



## Rev Joel Haire

September 24, 1934 - February 11, 2021

Reverend Joel E. Haire, 86, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, February 11, 2021.

Joel was born on September 24, 1934, in Lafayette Springs, Mississippi. He was the only son of Reverend L. F. Haire and Mrs. Addie Belle Haire. He accepted Christ as his Savior when he was seven years old. Joel was a graduate of Vardaman High School, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the ministry in 1956 at First Baptist Church of Bruce, Mississippi. Joel served as pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Grenada County, Duncan Hill Baptist Church in Calhoun County, Thompson Baptist Church in Amite County, First Baptist Church of Ridgeland, First Baptist Church of Water Valley, First Baptist Church of West Point, and First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs. After retiring in 1997, he served many churches as interim pastor. At the time of his death, he was the pastor of Southern Hills Baptist Church of Byram. He also worked with the Stewardship Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board where he led numerous churches in building campaigns. Joel was on the Board of Trustees at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center for over twenty years. In his spare time, he loved spending time with family and friends and restoring vintage Ford Mustangs.

Throughout over sixty years of ministry, Joel touched the lives of and

influenced countless individuals. He was known for his kindness, humble spirit, and consistent lifestyle. Through mid-life battles with cancer, Joel found strength and sufficiency in his Savior and used those experiences to minister to others. He was a prayer warrior who loved to walk alongside others on their life's journey. He particularly enjoyed mentoring young pastors. His children and grandchildren are eternally grateful for their close relationship with him and the example he set for them. The family would like to express heartfelt gratitude to those who have reached out in such gracious ways to commemorate his ministry and legacy.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Mary Woods Haire, son Mark Haire (Reta) of Brandon, daughter Melanie Haire of Wesson, grandchildren Beau Wilson, Zack Wilson, Mary Morgan Alford (Kyle), and Molly Haire, twin sister Jean Hays, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Faye Taylor and Voncille Tedrick.

Family and friends are invited to a graveside service at Old Crystal Springs Cemetery in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, on Saturday, February 20, at 2:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, or the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev Joel Haire*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Bro. Joel was an exceptional man of God. I am but one of many now in the ministry as a result of his godly influence. Sympathy for the family and congratulations on Bro. Joe's home-going.*

**Mark L Buckley** - February 16, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Bro. Haire's passing. He and his family have been a very important part of our family. Our youngest son is named Joel after Bro. Haire. We love you all.*

**linda and David Glasgow** - February 16, 2021 at 12:17 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Rev. Haire's passing. He married my husband and I on August 4, 1975. I've often thought of him over the years. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers! God Bless!!!! Melody McCreary Stafford*

**Melody McCreary Stafford** - February 16, 2021 at 09:09 AM

KH

“ Bro. Joel was our pastor in West Point. In 1970 Bro. Haire married my husband Kenny and I. Mrs. Mary starting teaching a couples class for young married. My husband and I enjoyed attending her class. So thankful for the wonderful influence the Haire family had on our life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mary, Melanie, and Mark and family.

Kenny and Wanda Hudson - February 16, 2021 at 02:07 AM

JB

“ I was eight years old when we attended Duncan Hill Baptist Church. Two major life events happened while we were there. I accepted Jesus and my daddy James Ramsey surrendered his life to ministry. The year was 1963. I believe Rev Haire was pastor. I was eight years old.

Juanita Ramsey Bearden - February 15, 2021 at 07:41 PM

BM

“ So many good memories of his time in West Point. My prayers are with Mary, Mark and Melanie. 🙏🙏🙏

Billie Mayo - February 15, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev Joel Haire.



February 15, 2021 at 04:33 PM

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“ *A wonderful, compassionate man of God. Not very many like him*

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**Ann Greer** - February 14, 2021 at 04:00 PM

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“ *Bro. Haire was a precious man. He and his family were a huge part of my childhood... sweet memories. I am so sorry for your loss....*  
*Mary Anne Fair Pender*

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**Anne Fair Pender** - February 13, 2021 at 09:15 PM