



## Rev. Ambrose Benjamin Hatfield

March 10, 1925 - April 9, 2015

Rev. A. B. Hatfield departed this world to be at home with Jesus on April 9, 2015. He was born in Gainesville, Georgia on March 10, 1925. He grew up and attended public schools there. Later he attended Clarke Memorial College, Mississippi College, and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the ministry by the Central Baptist Church in Gainesville on December 17, 1943. Over a period of more than sixty years, he served pastorates in Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Active in the work of Southern Baptists, he was moderator of the Roswell Baptist Association on two separate occasions. He also served as Vice-President of the Georgia Baptist Convention and on the Executive and Administration committees. He was a trustee of Truett McConnell College and of the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. His last pastorate was the First Baptist Church of Alpharetta, Georgia where he served for twenty-six years. Throughout his pastorates, his wife Ginger was an integral and valuable partner in ministry. In retirement they served in eighteen interim pastorates including several English language churches in various parts of the world.

He is survived by his son, Dr. Robert Benjamin Hatfield (wife, Polly), one granddaughter Kimberly Hatfield Beam (husband, Matt), one grandson Rev. Robert Benjamin Hatfield, Jr. (wife, Laurie), and five great grandchildren:

Madeline and Lucy Beam and Alex, Brett, and Caleb Hatfield, and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The funeral service will be held at the First Baptist Church of Alpharetta on Friday, April 17 at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will be in the church sanctuary (Hatfield Auditorium) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions through the First Baptist Church, 44 Academy Street, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009 or to the Music Ministry of Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, 1114 Oxmoor Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35209.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Alpharetta  
44 Academy Steet  
Alpharetta, GA

## Service

APR 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

APR 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Ambrose Benjamin Hatfield*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Ben & Ginger are such an important part of my Christian life. They were there for me as a young mom new to GA away from family. Such wonderful loving Christian examples. I have been thinking of Ben a lot recently but had not heard about his passing until today. He will be missed by many.*

*Debbie Caldwell*

Debbie Caldwell - April 17, 2015 at 04:08 PM



“ *I am very sorry to hear of Rev. Hatfield's passing. Alpharetta First Baptist was our church family for many years. We started attending when we were in the Young Married Sunday School Class. He has been a mentor and a great influence in our lives. We will miss him and always remember him. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family.*

*Sheila Shields*

Sheila Shields - April 16, 2015 at 09:13 AM



“ *I am very sorry to hear of Rev. Hatfield's passing. Alpharetta First Baptist was my church growing up and he also baptized me. To his family-I know you will miss him dearly and you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Tara DeVore Berry*

Tara Berry - April 12, 2015 at 03:40 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Pastor Hatfield's passing. I grew up at First Baptist Alpharetta where he baptized me. My mom worked for him in the office for many years. He was a Godly man who led many people to Christ. I know he will be missed, but I also know Heaven is rejoicing!

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**Lecia Anderson** - April 10, 2015 at 03:42 PM