

Order of Service

Processional
Prayer Mr. Shafton Hudson

Song Mr. Earnest Dixon, Jr.

Scripture (Psalm 23) Mr. Rashaad Veal

Song Mrs. Wanda Pierce

Celebration of Life Ms. Glenda Jean Barlow

Reflections Mr. Ken Sheppard
Mrs. Terna Bryant
Mrs. Joyce Gardner
Ms. Monique Veal

Eulogy Rev. Nathaniel Veal

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Recessional

Repast

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Acknowledgement

In Loving Memory

We honor the life and legacy of one whose journey touched countless hearts. To all who shared moments, offered love, support, or friendship along the way, we extend this heartfelt message:

“Thank you for being a part of my story.”

Your presence—whether for a moment or a lifetime—helped shape a life lived with meaning. Your kindness, laughter, and shared memories remain forever woven into the story he leaves behind, cherished by all who knew and loved him.

“Rest now, Dad. We’ll take it from here; with the love and lessons you’ve given us.”

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, prayers, phone calls, visits, and acts of kindness during this difficult time. Your support, care, and thoughtfulness have been a great comfort to us and have meant more than words can express. We are truly thankful to family, friends, and the community for standing with us and offering strength and compassion.

We would also like to extend a special Thank You to L.M. Pierce Funeral Home for their compassionate guidance, to Dr. McDavid and his staff for their dedicated care, to the team at Chaplinwood Health & Rehabilitation, for their kindness and support shown to him, and Union Hill Baptist Church for your generosity and hospitality. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

With love, the Barlow Family

Celebration of Life Of

Mr. Edward Barlow

Sunrise
May 24, 1939

Sunset
January 15, 2026



Saturday, January 24, 2026
11:30 a.m.

Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church
2389 Deepcut Road
Tennille, Georgia 31089

Rev. Nathaniel Veal, Eulogist
Rev. Benjamin Martin, Pastor

Obituary

I am always with you. A limb has fallen from the family tree that says, grieve not for me. Remember the best times, the laughter, the song. The good life I lived while I was strong.

Today, we gather with love in our hearts to remember and celebrate the life of Edward Barlow. Long before we knew him, God lovingly formed him and called him by name (Jeremiah 1:5). Every moment of Edward's life was held in God's hands, written with purpose and care.

Although our time on this earth is but a brief moment, we take comfort in knowing that he lived a full 86 years and has now stepped from this temporary home into a place of everlasting peace—"a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1). While we feel the weight of his absence, we hold tightly to the promise that he is now embraced by a love that never ends.

Edward was the son of the late Mr. Willie and Carrie Fisher-Barlow. Of his twelve siblings, He leaves behind one surviving sibling, his youngest brother James (Beverly) Barlow, following the loss of his other siblings: six sisters—the late Annie (Rufus) McNeil, Cleo (Wade) Walder, Dorothy (Herman) Townsen, Christine (Fred) Coney, Minnie (Henry) Williams, and Carrie (Preston) Smith—and five brothers—the late Phelom "Bill" Barlow, Harold (Helen) Barlow, Robert (Maria) Barlow, and Jimmy Barlow, Eldridge "EL" Barlow—were called home.

He was loved beyond measure—a devoted husband to Alvie Barlow for 64 years; a protective and proud father to Teresa Veal, Glenda Jean Barlow, Tamika Brundidge, and Marquita Barlow; a loving father-in-law to Nathaniel Veal and Demetrius Brundidge; and a cherished grandfather to Brianna Veal, Monique Veal, Payton Brundidge, and Preston Brundidge. He was deeply treasured by his family. Dad taught us how to move through life with wisdom, treat others with understanding, and meet every challenge with courage. He always reminded us to put God first, take care of Alvie, stick together no matter what, lead rather than follow, never say we can't do something, stay on top of our work—not under it—and never judge another person or situation until we've walked in their shoes. His presence, love, and guidance will be deeply and forever missed.

He held a special place in his heart for his late father-in-law, Mr. Bennie Pierce, and mother-in-law, Mrs. Alberta (Hodges) Pierce, as well as the Pierce family, who lovingly embraced him as one of their own. He shared a deep and genuine closeness with his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law:

Melvin (Dorothy) Pierce, Wannie (Evelyn) Pierce, Iralene (Zeb) Betha, James (Wanda) Pierce, Ennis Pierce, the late Cleveland (Irene) Pierce, and the late Bennie Pierce, each of whom meant so much to him. In addition, among the most meaningful relationships in his life was the bond he shared with his cousins, nieces, and nephews—a connection rooted in childhood memories, family traditions, and a lifelong understanding that only close relatives can share. His life was marked by love, loyalty, and the lasting connections he cultivated with those around him.

Whether lending a tool, sharing a story, or looking out for others, he was the kind of neighbor and friend everyone could rely on. In our 242 community, he was known for his kindness, generosity, and willingness to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Whether sharing a laugh, offering advice, or simply being there to listen, he made those around him feel valued and cared for. His presence enriched our neighborhood, and his memory will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him.

With only a 9th-grade education, he left home at the age of 15 to move to Florida and help support his family, returning the following year to care for his mother and ensure the well-being of his loved ones. His first job was with Ryan Logging. He later worked at BP Lamb Construction, the Box Factory in Milledgeville, GA, Budget Pitman, and Anglo America, where he retired in 1995 after 27 years as a Maintenance Foreman. After retirement, he started his own auto repair business, A&E Auto Service, and worked for the Washington County Head Start in Sandersville, GA, maintaining the bus service for 15 years.

He found great joy in attending church, fishing, spending time with family and friends, grilling, watching classic Westerns, old television shows, and baseball games, listening to the music he grew up with, fixing cars, lending a helping hand to those in need, meeting new people, and traveling. He attended the family church, Popular Spring Baptist Church in Sandersville, GA, where he was ordained as a deacon in 1973, served as Chairman of the Deacon Ministry for 15 years, and also held the position of Treasurer. His favorite scripture was Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd. Among his favorite hymns were "Amazing Grace," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and "A Charge to Keep I Have."

