



Barry G. Chism

May 21, 1925 - April 20, 2021

Barry Griggs Chism, age 95 of Greenbrier passed away Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at his home. Funeral Services will be held at 1:30 pm, Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Austin & Bell Funeral Home Greenbrier. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Cemetery with Mark Bradfield, Bill Norwood, Matt Norwood, Eric Dugger, Wayne Dugger and Dave Stambaugh serving as pallbearers. The family will receive friends 10 am until the hour of service on Thursday at the funeral home.

He was born in Greenbrier, TN on May 21, 1925 to the late Gus Eugene and Lizzie Lee Batts Chism. He was also preceded in death by grand-daughter, Wendy Dugger; sisters, June Cook and Jean Bailey.

He loved his family very much and spending time with them was important. He was a graduate of the Greenbrier High School class of 1943 and a retired mail carrier for the USPS. He was a member of Greenbrier First Baptist Church where served as Deacon Emeritus and taught Sunday School for over 50 years. He was a WWII Veteran and loved sharing his military experiences with schools and community events. He was awarded 2 bronze stars and 2 purple hearts for his service. He did interviews for the Library of Congress, Austin Peay State University and Middle Tennessee State University. He enjoyed showing and telling about his military memorabilia and hee also loved showing his '56 Chevy at various events.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Dora "Sue" Harris Chism; son, Dale (Marilyn) Chism of Murfreesboro, TN; daughters, Carol (Wayne) Dugger of

Clarksville, TN, Melissa (Bill) Norwood of Murfreesboro, TN; grandchildren, Jared Norwood, Matt Norwood, Eric (Sarah) Dugger and 7 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Legion Post 45, Greenbrier Historical Society or Greenbrier First Baptist Church Daily Bread program. Donations may be made payable to either charity and left at or mailed to Austin & Bell Funeral Home, 2619 Hwy 41 S., Greenbrier, TN 37073. Online condolences may be made at www.austinandbell.com

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Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LI

“ My sympathies to Barry Chism's family in his passing. The last time I spoke with him was at the Turning of the Pig in 2011, where we talked about my late father, Charles Hugh Sanders, and other Greenbrier natives. Mr. Chism was a pleasure to talk with and I wish my father could have spent more time in his life around Mr. Chism and other Greenbrier contemporaries who shared Mr. Chism's character and love for the Lord. My sympathies also to the community of Greenbrier in losing a respected longtime citizen.

Lisa Sanders Vernon

Lisa - June 12, 2021 at 01:34 AM

JH

“ I was so glad to get to talk with Mr. Chism when I visited Green Brier Baptist a few years ago.

JAMES KEITH HENDERSON - May 30, 2021 at 01:16 AM

HB

“ I loved Barry Chism. Always positive always encouraging always open. Our community is immeasurably poorer for his passing.

Howard Bradley - April 21, 2021 at 08:12 PM

DB

“ Barry Chism was the kind of person we all hope to be. Greenbrier has lost one of its saints and we will miss him very much. The Chism family are special people and we are lucky to have had them in our lives.

Diane and Rex Bas

Diane BAss - April 21, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Barry G. Chism.*



April 21, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ *All, you are in our prayers and have my deepest sympathy. He was a great man, a good neighbor and made this world a better place.*

Jon Briggs

Jon Briggs - April 21, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ *Mr Chism was always a pleasure to be around. He will be greatly missed.*

Becca Shaver PT DPT (VA)

rebecca - April 21, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ *I REMEMBER Mr Chism as a very kind man as a child playing with Melissa and Carol. As a adult It was always a thrill to see him and Ms Sue. They were always wonderful and warm people. I know he will be missed greatly. Remembering you all in my prayers.*

Mala Wilson Bruce. - April 21, 2021 at 08:56 AM