



# **Bill Barksdale**

August 11, 1931 - April 16, 2021

Celebrating the Life of

**Bill Barksdale**

Saturday, April 24, 2021 2:00 p.m.

Broussard's Chapel  
Beaumont, Texas

Introduction and Prayer

Larry Walker

*"How Great Thou Art"*

Letha Johnson

Jordan Williams, Pianist

Thank You and Sharing

Brad Barksdale

*"Wayfaring Stranger"*

Brenda Fontenot

Eulogy and Sermon

Larry Walker

*"Lord's Prayer"*

Letha Johnson

Jordan Williams, Pianist



**William E. Barksdale (Bill)** passed away on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, TX.

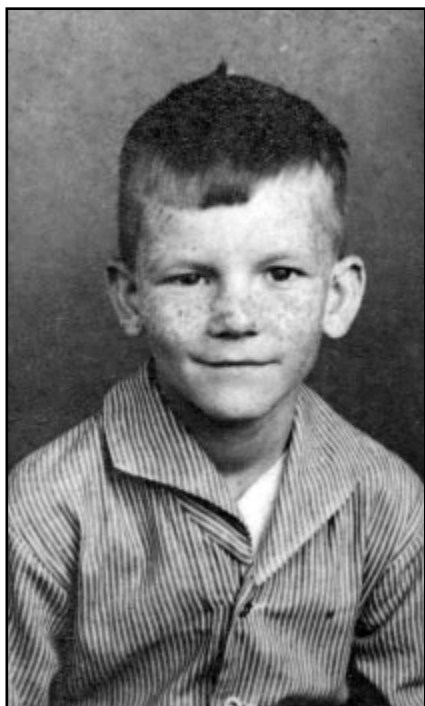
Born August 11, 1931 to Eunice Lee Jones (Monnie) and Julian Ray Barksdale in Brandon, Miss. at the nearest hospital to his home town of Sand Hill, Miss. Bill attended Pisgah High School in Sand Hill and was active in basketball and baseball. Following high school, he attended Hines Jr. College until 1951 when he joined the U.S. Airforce. Bill served 4 years in various places, most notably North Africa. After serving in the Airforce, he attended Mississippi State University and graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Upon

graduating from Mississippi State, Bill was employed by Gulf States Utilities where he worked his entire 37 year career. While at Gulf States, he enjoyed a very successful career working in numerous divisions across the GSU system and ultimately retired as the Vice President of Technical Services in 1994. During one of Bill's tours in the Port Arthur division, he met the love of his life and married Gwen Armstrong in 1961. They had two sons, Brad and Ron whom they cherished.

Outside of family, Bill's major pastime was his passion for golf. Bill had taught himself how to play golf while working at GSU and at one point became a scratch golfer. After retiring in 1994, Bill and Gwen relocated to Pinewood in Sour Lake, TX where they built their dream house on the third fairway. During his retirement in Pinewood, Bill played golf daily with his many Pinewood friends and former Gulf Staters. Each afternoon, when the course wasn't busy, he could be found on the course practicing golf shots or scavenging for lost golf balls. Bill donated thousands of golf balls he collected to various local schools for their golf team practice sessions. If not on the golf course, Bill could be found taking his grandchildren for rides on his golf cart around Pinewood to enjoy the scenery or the horses stabled just down the street.

Bill is survived by his wife Gwen of 60 years; his son Brad Barksdale and wife Bonnie of Fort Worth, TX and their children Bailey, Barrett, and Brady; his son Ron Barksdale and wife Tracy of Beaumont, TX and their children Will, Carson, and Caleb; his brother Richard Fulton Barksdale and wife Carolyn of Huntsville, AL; his sister in law Jean Barksdale of Cumming, GA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents and his brother Julian Ray Barksdale, Jr.





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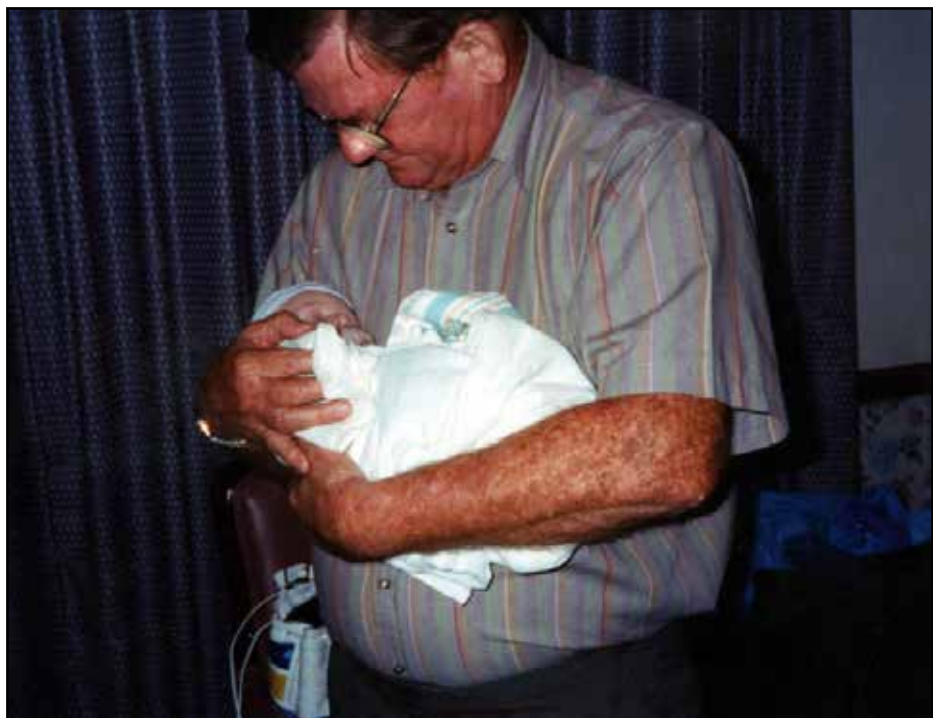






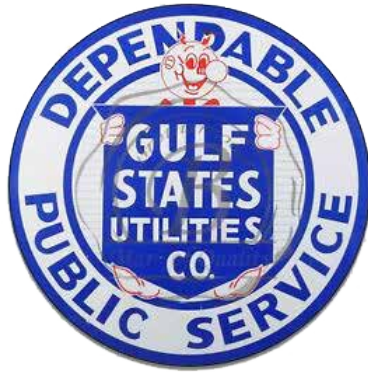












**Pallbearers**

Ray Barksdale  
Charles Johnson  
Bailey Barksdale  
Barrett Barksdale  
Brady Barksdale  
Will Barksdale

**Interment**

Haven of Rest Cemetery  
Beaumont, Texas

**Memorial Contributions**

First Baptist Church of Beaumont Building Fund  
3739 North Major Drive  
Beaumont, Texas 77713



Please sign Mr. Barksdale's guest book and share your memories at  
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