



## Mr. Benjamin (Ben) Otis Carroll

September 28, 1928 - August 5, 2018

Benjamin (Ben) Otis Carroll, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, was born September 28, 1928 in Spearsville, Louisiana to the late Charles and Julia Carroll of Spearsville, La. Mr. Carroll entered his heavenly home peacefully with his family by his side on August 5, 2018. He grew up in Spearsville, and when he was fourteen he left home to attend Berry High School and College in Rome, Georgia. After completing his freshman year at Berry, he returned to Louisiana to attend Louisiana Tech where he was an outstanding catcher and recognized as the All Gulf States Catcher for the Gulf State Conference in 1950. During his years playing semi-pro baseball with the Bernice Lions as an all-star catcher, he travelled throughout Louisiana and met his wife, Carolyn Hawkins, of Columbia, La.

Mr. Carroll had a diverse career. He started teaching history and coaching high school sports in Bernice, La. In 1956, he entered the corporate world with Pillsbury in Sales Management. While at Pillsbury he awarded several Pillsbury Bake-Off Winners during the 1960's. Mr. Carroll then transitioned to M&M Mars in Chicago, IL. His career brought him to the Albany, GA area in 1974 as the Director of Personnel at the M&M Mars plant. During this period, Mr. Carroll was very active in the business community bringing business leaders together to support Albany State College. He was honored by the National Alliance of Business (NAB) for his leadership commitment to the college. He was involved in Albany community by serving on the board for the American Red Cross, as Chairperson for the United Way Annual Campaign, and with FEMA during the Albany flood of 1994. Mr Carroll and his wife relocated to the Atlanta area in 2007 due to health issues.

Faith was an important part of Mr. Carroll's life. He was involved in the churches where ever they lived, serving as a lay pastor, Sunday School teacher and sang in the choir. In Albany, he taught Sunday School and was a past Chairman of Deacons at First Baptist Church of Albany. An active member of the choir, he was known for his deep rich baritone voice and often sang solos.

His love of family was paramount and his favorite times were spent enjoying all the family together. His life lessons learned as a ball player were passed down to his children and grandchildren. He would spend hours coaching them in various sports and then later listen

to their accomplishments. He loved to play card games and dominos with family around the kitchen table. He was an avid golfer and could be found on the greens almost every Saturday and several times a week after he retired.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Carolyn Hawkins Carroll, who passed away on May 9, 2018. He is survived by his brother, Dr. Peter J. Carroll of El Dorado, AR, his daughter Julia (Don) Rice, of Douglasville, GA; son, Ben M (Linda) Carroll of Kennesaw, Ga., son Tim (Clinton) Carroll of Valdosta, Ga, and son Matt Carroll of Albany, Ga. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren and spouses, and fifteen great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Kimbrell-Stern, Albany, Ga. on Friday, August 10, 2018. The viewing will be at 10am with services at 11am. Interment will be at Crown Hill Cemetery immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Global Mission Fund at First Baptist Church of Albany.

# Cemetery

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA, 31707

# Events

**AUG 10**   **Visitation**   10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Kimbrell-Stern  
1503 Dawson Road, Albany, GA, US, 31707

**AUG 10**   **Funeral Service**   11:00AM

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Kimbrell-Stern  
1503 Dawson Road, Albany, GA, US, 31707

# Comments

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“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin (Ben) Otis Carroll.



August 09, 2018 at 04:23 PM

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“ May the comfort of God, family and friends be your strength for today and the days ahead.

Richard and Rosemarie Peek



**Richard Peek** - August 09, 2018 at 12:19 PM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin (Ben) Otis Carroll.



August 08, 2018 at 10:40 AM

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“ Ben was my boss at M & M Mars back in the 1970s. He was such a nice person and a wonderful boss and friend. I then worked with him as a flood consultant in 1994. Hey and Mr. Revis worked as a team and would come into my office at the Extension Office in Leesburg. They were very much fun to be around. He was a fine man and I send my prayers to all the family in their loss. I saw him in May when Carolyn died.

**Jan Weathersby** - August 08, 2018 at 09:36 AM

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“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin (Ben) Otis Carroll.



August 08, 2018 at 03:31 AM

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“ From the Truth Seekers Class purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Benjamin (Ben) Otis Carroll.



**From the Truth Seekers Class** - August 07, 2018 at 08:19 PM

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“ May God grant you peace that surpasses all understanding as you celebrate the life of Mr. Carroll.  
-Danielle Lindeman/NorthStar Church

**Danielle Lindeman** - August 07, 2018 at 12:49 PM

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“ Julia and Family, I am so sorry to learn of Mr. Ben's death. I met him and Ms. Carolyn when we joined First Baptist Albany in the 1990s. He was always very kind to me. Mr. Ben obviously loved life and taking an active role in his family, church and community. I know all of you will miss him terribly but what a legacy he has left. Love and prayers! Kathy Mims

**Kathy Mims** - August 07, 2018 at 12:25 PM

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“ Valdosta Mayor & Council, City Mgr., & City Atty. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mr. Benjamin (Ben) Otis Carroll.



**Valdosta Mayor & Council, City Mgr., & City Atty.** - August 07, 2018 at 09:33 AM

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“ The Roy Taylor family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Benjamin (Ben) Otis Carroll.



**The Roy Taylor family** - August 07, 2018 at 09:33 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin (Ben) Otis Carroll.



August 06, 2018 at 11:01 PM

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“ Marshall and Terri Hawkins purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Benjamin (Ben) Otis Carroll.



**Marshall and Terri Hawkins** - August 06, 2018 at 06:07 PM

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“ 25 files added to the album New Album Name



**Linda Carroll** - August 06, 2018 at 04:22 PM

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“ Dear Carroll Family, Ben & I became friends when we both worked at M&M/MARS & attended First Baptist Church of Albany together. Our lives took different paths when he & Mrs Carolyn left Albany. I loved it when he sang my favorite song, 'It Is No Secret What God Can Do'. Thoughts & prayers to each of you. Deb Blanchard

**Deb Blanchard** - August 05, 2018 at 06:03 PM