



Rev. D. J. Benson

June 10, 1930 - August 14, 2016

Rev. D. J. Benson, 86, of Laurel, passed away Sunday, August 14, 2016, at Jones County Rest Home in Ellisville.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 17 at Salem Heights Baptist Church with burial to follow at Salem Heights Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the church on Tuesday from 5 until 8 p.m. Services will be officiated by Dr. Bob Kendrick and Dr. Dwight Smith.

Bro. Benson pastored at many churches during his ministry including Mountain Creek, Harrisville Baptist, Highland Baptist Church in Crystal Springs, West Laurel Baptist Church, and Salem Heights Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force.

Mr. Benson was preceded in death by his loving wife of 61 years, Nina C. Benson.

Survivors include children, Angelique and Dr. Bob Kendrick, Rev. Brent and Shelia Benson, and Rev. Eric and Shandra Benson; grandchildren, Amy and Kyle Pierson, Dr. Matthew and Courtney Kendrick, Rebecca Benson, and Jessica and Luke Campbell; and great grandchildren, Eva Pierson, Isaac Pierson, Taylor Kendrick and Cole Kendrick.

Pallbearers will be deacons of the church.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Salem Heights Baptist Church Cemetery

5850 Hwy 84 West
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Salem Heights Baptist Church
5850 Hwy 84 W
Laurel, MS 39443

Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mandy Braswell lit a candle in memory of Rev. D. J. Benson*



Mandy Braswell - August 19, 2016 at 05:44 PM

BT

“ *In 1983 I was called to come to the hospital. My husband was sick. I was told that it was bad and remember standing like a zombie. a man came up to me and said let me pray with you. He never asked my name or my husbands name or illness. He just prayed for us. I learned later that it was Bro Benson. I never saw him again. I believe he was sent from God. That is the only explanation. I have never forgotten the comfort he provided. May he rest in peace.*

*Barbara Tisdale
Slidell LA (we lived in Ovett back then)*

Barbara Tisdale - August 17, 2016 at 05:30 PM

DT

“ *Extending sincere condolences to the Benson family . Philippians 4:13*

D. Tyler - August 17, 2016 at 10:58 AM

Mary
Hathorn

“ *My fondest memories of Bro. Benson go back to West Laurel Baptist Church ,growing up with Angelique and Brent ,and even remember when Eric was born, but not forget the most important things were baptism by Bro. Benson at age 10 and he also married us "40 years ago ".He has always been dearly loved by our family!*

Angelique,Brent, Eric and family , our thoughts and prayers are with you!

Love, Danny and Mary Hathorn

Mary Hathorn - August 16, 2016 at 11:51 PM

JB

“ *Condolences go out to this fine family. Have known Bro Benson and his family for about 20 years while doing pest control services for him and his wonderful church. A fine man of God that always had a smile and ready to talk about the Lord.He will surely be missed by so many.*

James Bishop - August 16, 2016 at 08:13 PM

CW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Know your Father will be missed here on earth, but what a comforting thought that you will all be back together some day with all our loved ones and to be with our Heavenly Father !! Love you, my sister in Christ !
Carolyn Whedbee-Greensboro, NC*

Carolyn Whedbee - August 16, 2016 at 08:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. D. J. Benson.*



August 16, 2016 at 05:00 PM



“ *We have such fond memories of both Rev. And Mrs. Benson. They were some of the happiest people we have ever known--always smiling. Their fine children certainly gave them reason to smile. What a joy to get to know their whole family! Thinking of you during time of great loss. With love. Martha and Terrell Tisdale.*

Martha and Terrell Tisdale - August 16, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ I'm almost never at a loss for words, but there's not enough space here to share all the loving memories I have of Brother Benson. He was one of my most true friends. I received a better Bible education from D.J. Benson, than in college or seminary. He was a staunch Bible conservative. He was a defender of our faith. He was a great man, in my mind and in others. I love him & Nina and miss them very much. God bless Angelique, Brent, Eric and their families. You were his greatest blessing! He grew up without much of a family, and having a family was his life's dream. Love and Prayers for you all!

Jim Hill



Jim Hill - August 16, 2016 at 10:18 AM

BW

God bless you all, you are in our prayers.

Byron and Cheryl White - August 16, 2016 at 08:02 PM

CD

“ I spent a great deal of time with Bro. D.J. During the 80's and 90's fellowshiping and playing golf. He was a dear friend in the ministry. I thank God He placed your loved one in my path. My prayers are for your comfort and my joy for you as you celebrate his home going.

Charles Davis

Charles Davis - August 16, 2016 at 09:13 AM

KS

“ Bro.Benson was my Pastor at Highland Baptist Church in Crystal Springs.My family loved Bro.Benson and his family.He was a wonderful Pastor.Condolences to his Family.

Kay Lindsey Smith - August 16, 2016 at 07:25 AM

SS

“ I grew up living next door to Rev. Benson and his family. Many fond memories.
Our thoughts are with the family.
Steve Swogetinsky

Steve Swogetinsky - August 16, 2016 at 04:02 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. D. J. Benson.



August 15, 2016 at 11:06 PM

RR

“ Dear Angelique, Brent, Eric & your families; Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate Bro. Benson's life, legacy & love for his Lord, his family, & his church. He was a great friend to both our families, we loved & respected him! Our deepest sympathy to you all.
Ron & Judy (Henderson) Roberts

Ron Roberts - August 15, 2016 at 10:56 PM

DM

“ Bro. D.J. And Mrs. Nina were a picture of Christ's love to me. They loved ALL of us! He always preached and taught God's absolute Word. You could not be a member of Salem Heights without growing spiritually. He and Mrs. Nina were with me during a difficult time in my life and I will love them forever for the support, advice and love they extended to me. They left a legacy that will effect our spiritual world forever: Their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers are with this precious family!!!!

Diann McCoskey - August 15, 2016 at 10:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. D. J. Benson.



August 15, 2016 at 10:03 PM

PD

“ We will miss you Brother DJ Benson. You were very special to us...rest in peace.

Paul and Judy Dean - August 15, 2016 at 09:58 PM

OH

“ Angelique, I am so sorry for the loss of your precious father. You and your family are in our prayers. I pray that God will wrap you and your family in his love and give you peace and comfort that only comes from our Lord. Love you sweet friend!

Ouida Hester - August 15, 2016 at 09:34 PM

BM

“ Deepest sympathies to all of the Benson Family. Prayers of comfort and peace as you say good bye to his earthly body and rejoice as he gains his heavenly body!

Sincerely,
Don and B. J. Meche

B. J. Meche - August 15, 2016 at 08:50 PM

SK

“ I will never forget what Brother Benson said one year after the choir presented the Easter program. I had the solo of the last song that night and Brother Benson stood to make his closing remarks and he said " I knew it wasn't over till the fat lady sang" to which Nina elbowed him as everyone laughed (including myself) Nina was mortified and made him apologize to me, but I was not offended in any way. I always had a lot of love and respect for Brother Benson. My thoughts are with the family. Bro. DJ is now living his Heavenly reward with his lovely and precious Nina.

Sherry Keys - August 15, 2016 at 08:49 PM

ES

“ It is barely been 40 years since Eric and I stood in your home and had Bro. D.J. marry us. It is sad to think he will not been here for our 41st anniversary. Thinking of all of you during this time.

Ericand Mary Scrimshire - August 15, 2016 at 08:20 PM

KJ

“ So sorry for this loss- Brother Benson baptized me, loved him and your sweet Momma. Prayers for you guys.

Kathy Thompson Johnson - August 15, 2016 at 08:05 PM

DM

“ Bro. D. J. And Mrs. Nina will always be loved by me and my family. They were with me and stood with me during one of the most difficult times in my life. They were a true picture of Christ and His love. I admired him because he always preached and taught the Word of our Lord. We will miss him greatly. Praying for his precious family.

Diann McCoskey - August 15, 2016 at 07:38 PM

PM

“ Dickey and I have always loved Bro. Benson! We knew that when we heard him preach he was not going to sugar coat his message like a lot of Preachers do. It was going to come straight from the Word of God! I know that when He stands before God....that God will say "Well done my good and faithful servant"...because he was dedicated to preaching truth and only truth! We are going to miss him so much! Dickey and Peggy Mauldin

Peggy Mauldin - August 15, 2016 at 06:00 PM

GH

“ We are very sorry for you loss. Bro. Benson will me greatly missed in this community.

Geneva, Dan, & Stephen Herring - August 15, 2016 at 04:50 PM

PW

“ *With Our Deepest Sympathy, Geoffrey and Pam Williamson*

We loved Bro. Benson and the way he preached the gospel never waivering from God's Word. His love for his congregation was very evident because he would tell us how much he loved us as many times as he could.

We will miss him greatly.

*Love and prayers to all his family
Geoffrey and Pam*

Pam Williamson - August 15, 2016 at 04:25 PM

DW

“ *We express our sorrow to the family of Dr. D. J. Benson. We pray our Lord's love, comfort, and strength for each of you. We are so thankful for his friendship and his life of faithful service.*

Dan & Rachel West - August 15, 2016 at 01:15 PM