



Rev John R Barley

November 23, 1934 - December 31, 2020

Rev. John R. Barley, age 86, of Hobart finished his race on December 31, 2020. It was a race he trained for his entire life. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8

He was called into the ministry at a young age and faithfully served First Church in Hobart, IN for 60 years. He took the pastorate of First Church in 1961 with a congregation of six members. Under his leadership, the church experienced great growth and an Apostolic (Pentecostal) church was established in Hobart. In 2000, he transitioned to role of bishop and remained in this capacity until his death. Over the years, he served in various leadership roles for the Indiana District of the United Pentecostal Church International. He was loved by all who knew him. He led with kindness, love, integrity and a jovial spirit, yet he had the ability to tell you what you needed to hear. He was a true Christian and had a way of impacting your heart and life like few men can.

He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He was their hero. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Erma; his three children and their spouses, Gail (David) Zieba, Jonathan (Krista) Barley, and Julie (Mark) Andrews; his five grandchildren, Lauren (John) Caddell, Elliott Zieba, Ethan, Julia, and Austin Barley; and his 2 great granddaughters, Katherine and Emily

Caddell; his 2 brothers Steve (Gloria) Barley and David Barley; many beloved nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Rev. Barley will be held at First Church on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 from 5 pm to 8 pm. Funeral services will be held at First Church on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 10 am for the church family and local community and at 1 pm for minister friends, relatives and out of town guests. Flowers may be sent to First Church, 939 S. Wisconsin Street, Hobart, IN. Burns Funeral Home, Hobart entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Church
939 South Wisconsin Street
Hobart, IN 46342

funeral

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Church
939 South Wisconsin Street
Hobart, IN 46342

Funeral Service

JAN 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Church
939 South Wisconsin Street
Hobart, IN 46342

Tribute Wall

NH

“ *I'm sorry for your loss; but it's heavens gain. Proud to have known such a fine man of God. Bro. Edward & Sis. Nesta Hughes*

nesta hughes - February 09, 2022 at 12:12 PM

TF

“ *The Draves family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



The Draves family - January 05, 2021 at 04:11 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 05, 2021 at 02:46 PM

RS

“ When I first moved to Indiana in 2000 we visited First Church. After meeting Elder Pastor Barley and got to know him and his wife I saw a heart of gold and someone I loved being around. At that time he was remodeling the downstairs and I offered to help and he was so excited because he was doing allot by himself. We spent many evenings working in that Sunday School area. He was so fun to work with and I was honored to have his friendship and visit my home many times over the years. He was a prince with a heart of gold, and he was the real deal! His life and walk with God was one to model and be a goal for anyone. Few will make the impact he did!
Rick Stephens

Rick Stephens - January 05, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 05, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 05, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 05, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 05, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ *Aunt Erma and family,*

Grant and I are so sorry for the loss of Uncle John. He truly was a great man, and so much fun to be around. We will always remember the family gatherings and how much laughter there was when all of the stories were being told. Please know that we are with you in spirit, even though we can't attend. Much love to you all. May the outpouring of love from your friends and family and all of your memories help sustain you through this difficult time and in the days to come.

Love, Grant and Joanna Markley & boys

Grant and Joanna Markley - January 05, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 05, 2021 at 08:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 04, 2021 at 10:05 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 04, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 04, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.



January 04, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.



January 04, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams* was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.



January 04, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.



January 04, 2021 at 02:19 PM

ID

“ *Indiana NAM Department purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



Indiana NAM Department - January 04, 2021 at 02:14 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 04, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 04, 2021 at 01:31 PM

DS

“ *Pastor Barley was truly an amazing man. Thinking of him today reminded me of a poem written by Robert Frost, "The Road Not Taken". I shall always remember his counsel. He became more than a friend for me at a young age back in the 60's when he first came to Hobart. I pray God will comfort the family and give them peace knowing the Pastor has kept the faith .*
Daniel Sweeney

Daniel J Sweeney - January 04, 2021 at 12:50 PM

FF

“ From The entire Sweeney family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Rev John R Barley.



From The entire Sweeney family - January 04, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.



January 04, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.



January 04, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.



January 04, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ Graceful Wreath was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.



January 04, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ Pastor Myron Smith and The Crossing Church Family! purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rev John R Barley.



Pastor Myron Smith and The Crossing Church Family! -
January 03, 2021 at 11:02 PM



“ Rick & Jo Ann McGriffin purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Rev John R Barley.



Rick & Jo Ann McGriffin - January 03, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.



January 03, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 03, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 03, 2021 at 12:17 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 03, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *and Committee purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



and Committee - January 03, 2021 at 10:19 AM

LA

“ So sad to hear of your loss. The Barley family were great neighbors for 37 years.

Lyle and Anita Adams - January 03, 2021 at 10:05 AM

JJ

“ Thank God for the legacy Bshp Barley has left. It could only have been accomplished through strong faithfulness & perseverance. Our love & prayers are with Sis. Barley, Pastor Barley, siblings & the entire family.
Pastor Jeff Jones Harvest Church

Jeff Jones - January 03, 2021 at 09:52 AM

NH

“ We have many fond memories of our friend Bro. John Barley. He and his wife were our neighbors at Indiana UPC Campgrounds.
Pastor and Sis. Edward R. Hughes

nesta hughes - January 03, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.



January 02, 2021 at 10:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev John R Barley.*



January 02, 2021 at 09:52 PM