



## Needham Carey Hatcher, Jr.

April 5, 1941 - February 17, 2022

Needham Carey Hatcher Jr., 80, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, February 17, 2022.

A visitation will be held Saturday, February 19th, from 11 AM-12 PM at Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church. A private graveside service will be held at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Carey was born in Albany on April 5, 1941 and was the son of the late Needham Carey Hatcher and Lorene Lemacks Hatcher. He was predeceased by the sister Carenne Hatcher Miller and is survived by Richard Percy Hatcher (Carol) of Watkinsville, GA and by Donna Hatcher Castleberry (Raymond) of Madison, GA.

He was a member of the Class of 1959 of Albany High School and held a Bachelor of Science degree from Valdosta State University, Class of 1964. He began a career in the agricultural chemical business and farming industry after college and became a prominent figure in the ag chem business in Southwest Georgia.

Carey was a member of Porterfield Church. His community interests included a long-term membership and support of the YMCA of Albany where he served multiple terms on the Board of Directors. He actively supported Deerfield Windsor School, with long stints directing the Booster's Club and a lengthy term on the Board of Trustees where he served as Chairman of the Board in the early nineties.

He cherished his friendships across the community but especially reserved his

greatest joy for his family. His is survived by his wife of 58 years, the former Betty De Vane of Brooks County and Valdosta Their children are Shannon Stewart (Sam) of Blackshear, GA, Melissa Brennan (Bob) of Atlanta, GA, and Needham Carey III (Bo) and his wife Mandy Shackelford Hatcher.

Carey was especially proud of his grandchildren, Sam G. Stewart Jr. and Caroline Stewart of Blackshear, Catherine, John and William Brennan of Atlanta and Jake and Joseph Hatcher of Albany.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the YMCA of Albany, 1701 Gillionville Rd., Albany, GA, 31707 or to the Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church Food Ministry 2200 Dawson Road, Albany, GA, 31707.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 883-6600  
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
2200 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ *David & Kathy Prisant lit a candle in memory of Needham Carey Hatcher, Jr.*



David & Kathy Prisant - February 18, 2022 at 10:58 PM

RD

“ *To Shannon and family, we are devastated to hear of your father's death. Please know the entire Board is remembering you at this time. All our love, Hospice Satilla Board members*

Railene S Duane - February 18, 2022 at 09:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Needham Carey Hatcher, Jr..*



February 18, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Needham Carey Hatcher, Jr..*



February 18, 2022 at 05:04 PM

SC

“ Ms. Betty, Bo and family, I am so saddened to learn that Mr. Carey passed away. I have certainly enjoyed working with him through the years. He was such a kind man with a great sense of humor. I will miss him dearly. Prayers to all of the family as you navigate through this sad time.

Sincerely,

Sandi Cannon

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**Sandi Cannon** - February 18, 2022 at 04:29 PM



“ Betty and Family - I am so sorry to learn of this sad news. I have such good memories of our friendship through the years. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of grief. Love to each one of you, Arleeta Henry

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**Arleeta Henry** - February 18, 2022 at 02:17 PM

JB

“ Dear Betty, Bo and family, Bruce and I are saddened to hear of Carey's passing. We send our sincere sympathy to you and yours. May his memory always be a blessing. Love, Janie and Bruce B

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**janie Bitterman** - February 18, 2022 at 10:24 AM

JF

“ *Betty, Bo, Melissa, Shannon and families,*

*Tricia and I were saddened to learn of Carey's passing yesterday. May you all be comforted by knowing that he is in a better place. We have many fond memories of Carey over the years. We are in prayer for your family.*

*John and Tricia Fountain*

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**John Fountain** - February 18, 2022 at 09:27 AM

DB

“ *Dear Betty, Bo & family: we are so sorry to learn a few minutes ago that Carey died today. May you find comfort & peace through your faith & your very special memories.*  
*Fondly, Jim & Deb B*



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**Deb Blanchard** - February 17, 2022 at 03:36 PM