adults. They knew they were wanted and would be listened to. He taught not only by his sermons. He also taught with his actions. Brother Rick servants heart was huge and he had the perfect person to go through life with Mrs. Karen. He married my children and buried my husband. I have so much respect for him. He was loved by all. Karen and Jeremy many people will be lifting you all up in prayer. We love ya'll

*Dayle Adams*

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**Dayle Adams** - February 09, 2021 at 09:17 PM

CC

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. He was a good friend and will be missed by all who knew him. May God comfort you during this difficult time. Yours in Christ; Doyle and Cyndi Creel*

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**Cyndi Creel** - February 09, 2021 at 04:39 PM

PR

“ *To the family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ricky Hinkle. I have a very fond memory of him from 45 years ago on March 12th. He performed the ceremony to marry my husband and me. It was a stormy night and he could not find the house where we were to be married. He stopped and called and my brother went and met him. He was such an inspiration for doing what he did. I am so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace until our Lord comes to take us all home. Phyllis Luna Robertson*

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**Phyllis Luna Robertson** - February 09, 2021 at 12:15 AM

AM

*So sorry to learn of Rickeys passing. Many prayers and hugs for his family. So many memories of Rickey at Pinewood Baptist when my daughter, Lee Ann was growing up there. He always had the sweetest spirit and all the young people loved him dearly. He will surely be missed but Heaven gained a precious angel. Praying for all.*

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**Ann McAnnally** - February 09, 2021 at 08:50 AM

GS

“ My memories of Pastor Rick began at a little white church on a hill in Clay, Al, he was a most spiritual soul, simplified life in soft direct words of understanding scripture and values of living. He never turned down a request for someone needed help, bless him and Karen, they even babysat my young kids on a few Saturdays, 4 a one time is difficult for 1 but they handled it graciously even when the TWINS ran away up the street and they had to find them. So many times thru him , Karen, the family at Clay Baptist my family was blessed unconditionally. When my twin Daniel passed away, he was there comforting us thru his big heart, tender words of comfort and once again letting me cry upon his shoulder. He never expected anything in return except loving the lord. He will be so missed from so many lives he touched.

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**Georgia Simmons** - February 08, 2021 at 06:16 PM

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“ Amazon Non-Inventory Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Rickey H. Hinkle.



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**Amazon Non-Inventory Department** - February 08, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home** - February 08, 2021 at 02:16 PM