



## Benny Blackstone

June 10, 1942 - May 27, 2016

Benny Blackstone, 73, of Greenville, passed away Friday, May 27, 2016.

Born in Greenville County, he was a son of the late Green Taylor and Cora Mae Noe Blackstone. Mr. Blackstone was the owner of Blackstone's Garage, where he started working with his father at age eleven. He was a faithful member and served as a Deacon at Calvary First Baptist Church in Greenville.

Surviving are his wife of fifty-two years, Barbara Wood Blackstone; two daughters: Angie Foster (Terry), and Kim Roberts (Chris); two brothers: Tommy Blackstone, and Jack Blackstone (Sherry); one sister: Nancy Blackstone; and three grandchildren: McKensie Lackey, Corbyn Foster, and Elizabeth Roberts.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon at Calvary First Baptist Church, with burial to follow in Graceland East Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from noon until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon at Calvary First Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Calvary First Baptist Church, 11 Tampa St., Greenville, SC 29609.

The family will be at the home.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland East Memorial Park and Mausoleum

2206 Woodruff Rd.  
Greenville, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **31**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Calvary First Baptist  
11 Tampa Street  
Greenville, SC 29609

## Church Service

MAY **31**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Calvary First Baptist  
11 Tampa Street  
Greenville, SC 29609

# Tribute Wall

AL

“ To Barbara, Angie, Kim and family,  
We are so saddened by unexpected passing of Benny. He was a truly good man and friend. He will be missed by many. We know Jesus welcomed him with open loving arms.  
In God's love  
G. Taft and Juanita Anderson  
Jill Anderson-Luckenbaugh

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A Jill Luckenbaugh - June 01, 2016 at 09:52 AM

DD

“ We were so shocked Friday to here about Benny taking his Heavenly flight. I know God had a special reason for wanting Benny to come home. Benny was one of the best men and friend anyone could ever meet.. If there is a better man than Benny Blackstone,I would like to meet him.We love Benny and Barbara and the whole family. We are Praying for the family and ask God blessing upon each one of them. Benny will be missed very much.We love each one of you.

Love and Prayers  
Darrell and Joyce

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Darrell and Joyce Darnell - May 31, 2016 at 07:48 PM

BM

“ So sorry to the family of Benny death .I knew him sent 1970 went to school with his sister and knew him to be a great man. And his family also. My prayers are with you in days to come. Beverly George Mcdowell and Jason Mcdowell.



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Beverly Mcdowell - May 31, 2016 at 05:44 PM

KD

“ We are saddened at the death of Benny. Benny serviced our vehicles for more than forty years. However, he was more than just our mechanic, he was a friend to us. Benny cared about his customers and he always went out of his way to help them. He had impeccable character. Men like Benny Blackstone are hard to find and he will be greatly missed. Even though he is in Heaven, his legacy here on earth will live on.

*Bob and Kathy Davis*

*Eldon and Garnieta Shelton*

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**Kathy Davis** - May 31, 2016 at 08:23 AM

ES

“ *Barbara, Angie and Kim,*  
We were very saddened to hear about Benny's passing. We first met Benny when Dr. Ashton recommended him as one of the best and most honest mechanics in town. We have had and will continue to keep your family in our prayers. Benny was a great guy and a super mechanic and will be missed more than you will know. Ed and Sandy Stahlnecker

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**Ed and Sandy Stahlnecker** - May 31, 2016 at 06:29 AM

MA

“ *First met Benny about 50 years ago at his daddy's shop. Went to school with Jack but knew Benny and Tommy from the shop. Never heard Benny mention retiring he love his work. I sure hope there's something in heaven that needs working on. Would like for you to know that the entire family is in my prayers.*

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**Mike Aiken** - May 30, 2016 at 05:35 PM

DR

“ *Bennie was a good, honest hard working man and one heck of an auto-mechanic and a good musician and will truly be missed.....*

David Reece - May 30, 2016 at 01:57 PM



Georgette Owens

“ *I met Benny when I joined the Owens family 16 years ago.....I've never met another person that was as humble and such a solid of God.....you will be missed so dearly.....praying for you all during this time.....love always deanne, mark, anne and alley Owens*

Georgette Owens - May 30, 2016 at 12:48 PM

DA

“ *May God touch you and hold you all dear during this difficult time. Prayers for you all. Dollie Collins Adams*

Dollie Collins Adams - May 30, 2016 at 07:02 AM

DB

“ *Bobbie Jean,  
As I look back over my formative years, I thank The Lord for giving me such a precious aunt and uncle. Both you and uncle Benny contributed to the values, beliefs and memories that I hold deeply in my heart Whether in times of fun or discipline we knew that you both loved us (Tim, Sharon, Stevie and Me). Love, Denise*

Denise Wood Brown - May 30, 2016 at 06:43 AM

DB

“ *Bobbie Jean,  
As I look back over my formative years, I thank the Lord for giving me such a precious aunt and uncle. Both of you contributed to many of the values and believes that I hold within my heart. Whether in fun or discipline you and Uncle Benny always showed your love to me, Tim, Sharon, and Stevie*

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**Denise Wood Brown** - May 30, 2016 at 06:31 AM

BG

“ *Drove by his shop early going to work... His car was always there.... Would say a prayer for Benny ...he will be missed by all of us ....praying for the family ... Rest in peace Benny ....we love you and your family ...Bill & a Cathy Grrman .....*

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**Bill & Cathy German** - May 30, 2016 at 05:14 AM

DD

“ *I have sold Benny parts for his shop while working for various suppliers for over 40 years. One of the great professional and honest shop owners in Greenville County who truly cared about his customers, and a great family man and just a good person in general.  
I challenge you to find one single person that has anything negative to say about this man. Prayers for his family!  
Donnie Davis*

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**Donnie Davis** - May 29, 2016 at 10:13 PM

LG

“ Barbara, Angie and Kim, I am so sorry to hear about Benny. He was a wonderful man and I had the up most respect for him. Angie and Kim both of you were there for me when my parents passed and I thank you both. Due to health issues I won't be able to attend but I want you all to know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Lynn

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**Lynn Goldsmith** - May 29, 2016 at 09:38 PM

TP

“ Barbara, Angie, and Kim,  
Words can not express the sadness that I have felt ever since learning of Benny's passing. Your entire family is a blessing to everyone you come in contact with. I so enjoyed directing Benny in the choir and in Calvary's Song. He was so faithful to the music program and always had that big smile on his face. Chuck and I both feel honored to have had the pleasure of worshipping with you all during our time at Calvary. You will forever be in our prayers.  
Terri Paxton

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**Terri Paxton** - May 29, 2016 at 09:20 PM

GC

“ Tommy and family, so sorry to read about Bennie. He was a classmate of my sister Sandra. Amazing how we looked up to them as children even though the age difference was not that great. I remember Benny being friendly and kind.

*Sending love and best wishes. Gale B. Crawford*



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**Gale B. Crawford** - May 29, 2016 at 08:01 PM

MM

“ *Melissa & Garry McAlister lit a candle in memory of Benny Blackstone*



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**Melissa & Garry McAlister** - May 29, 2016 at 05:29 PM

MM

“ *Barbara and family, we are so sorry to hear of Benny's passing. He was always such a wonderful friend I can honestly say to the entire McAlister family over the years. You truly couldn't find a more honest, and great person, mechanic, and good Christian man. He will be greatly missed by us all. God bless all if you and know you all are loved. Sending prayers your way.*



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**Melissa & Garry McAlister** - May 29, 2016 at 05:27 PM

DB

“ *My dad Dick Brissey towed for Benny . Dad always had good things to say about him .  
One day a car got lose off dad's Rollback and tore up Benny's office. After that Benny still kept dad busy .  
Now that's a true friend !  
You will be missed my friend !*

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**dickie brissey** - May 29, 2016 at 04:28 PM

AG

“ *Barbara, Angie and Kim,*

*We are deeply saddened to hear about Benny. Praying that God gives you comfort and strength during this difficult time.*

*Love and Prayers,*

*Preston and Ann Golightly*



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**Ann Golightly** - May 29, 2016 at 04:03 PM

KB

“ *My sincere condolences to the Blackstone family. I have known Benny, Barbara and the girls for many years. Wonderful family. Barbara and Benny were best friends and lived across the street from my brother Irel Bishop and his wife Sandy for many, many years until they passed away. Their children grew up together. No one could ever ask for a better friendship. To Barbara, Angie, and Kim I send my love and prayers as you go through this sad and difficult period in your lives.*

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**Kat brown** - May 29, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benny Blackstone.*



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May 29, 2016 at 11:11 AM

DR

“ *Barbara and family,*

*We are deeply saddened for you. Benny was a wonderful person with great integrity and honesty. He was always the one we went to for repairs because we trusted him. We pray you feel the comfort of the Lord during this time.*

*Love in Christ,  
Dottie and Joe Rhoden*

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**Dottie Rhoden** - May 29, 2016 at 08:05 AM

TH

“ *I worked for Benny for over 27 years and like Sharon's previous post, he was truly a honest christian business man. Working with him daily he always did what was right and fair. He was good mentor and close enough friend that even though I was not a member of his family I felt like I was. Benny leaves behind a legacy that will be truly hard to follow. I want Barbara and all the Blackstone family to know that I will do everything I can to continue what he has taught me. Our thoughts and prayers are with Barbara and the entire Blackstone family.  
He will be truly missed.  
Troy and Christina Herd*

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**Troy and Christina Herd** - May 29, 2016 at 07:47 AM

SP

“ *Benny was a special person!! And a truly honest Christian business man. He will be missed!! Deepest sympathy to the family .*

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**Sharon Pekarsky** - May 28, 2016 at 09:07 PM

PR

“ How do you express how you feel about a family in just a few words. That's how inadequate I feel right now. Benny and Barbara have been friends for decades. Their family always set an example of what Christians are. We met them back when I was a struggling newly wed, husband in the military overseas, and I had a car that was barely running. One morning it wouldn't run and I didn't have a dime to my name. Daddy called Benny and explained the situation. Benny drove to my house, worked on my car enough to get it to his shop and then made sure I got to work. I never forgot that! God blessed Benny and Barbara in so many ways. They each had the love of their lives by their sides, their daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, family and friends that love their family. He never met a stranger. He had a ready smile and a listening ear. He was just the kind of friend you knew would be there if you needed him. I've been away from Greenville 16 years now but still had Barbara and Angie on my friend's list in FB. I loved watching videos of Benny and Calvary Song and remember them singing at my dad's funeral. My parent both loved Benny and Barbara and being in their Sunday school class. I could go on and on - but I just wanted to let Barbara and family know - Benny is going to be missed. He finished the journey God had mapped out for him - far too soon for those who are going to miss him - but he is now in heaven, whole again, and experiencing an eternity that we can't begin to imagine. God bless you all.



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**Pamela Redgate** - May 28, 2016 at 01:52 PM