



## Jerry Don Oakley

December 10, 1939 - January 23, 2021

Dr. Jerry Don Oakley, age 81 of Gallatin, TN went home to be with the Lord Saturday, January 23, 2021 at NHC in Hendersonville. He was born December 10, 1939 in Marshall County, KY to Edward and Vivian Byers Oakley. Dr. Oakley graduated from Wingo High School in Wingo, KY. He was married to Brenda Jean Hall on September 7, 1960. Jerry was an avid Kentucky basketball fan, and he was extremely honored and proud to be selected to the All-State Kentucky basketball team in 1957. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Union University in Jackson, TN. He also received the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. Dr. Oakley pastored or served on the staff of churches in Kentucky and Tennessee for thirty-four years. Included in these churches were Hickory Valley Baptist Church, Hickory Valley, TN, Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville, KY (Asst. Pastor), Youngers Creek Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, KY, Magnolia Baptist Church, Magnolia, KY, Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro, KY, Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia, KY, Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield, TN. Dr. Oakley pastored at Springfield Baptist Church for 17 years. He was the Executive Director of Warren Association of Baptists in Bowling Green, KY for 13-1/2 years. Dr. Oakley was Moderator for three associations: Daviess-McLean Association in Owensboro, KY, Russell Creek Association in Columbia, KY and Robertson County Association in Springfield, TN. He served thirteen years on the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board. While serving on this Board,

he was Chairman of the Budget Committee and Chairman of the Executive Committee. Dr. Oakley served for thirteen years on the Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Board. While serving on this board, he was Chairman of the Education Committee. He was also a member of the Administrative Committee. Dr. Oakley has been president of the Kentucky Baptist Pastors Conference, the Tennessee Baptist Pastors Conference, The Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board and the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He also served as a Volunteer Missionary to Venezuela twice for the Southern Baptist International Mission Board. Dr. Oakley served as a member and Chairman of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Constitution and By-Laws Committee. He was also a member of the Baptist Faith and Message Committee for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. In 2007, he was elected Director of Missions of the year in the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Dr. Oakley has written and had published several articles in the Proclaim Magazine and the Church Administration Magazine. He wrote the Sunday School lessons for the Robertson County Times in Springfield, TN from 1983 to 1994. During his service, Dr. Oakley has received a number of awards. He was made a Kentucky Colonel in 1973 by Gov. Wendell Ford. He received the award of Aide-de-Camp of the Governors Staff of Tennessee from Gov. Ned Ray McWhorter in 1987. Dr. Oakley received the Key to the City of Nashville, Tennessee from Mayor Bill Boner in 1987. He received The Key to the City of Springfield, Tennessee from Mayor Billy Carneal in 1993. He was selected the Baccalaureate Speaker for Union University, his Alma Mater, in 1987. Dr. Oakley has served as Executive Director of Warren Association since 1994. Under his leadership, a new Administrative building, the L.E. Smith Baptist Center, was completed in 1998. A recreational complex has been developed and is still expanding on the 29 acre campus. A Hispanic Mission was established and sponsored by Warren Association of Baptists in 2002 until the present. A church building was built for the Hispanic Mission by Warren Association of Baptists in 2006. Dr. Oakley retired December 31, 2007. In preparation for serving as a Transitional Pastor after retirement, Dr. Oakley

completed the training course "Transitional Pastor Ministry" sponsored by Lifeway Christian Resources, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Oakley has served as a Transitional Pastor of several churches. There have been some that he has served on more than one occasion. He is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Vivian Byers Oakley; grandson, Kyle Bagwell. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Brenda J. Oakley, Gallatin, TN; daughters, Valerie (Dr. John) Cloud, Little Rock, AR and DeAna (Scott) Bagwell, Goodlettsville, TN; sister, Cheryl Oakley, Wingo, KY; three grandchildren. Lauren (Dr. Micah) Wiegel, Katherine (Drew) Tappan and Kristin (Justin) Muller; four great-grandchildren, Annaleigh Wiegel, Evie Wiegel, Philip Andrew Tappan III, and Grayson Scott Lewis Crump. Funeral service is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 11:30am in Springfield Baptist Church with Rev. Steve Ayers and Rev. Travis Fleming officiating. Interment will follow in Springfield Memorial Gardens with Vince Bagwell, Chris Bagwell, Donnie Hogan, Dick Moore, Alan Fowler and Lee Smith serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearer will be Ron DeBerry and Keith Bagwell. Visitation is planned for Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10am until the hour of service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Mission Projects at Springfield Baptist Church or Gallatin First Baptist Church. All donations may be sent care of the Austin & Bell Funeral Home. The family will be honoring all Covid protection protocols and anyone who cannot make the service is invited to watch the service via livestream through Springfield Baptist Church website. Springfield-Baptist.com then click on Livestream. ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 509 Walnut Street Springfield, TN 37172 (615)384-1000 [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)

Cemetery

Springfield Memorial Gardens

Springfield TN 37172

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Visitation

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Springfield Baptist Church

400 North Main St.

Springfield TN 37172

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Funeral Service

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11:30 AM -

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400 North Main St.

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Funeral Home Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield

509 Walnut St.

Springfield TN - 37172

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# Tribute Wall

AH

“ *Jerry Don Oakley*

Austin and Bell Funeral Home - August 14, 2021 at 10:44 AM

JJ

“ *We shared good times with Jerry and Brenda through the years. One of the best was when they visited us in Alaska. Our sympathy goes to Brenda and the rest of Jerry's family.*

Jerry and Marilyn Jones - January 27, 2021 at 12:32 PM

DD

“ *Just heard of Jerry's passing this evening. Worked with him many years at the Warren association of Baptist. He always had a smile and a wonderful wife and will be missed. May God Bless his family!*  
*David Daugherty*

David Daugherty - January 26, 2021 at 10:05 PM

GU

“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Jerry Don Oakley.*

Guest - January 26, 2021 at 07:33 PM

GU

“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Jerry Don Oakley.*

Guest - January 26, 2021 at 07:29 PM

BP

“ Although I never meant Dr. Oakley, I truly enjoyed getting to know both of his beautiful daughters many years ago at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, TN. They were sorority sisters and held a high regard for their dad. Being raised as Southern Baptist young ladies in the same era, Valerie and I became quick friends. Later as Deanna came along , we all knew these two were supportive of each other. Prayers for his family and many friends during this loss of such a great servant and leader in the ministry. May God provide the PEACE and comfort that only he can provide. We are lifting up this family. With sympathy, Mike and Brenda Purcell

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**Brenda Purcell** - January 26, 2021 at 06:57 PM

JW

“ Valerie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. What an amazing legacy by Dr. Oakley! A life well-lived!heartsprayskin-tone-2

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**Janet Williams** - January 25, 2021 at 10:53 PM

AH

“ 47 files added to the album LifeTributes

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**Austin & Bell Funeral Home** - January 25, 2021 at 10:06 PM

KM

“ Brenda, Valerie and Deana we are thinking of you all during this difficult time and fond memories we had when Bro Oakley pastored Magnolia Baptist. We both live in Magnolia mom lives in the place when you all were here. Come and see us if your ever in Magnolia. Love Betty Martin & Kim Martin

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**Kim Martin** - January 25, 2021 at 06:27 PM

RH

“ As a member of First Baptist Church in Gallatin I enjoyed getting to meet and know Dr Oakley when he substitute taught my Life Group class on several occasions. He was a fine Christian gentleman. I know he will be missed by everyone who knew him. My prayers go out to his wife and family.

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**Ron Hosse** - January 25, 2021 at 04:38 PM

KM

“ Thinking of you all in this difficult time. I have many warm memories of Jerry Don and the rest of you when we would meet each year at my grandma's house (his Aunt Opal) on New Year's Day each year while she was alive and able. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. Love, Kim Kingcade Maddox and family

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**Kim Maddox** - January 25, 2021 at 04:28 PM

DK

“ Donald and I are so sorry for losing his special cousin. You are all certainly in our prayers and thoughts.

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**Donald and Pat Kingcade** - January 25, 2021 at 04:10 PM

TW

“ Brenda and family, Ben and I were so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Our mutual love for the Kentucky Wildcats will always be a sweet memory. Your sharing of the Cats Paws with us has been a blessing. We love our special neighbors and hope to be sharing our Lunch Bunch luncheons again soon. Ben and Teresa Ward

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**Teresa Ward** - January 25, 2021 at 12:14 PM

GU

“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Jerry Don Oakley.*

Guest - January 25, 2021 at 11:01 AM

MW

“ *Prayers for Dr. Jerry Oakley family. Mark A. & Carol Waggoner*

Mark A. & Carol Waggoner - January 25, 2021 at 09:40 AM

DO

“ *May God Bless and Comfort your family during this time of grief.*

Darrell and Barbara Overstreet - January 25, 2021 at 08:04 AM

GU

“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Jerry Don Oakley.*

Guest - January 24, 2021 at 10:23 PM

GT

“ *I will never forget Dr. Oakley at Katherine and Drew's wedding! What a calming, comforting presence he was! It was so precious when he told Drew and Katherine after 10 years of dating he was ready to officiate at their ceremony! How special to administer the vows of marriage to all your granddaughters! Smiling the entire time!heart*

Gina Tappan - January 24, 2021 at 10:07 PM