



## Rev Ben H Bateman

December 31, 2018

Rev. Ben H. Bateman of Hot Springs, passed away at 87 on Dec. 31, 2018. A Presbyterian minister for over 50 years, his church home is First Presbyterian Church where he LOVED to sing in the choir. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Frances, his brother Earl Jr., his three children, Donna, Tim, and Kathy, and his 6 grandchildren Danielle, Joshua, Samuel, Noah, Ben and Rachel. Memorial service to be held January 5, 2019 at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church on 213 Whittington Ave in Hot Springs, Ark. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer memorial donations to his church.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Ben was my preacher and my friend at the Presbyterian church on East Second St in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He was very young, back in the mid 1950's, and we were mostly teens in the neighborhood. We all fit in very well. I was watching the SMU game against Clemson the other day and thought about Ben. Ben was a huge fan of SMU and as I remember that is where Ben went to seminary. SMU had a quarterback, Don Merrideth, when they played Arkansas that year. He was a great quarterback and went on to be a Dallas quarterback. Arkansas made him look terrible in that game. Ben took the loss hard. He officiated my wedding to Linda, my oldest daughter Lisa, and her daughter Lauren. I had a long conversation with Ben at Lauren's wedding. Ben was a great man. A dear friend. When he signed our wedding license he slipped a \$10 bill into the folded license. It paid for one night in the Velda Rose motel in Hot Springs. Ben was the right man at the right time for a lot of us and I look forward to seeing Ben again in heaven.

Julian L Hurd - December 10, 2024 at 09:36 PM

SB

“ We have so many great memories of Ben as he traveled with Francis Tours. Loved to hear his laughter!!

Susan Brackett - January 28, 2019 at 12:08 PM

CP

“ Sorry to hear of Ben passing. Met him at Second Presbyterian Church in Pine Bluff. He married my wife and me in Aug 1961. He was loved and respected by all. May he rest in peace and God bless his family.

Charles & Shirley Powers

Charles & Shirley Powers - January 08, 2019 at 12:56 PM

SB

“ I just loved Ben Bateman. His exuberance, kindness, and, as always, his great sense of humor will never be forgotten. He was a wonderful example of a man. Who could ever forget how much he loved singing in the HSMF chorus. What an outstanding person God created in Ben Bateman.

Susy Beck - January 05, 2019 at 08:10 AM

NR

“ Frances and family,  
We remember many good times as Ben and I served on the Quapaw Community Center Board for several years. Your friendship has been very important to our lives. May you feel God's comforting spirit with you in the coming days. God Bless is our prayer. Boyce and Nancy Rogers

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**Nancy M Rogers** - January 05, 2019 at 07:22 AM

HM

“ I will miss his glorious smile and exuberance for life. I think of him singing with Gods Angels and loving every minute of it. RIP Ben.

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**Hannah Mills** - January 03, 2019 at 06:22 PM

CH

“ Donna this is Cherie Cook and I wanted to express my sorrow to you in hearing of the passing of your dad. I am forever grateful to have experienced the HSMF performance of the Messiah along with you and your dad on 12/2/18. Wishing you mom, Frances, God's mercy and I will celebrate your dad's life in song on Saturday along with the First Presbyterian Choir.

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**cherie** - January 03, 2019 at 05:12 PM

DJ

“ Truly going to miss Ben. We have many wonderful memories....his humor, his smile, the good time we had at the lake, etc. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at the time.  
..Cecil & Doris Jones

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**doris jones** - January 03, 2019 at 09:06 AM

LB

“ Ben was a good man. I never saw him without a smile on his face. My condolences to the family.

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**Lisa Biggers** - January 02, 2019 at 01:35 PM