



Rev. Bill Eugene Benefiel

March 16, 1934 - December 23, 2016

Rev. Bill E. Benefiel, 82, of Dewey, longtime area pastor, died Friday in Dewey.

Billie Eugene Benefiel was born the son of Ben Harvey and Pearl Elmira (Norton) Benefiel on March 16, 1934, in Bartlesville. He was attending Limestone School when the family moved due to his father being a pastor, first to Drumright and then to Arkansas City before returning to Bartlesville when he was 17. Bill received his high school certificate from Caney Valley High School. At the age of 18 he started his career with Reda Pump which transitioned to TRW when he retired in 1987 after 34 years of faithful service.

Bill met the love of his life Joan through their parents. The young couple was united in marriage on July 23, 1954, in Bartlesville. Shortly after getting married Bill received his calling to the ministry. He pastored various local congregations before planting a new church New Hope Assembly in 1981. At first they met in downtown Dewey in the old bank and in 1982 built the new church building at 700 E. Durham Rd using the expertise and labor of the church members. Bill reluctantly retired from the ministry in 2010 due to health issues, after 50-plus years of ministry for his Savior Jesus Christ.

Bill's passions in life were the Lord, Family, Fishing and Fib-telling (LOL) in that order. With Joan by his side they were committed to the church and the

many activities of the church. Bill's God-given talent for storytelling was a source of learning, sharing and often laughter. Bill sought out good fishing spots, particularly for catfish and spoonbill that were his favorite fish to catch. Bill enjoyed many memorable trips over to Miami and one unforgettable catfish caught at Hulah Lake weighed 48 pounds! Bill and Joan loved spending time together and their favorite thing to do was eating out at various restaurants. Later in life they cared for Bill's father and Joan's mother in their home so they wouldn't have to go to the care center so soon.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 62 years Joan; two sons Kevin Vaughn Benefiel of Bartlesville and Alan Abel and Ida of Eucha, OK; one sister Evon Stark of Nowata; seven grandchildren, Kevin Michael Benefiel, Christopher Lee Benefiel, Bradley Eugene Benefiel, Sheilah Paterson, Nathan Abel, Kelsey Harjo and Brianna Abel and fifteen great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother Eddie Leon Benefiel, one sister Mary Ann White and one grandson Brandon Abel.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 10-8 and Wednesday 10-12. Bill's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Tuesday, Dec. 27, from 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 28, at the former New Hope Assembly, 700 E. Durham in Dewey. Interment will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Bill's family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery Bartlesville

4200 Nowata Road
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Gathering of Friends and Family

DEC 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
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Visitation

DEC 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Service

DEC 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Assembly
700 E Durham
Dewey, OK 74029

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Bill Eugene Benefiel*



Davis Family Funeral Home - December 27, 2016 at 12:02 PM

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“ *Elizabeth & Curtis Booth lit a candle in memory of Rev. Bill Eugene Benefiel*



Elizabeth & Curtis Booth - January 30, 2017 at 03:00 PM

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“ *Dear Benefiel Family and Friends,*

I extend my deepest condolences to you all. I hope these two scriptures (Rev 21: 3, 4 and James 4: 8) will find you all comfort as you mourn the loss of your beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend.

S. Cummings

S. Cummings - December 30, 2016 at 09:29 PM



“ a great family. love them as pastors and the church. we vuntler at the foodbank. my son was bapisted in the church.so sorry for the lost. from Loretta,marvin,cordell,savannah, and Kaitlynn switzer

Loretta Switzer - December 30, 2016 at 12:50 AM

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“ The world has lost a true man of God he will be greatly missed he was the person you kindness from the bottom of his heart he had love for all no matter who you were fly high Mr benefial

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“ The world lost a Great man of God this morning but Heaven gained an Awesome angel. My heart is heavy but rejoice at the fact he is in no more pain. My foster dad passed away this morning. He and his wife took me in when I was a young boy and gave me a home. I've spent a large part of my life with him as my father. You will be missed but I know you're home. Till the next time Dad. Give Brandon a hug and tell him we love him.
Alan

Alan Abel - December 23, 2016 at 08:06 PM