



Rev. Howard Barefoot

January 4, 1932 - February 2, 2018

Rev. Howard Barefoot departed this life and went to be with the Lord on February 2, 2018 at the Sturgill Hospice House located in Spring Hill, Florida. Since 2000, Howard and his wife, Dorothy, spent winter months at the Wesleyan Village Retirement Community in Brooksville, Florida.

Howard was born in Durham, North Carolina on January 4, 1932 to the late Adlie and Myrtle Barefoot. He graduated from high school at Pilgrim Bible College, Kernersville, North Carolina. There he met and married Dorothy Kiser Barefoot on June 2, 1953. In 1956 he graduated from college at Frankfort Pilgrim College, Frankfort, Indiana.

During the years of their ministry, they spent four years at the All Tribes Indian School, Bernalillo, New Mexico where they taught and he was dean of boys. Moving to Huntington, Indiana they pastored the Pilgrim Holiness Church and he earned a Master's in Education from St. Francis College, Fort Wayne, Indiana. They had three children: Daniel, Paul, and Sharon.

The next years were spent in pastoring and teaching. Howard taught at Harney Elementary and at the Lebanon Middle School for 22 years. Their last pastorate, at Colfax Wesleyan Church, was 17 years.

Retiring from the classroom in 1996 and the ministry in 1998, he spent his time ministering in nursing homes and as interim pastors and as a guest minister.

As a minister, Howard was a man who loved people and he had many friends. He was compassionate and loving and deeply cared for his family and parishioners. He was said to have the world as his parish.

He will be remembered as a teacher who loved his students, always wanting them to learn and do their own problem solving.

He had a passion for the Lord's work. After his disability forced him to use a wheelchair, he often used his phone to talk and pray with others who needed a friend and pastor.

Preceding him in death was his daughter, Elizabeth Ann, who was born and went to Heaven on March 26, 1962. Siblings who preceded him in death are Elizabeth, Edward, Adlie, Juanita, and James.

He leaves his wife of 63 years, Dorothy. Also his sons, Daniel Barefoot of Los Angeles, California, Paul Barefoot (Sheila) of Dallas, Texas, and a daughter Sharon Cady (Don) of Indianapolis. He loved his 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a brother, Paul C. Barefoot of Colville, Washington and twin sisters, Myrlene Dicheck and Josephine Parker of Durham, North Carolina.

Visitation will be held Friday, February 9 from 5:00-8:00PM and funeral on Saturday, February 10 with visitation at 10:30AM and service at 11:00AM at the Lebanon Wesleyan Church, 1004 South Lebanon Street, Lebanon, IN. Interment will follow services at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gift donations to Global Partners, Wesleyan World Headquarters, PO Box 50434, Indianapolis, IN 46250 for the Jesus Film Project.

Cemetery

Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street
Lebanon, IN, 46052

Events

FEB 9 **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

Lebanon Wesleyan Church
1004 South Lebanon Street, Lebanon, IN, US

FEB 10 **Visitation** 10:30AM

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FEB 10 **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I remember having Mr Barefoot as a teacher in middle school. One day we somehow got on the subject of church and Christianity. Up until that point I had no idea he was a pastor. He invited me to church at Colfax Wesleyan. I was very gracious by giving me a ride to and from church. We had service sometimes in the jubilee barn there. I meet a lot of friends there and some I still talk to after all these years. He came over to my house after I got married to Jennifer a few years ago. We also meet at the Flying J and had dinner. I had lost contact with him and wondered how he was doing. I'm sorry for your loss Mrs Barefoot. He was a big influence in my life.



Merle Trent - February 20, 2018 at 08:27 AM



“ So sorry to hear this news But we know he is with his Savior and is home for good. What a blessing he was to everyone he met. He was a true blessing to all of the Coomer Family, our prayers are with his family.

Betty Coomer - February 17, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“ Eve Cook is following this tribute.

Eve Cook - February 09, 2018 at 01:32 PM



“ Have so many special memories of Bro. Barefoot! Times of listening to his stories, (always interesting and usually with lots of humor), listening to his testimony and singing at "ring meeting" at Frankfort camp. Such a kind man!! Rejoicing in Heaven now with so many special people including my father, Lewis G Smith. Prayers for your family during this time . Mary Anne Wheeler, Phoenix, AZ.

Mary Anne Wheeler - February 08, 2018 at 11:09 AM



“ Uncle Howard was an awesome uncle and brother! He was 150% Christian and more! His calls and cards will be missed! We know he is with the Lord and walking streets of gold and with family! We have many years of memories, played alot of dominoes, and he liked winning!!!He will be missed but We will see him again as a Christian and have the best family reunion ever and with the Lord!! praying for the family and Aunt Dorothy love and prayers, Gerald and Becky May and sister, myrlene dicheck



Becky May - February 08, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Howard Barefoot.



February 08, 2018 at 01:30 AM



“ I have fond memories of Pastor Howard Barefoot and his wife, Dorothy. As a young girl In the Burlington Pilgrim church, Pastor was a strong influence in his solid teaching of the Bible which continues in my life today.

Lovingly,
Donna Hinkle Bussell

Donna Bussell - February 07, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ Brother Barefoot was first a client (I led a capital campaign for the Colfax Church in 1988) who turned into a good friend. His friendliness and solid Christian witness endeared him both to his people and to me. I cherish the times we spent together.

Dr. Robert S. Hallett

Dr. Robert S. Hallett - February 07, 2018 at 05:04 PM



“ Uncle Howard had a wonderful testimony. He was all for the Lord but wasn't afraid to joke and laugh with you. He loved doing magic tricks and often entertained my children when they were little and he visited NC. I have home videos of him playing the mandilion and daddy playing the guitar and singing from years ago. I sure will miss him but I know he's with the one that he has served his life for and he's rejoicing with my daddy. Aunt Dot I am praying for you cause I know you will miss him so much. Thank you for being the love of his life.
Hugs sent to Sharon, Paul and Dan.
Love you,
Your cousin Carolyn

Carolyn Brockwell - February 07, 2018 at 04:44 PM



“ Rev.Howard Barefoot will be sadly missed, He was our pastor for many years and has been a very dear friend for years to follow, We always received phone calls from him. It seemed like he would always call when we needed to hear from him. He was always ready to pray with us. He was a true Man of God! He will be missed by many. We continue to pray for Dorothy, for she also is a very good person and she will need prayers for days to come. Our love and prayers to the whole family.
God Bless You All.
Love and Prayers from Larry and Tina

Tina - February 08, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ Brother Barefoot was such a special man with a real heart for people. Great smile and sense of humor...anyone that thinks Christians don't have fun..did not know him! He introduced us to camping and what would now be considered dangerous sledding down the streets in Lebanon. Wow! It was so much fun! Loved the puppet shows! Most important...the many people he witnessed to and souls saved because of him. It is comforting to know that he is rejoicing and home in heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Amanda Fearnin - February 07, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ Pastor Barefoot was a gift from the Lord to both my late husband, Lance Moore and myself.

Lindsay Moore

Lindsay Moore - February 06, 2018 at 08:48 PM



“ He is up there with all of the Clark family and Charlie. He was someone special. Thanks for sharing him with the world. Love Sonja Woodruff



sonja woodruff - February 06, 2018 at 05:43 PM



“ I absolutely love'd this man! Dorothy, I am so sorry he had to leave you in this life-but you both will meet again...RIH Reverend Barefoot

Chris Scala - February 06, 2018 at 03:39 PM



“ Dennis Smith lit a candle in memory of Rev. Howard Barefoot



Dennis Smith - February 05, 2018 at 11:08 PM