



## Mr. Paul Arnold O'Neal

December 30, 1937 - November 7, 2024

Reverend Paul Arnold O'Neal age 86, of LaFayette, Georgia went home to be with The Lord that he had sang about, preached about and told others about most of his life, early Thursday morning – November 7, 2024. Paul was born in Chickamauga, Georgia to the late Raymond “Pud” Milton and Dollie Hill O'Neal. He was raised in the mill village of Chickamauga and was a proud graduate of Gordon Lee High School, Class of 1957. While in high school he participated on the track team, played tennis, baseball and football. Before entering the ministry, Paul worked at American National Insurance Company, Standard Coffee, Stanley Steamer and E.T. Barwick Mills. He attended Shield Baptist Church in Chickamauga, where he received Christ as His Savior. Paul had a love for gospel music and followed in his father's footsteps as a choir director at Shield and Bethlehem Baptist Churches. He also sang in a male quartet and with The O'Neal Family for many years. He accepted the call to preach at Walnut Grove Baptist Church. He served as the choir director, youth and associate Pastor at Hamill Road and Elizabeth Terrace Baptist Churches. Pastor Paul served at Shiloh Baptist Church in Rossville for forty-three years and was the current Pastor Emeritus. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters Betty Sue Barnett, Glenda Faye Eaves, brothers: Raymond Edward O'Neal and Charles Andrew O'Neal. He is survived by his wife of sixty-four years: Rebecca Jane Sprayberry O'Neal, children: Reverend Derrell (Anita) O'Neal of Chickamauga, GA, Terry (Janet) O'Neal of Rock Spring, GA, Monica Joy (David) Wilson of Chickamauga, GA,

grandchildren: Jordan (Stevie) Smith, Jensen (Bradley) Floyd, Alli (Jack) Smith, Landon (Katie) O'Neal, Spencer (Hagan) Wilson, Caleb O'Neal, Shelby Wilson, Gracie O'Neal, Speshal Joy (Parker) Salmon, Splendor Pearl Wilson, great-grandchildren: Brady, Caroline and Luke Smith, Josie and Jace Floyd, Kasley Smith, David Howard "Ward" and Lillie Grace Wilson, several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Saturday from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 4:00 pm – Sunday – November 10, 2024 at Shiloh Baptist Church, with visitation prior to the service from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Entombment will follow in Calvary Gardens-Mausoleum. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Homes – J. Avery Bryan Chapel, Chickamauga, Georgia. An online register book may be signed at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Gardens Cemetery & Mausoleum

2200 South Cedar Lane  
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742  
(706) 866-5555

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **9**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Chickamauga Chapel  
215 Lee Ave.  
P.O. Box 370  
Chickamauga, GA 30707  
(706) 375-2161  
bo@wilsonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church  
24 Kay Street  
Rossville, GA 30742

## Funeral Service

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NOV 10. 4:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church  
24 Kay Street  
Rossville, GA 30742

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Our deepest sympathy for Becky and all the family.  
Pastor Paul was a very special man a wonderful Man of God.  
There are not enough words to say how much he meant to me and our family.

May God's Grace and Mercy continue to be with all the family in the coming days ahead.  
Prayers and Love

*Jim and Bertie Spradlin*

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**Bertie L Spradlin** - November 12, 2024 at 04:30 PM



LA

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for strength and peace during this difficult time.

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**Lena Pence Arnold** - November 11, 2024 at 04:32 PM



AS

“ Sister Becky and family, our family was deeply saddened about the loss of Bro Paul. We send love, sympathies and prayers to your family at this time.

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**Amy (Fincher) Strickland** - November 10, 2024 at 04:24 PM

BB

“ Betty Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Arnold O’Neal



Betty Bowman - November 09, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Arnold O’Neal.



November 09, 2024 at 05:59 PM

TC

“ I haven’t seen Paul in years as I went to college in 1968 in Alabama and except for a couple summer breaks pretty much stayed down there till the late 70’s. I met him and Becky at Elizabeth Terrace where I attended with my family. Dad and mom were Clyde and Clata Carroll. Fond memories of our times there, and the last of our years there Paul was there. I pray the Heavenly Father will give you his peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Tony Carroll - November 09, 2024 at 02:44 PM

LL

“ I heard Pastor Paul preach for the first time when I was a kid at Elizabeth Terrace Baptist Church, and I’ve loved him ever since..he just had a way of getting your attention and he truly preached the gospel. My prayers for Mrs Becky and the entire O’Neal family, Pastor Paul will dearly be missed.

Lynell Lambert - November 09, 2024 at 01:49 PM

DD

“ *Derrell and family,  
I never met your dad but just knowing you  
tells his story. He must have been very  
special .  
Please know you and all the family are in our  
thoughts and prayers.*



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**Dan and Lynn Dye** - November 09, 2024 at 09:47 AM

TM

“ *Tori McElhanev purchased the Dreams From the  
Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Paul Arnold  
O'Neal.*

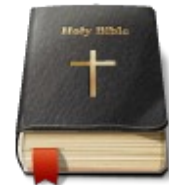


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**Tori McElhanev** - November 09, 2024 at 01:46 AM

JH

“ *Sister Becky and family we are sorry to hear  
about the passing of Bro. Paul. I still remember  
the encouraging words he shared with me  
when I accepted my call to preach. He was a  
dedicated man of God. Bro. Paul was an  
amazing person and had a love for people. He  
is certainly Heaven's gain and our loss. Our thoughts and prayers  
are with his family, church and many friends he leaves behind. We  
love you. James and Linda Helton, Gateway Baptist Church,  
Rossville, Ga.*



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**James and Linda Helton** - November 09, 2024 at 12:27 AM

DB

“ I have known the O'Neal family since I was a little girl. My family, the Parkers, were great friends all of my life. I rented from Paul and Becky for 10 years and you couldn't have asked for better neighbors. Becky and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Paul but rejoice that he's where he preached about for years. My prayers are with the entire family.

Debbie Brown - November 08, 2024 at 09:50 PM

WR

“ Will & Charlee Renfro purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Mr. Paul Arnold O'Neal.



Will & Charlee Renfro - November 08, 2024 at 07:54 PM

BS

“ Our Love and deepest sympathy to Ms. Becky and all the family. Pastor Paul was a very great friend of mine and will never be forgotten.  
His Life was a guidance for many.  
His "Coronation Day " has arrived.  
Our Love and prayers for all.

Jim and Bertie Arnold Spradlin

Bertie Spradlin - November 08, 2024 at 06:52 PM



MH

“ *Mark & Kim Bowman; Alex & Trip Haynes purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Paul Arnold O'Neal.*



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**Mark & Kim Bowman; Alex & Trip Haynes** - November 08, 2024 at 05:35 PM

TB

“ *Pastor Paul was a precious man of God. I have many great memories with him and his family. My prayers are with you all.*



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**Tammy Simerley Barnett** - November 08, 2024 at 04:46 PM

SJ

*Our Family loved the O'neal Family. We met the O'neals at Fairview South Baptist Church when we all attended church together. Our thoughts and prayers are with the O'neal family as they cope with their loved one moving on to a heavenly life. He will be missed here on earth but welcomed by the loved ones that are waiting at the gates.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Johnson family*

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**Steve Johnson** - November 10, 2024 at 11:48 PM