



## Bennie Ray Tarvin

February 1, 1952 - March 10, 2025

Bennie Ray Tarvin, 73, of Chattanooga, passed away on Monday, March 10, 2025, in a local hospital. He was born on February 1, 1952, to Eddie Lee and Dora Mae Tarvin. Bennie was a proud graduate of Riverside High School, Class of 1971, and a faithful member of Sharon Pentecostal Deliverance Church of God for 32 years. He was known for his hardworking nature, kindness, generosity, and unwavering dedication to his family and purpose.

Bennie spent his life serving in the way God saw fit, blessing him with a brilliant mind and gifted hands that could fix anything—from car audio systems to HVAC systems. His fascination with CB radios allowed him to connect with people all over the world, a testament to his love for communication and community. Whenever Bennie was passionate about something, it was evident in the way he spoke about it. His presence brought joy to all who knew him, and his impact will never be forgotten. He was truly a special man.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eddie and Dora Tarvin, and his son, Bennie Ray Tarvin, Jr. He is survived by his loving spouse, ZsaZsa Tarvin; sisters, Ollie Tarvin Isom, Annie Tarvin (Vesteree) Barnes, Jr., and Patricia Ann Tarvin; aunt, Ethel Billups; sons, Bryant Tarvin, Dan Tarvin, Calvin Tarvin, Joshua (Amari) Tarvin, Jeremiah Tarvin, Eric (Leander) White, Kevin White, Sr., Kevin Woods, Anthony Tillman, and David Riddle; daughters, Stephanie Tarvin, Denicia Tarvin, Amber Tarvin, Jordana (Adrian) Green, Jessica

Rashad, Erica White, Rosa White, Terriunna Fletcher, and Jacy Davenport. Bennie was also blessed with seven grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Loretta Smith and Minister Eunice White; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends who will cherish his memory, including special friends, Ronnie (Mary) Holloway, Steve (Carol) Clark, Ronnie Samples, Tawon Billups, Sr., Mon, Big Mike, Big Boom, Mr. Robert, Sean Fields, Mutombo, Craddock, and many more.

Bennie will lie-in-state on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Sharon Pentecostal Church with Elder Welford Sydnor as the Eulogist. Entombment will be Monday, March 24, 2025, at 12 noon in Lakewood Memory Gardens, South.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memory Gardens South

325 Greens Lake Road  
Rossville, GA 30741

# Previous Events

## Lie-In-State

MAR 22. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

## Funeral Service

MAR 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sharon Pentecostal Church  
1400 East 48th Street  
Chattanooga, TN 37407-3217

## Entombment

MAR 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens South  
325 Greens Lake Road  
Rossville, GA 30741



# Tribute Wall

LS

“ I have known Benny Ray since Riverside High School, always a special person who helped everyone in need.

*Loretta Rice Stubbs and Family*

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**Loretta Rice Stubbs** - April 15, 2025 at 11:53 PM



CH

“ My family and I extend our deepest sympathies to you and your entire family.

*Mrs. Claraniece Hogan-Ferguson  
Interventionist ~ FLEX Academy*

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**Claraniece Hogan-Ferguson** - March 24, 2025 at 12:19 PM



MR

“ My condolences 🙏

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**Miz Rose** - March 23, 2025 at 07:02 PM



GD

“ *Bennie Ray Tarvin, aka 509, gold digger, the. Electrician, the radio doctor, the technician, Bennie Ray, and last but not first, my friend in life, and Christ, for over 50 years, departed shortly after another friend departed; Mike Wilson, aka G.I. Joe, and leaves me: Gregory Brown, aka Blue Goose, Bull Dogg, 1159, and the Ole Mann, as being the last of we three kings, in Christ and life, to carry on a legacy of great Christian and CB operators.  
For more than 1/2 a century we shared life and strife.  
Through all phases that life threw at us, we endured, and my pledge to both is to continue to be a man of God first, but to be as much a man of absolute truth in all else afterwards.  
Glorifying the father in all walks of life first, and thereby holding the memory of these other two life comrades in highest esteem next.  
RIP Bennie Ray Tarvin, and Michael Wilson, my two fallen comrades, until we all meet in that Great Gittin Up Morning!!!  
Shalom*

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**Gregory Brown aka Ole Mann Bulldogs Dogg** - March 23, 2025 at 03:25 PM

TD

“ *To The wife, son, and family of Bennie Ray. I became to know Bennie Ray as a mechanic over 20 years ago. Still happens to be a favorite stop shop today( cafe) off Dodds. This is history to my heart. Mr. Tarvin surely left behind a legacy. His heart was felt through his work. There wasn't anything ever presented to him mechanically that he couldn't repair. He was definitely one of the Best in the business. Thank you to the family for extending this man of great talent and skills to us, served on a platter with passion and humbleness. Your mark will forever be remembered. You answered the appointment none can reschedule. Thank you for investing in so many. May God bless and keep the family in strength, love, and peace.*

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**Tara Duncan-Rodriguez** - March 22, 2025 at 08:11 AM

JW

“ Joann Whitlock lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin



Joann Whitlock - March 20, 2025 at 10:33 PM

RF

“ I just want to say I'm going to truly miss my brother Bennie Ray and I will never ever forget about our talks about CB radios and other things related to our family's and how close of a tru man of God Bennie Ray is or was I can say this no Car Stereo Systems will never be the same cause Bennie Ray was the guy so many people went to for a great sounding system for the Car and I'm grateful for Hiz heat & ac knowledge that has been a help to so many people in the Chattanooga area and I'm grateful for the time God allowed us to be together and I'm not going to say goodbye but I'll see you later... Love You My Brother Bennie Ray Marvin... James (Little Jimi Griffin) Foster...Rest In Heavenly Peace...3/2025

Rev.James B. Foster - March 20, 2025 at 02:22 PM

HA

“ H "COLD DUCK" AKINS lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin



H "COLD DUCK" AKINS - March 20, 2025 at 07:35 AM

HA

*CONDOLENCE, PRAYERS out to the Tarvin family. As far as "I" know Bennie was the "quiet" type that stayed to himself. I can recall when he came into Mr Witherspoon's Electrical class, went on into electronics, was pretty good. Mr Witherspoon also brought him into his business, Carver Appliance on Main St adjacent to Amando's. I couldn't do anything but smile when someone that had issues with a CB or wanting a stereo installed couldn't catch Bennie at his business off Rossville Blvd because of him being out on a call. IF you had an issue with electrical or electronics BENNIE would be the one to seek out. May BENNIE RIH... H. " COLD DUCK" AKINS, FAMILY.*

H "DUCK" AKINS - March 20, 2025 at 08:07 AM

DR

*“ Sending Our Deepest Condolences To You and Your Family.  
Absent from the body, Is Present with our Father.  
The Readus, Hatten, & Davis Family*



Doris Readus - March 19, 2025 at 10:06 PM

MT

*“ Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin*



Marva Taylor - March 19, 2025 at 03:05 AM

JS

“ *Bennie was a great man, a good friend and C B buddy, passionate about his work and his hobby c b radio talking. Bennie always answered my call for help whether at my home or at my church Greater Second Missionary Baptist where he always gave his time and knowledge without hesitation. We will miss him greatly and he can never be replaced. I know we will meet again but until then I bid you Farwell my friend. John E Upshaw Sr (Patchpockets)*

John E Upshaw Sr - March 18, 2025 at 02:19 PM

BA

*We all will ove u we all know that you are have with us*

Baby A💎💎💎💎💎 - May 11, 2025 at 10:37 PM

HP

“ *Hermanski Patton lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin*



Hermanski Patton - March 17, 2025 at 08:52 PM

RB

“ *Benny was a great friend...RIPARADISE...You will be truly truly missed...*

Reba Benson - March 17, 2025 at 08:52 PM

SW

“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to Eric and the entire family.. May God's peace bring comfort and strength to each of you.  
Rest in Heavenly Peace Mr. Bennie 🙏🕊️🙏



Sharon Walton - March 17, 2025 at 08:25 PM

SH

“ Starlyn M Howard lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin



Starlyn M Howard - March 17, 2025 at 07:07 PM

RW

“ Robert and Twanda Walker purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Bennie Ray Tarvin.



Robert and Twanda Walker - March 17, 2025 at 04:06 PM

RW

“ Robert and Twanda Walker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bennie Ray Tarvin.

Robert and Twanda Walker - March 17, 2025 at 04:06 PM

GS

“ *GLEND A FAYE STOUDEMIRE lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin*



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**GLEND A FAYE STOUDEMIRE** - March 16, 2025 at 06:52 PM

RW

“ *Robert And Twanda Walker lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin*



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**Robert and Twanda Walker** - March 15, 2025 at 11:16 AM

RW

*Benny was a good friend going to miss him greatly*

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**Robert and Twanda Walker** - March 15, 2025 at 11:17 AM

EB

“ *Evelyn Willis Baker lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin*



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**Evelyn Willis Baker** - March 14, 2025 at 11:10 PM

HS

“ To the family of Mr. Bennie, from the Hamlett Chapel Church we are praying for the family and please if anything we can do to help call us at 423.267.6013. Mr. Bennie started working on our A/C unit and we felt in love with him, he taught us a few men something about AC units, you can count on Mr. Bennie being there for whenever you call, he will make a way to help SMART he knew his work. Great man of God!! He will be miss by many. Stay strong family God has never made a mistake. Look unto the hills which cometh your help.  
Mr. & Mrs. Herschel Strickland of Hamlett Chapel Church

herschel strickland - March 14, 2025 at 08:20 PM

AB

Thank you so much for speaking so highly of my brother God bless

Annie TARVIN Barnes - March 15, 2025 at 11:10 AM

MT

I would like to thank everyone for their kind words at this time please keep praying for my strength I really need it it was Heaven's gang he was sitting here to help us and I will sit here to keep him we trust God thank you all

Ms Zsa Zsa Tarvin - April 02, 2025 at 07:21 AM

SH

“ Starlyn M Howard lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin



Starlyn M Howard - March 14, 2025 at 11:04 AM

EP

“ *Elva Jean Pullom lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin*



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**Elva Jean Pullom** - March 14, 2025 at 09:45 AM

TW

“ *Benny will truly be missed truly be missed*

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**Tina Wyatt** - March 14, 2025 at 03:22 AM

ET

“ *Bennie Ray was a kind , hard working man. Always willing to help people. He will truly be miss. RIP Bennie*

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**EVANGELINE TOWNSEND** - March 13, 2025 at 06:03 PM

KR

“ *Kookie Rollins lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin*



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**Kookie Rollins** - March 13, 2025 at 02:46 PM

CS

“ *Constance Shelton lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin*



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**Constance Shelton** - March 13, 2025 at 11:33 AM

CF

“ Our prayers go out to Sis. Ollie & her entire family ... “ Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal”...  
Your TMBC Family, Dr. Mack E. Page, Sr.,  
Pastor



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**Claraniece Hogan- Ferguson** - March 13, 2025 at 07:56 AM

VW

“ Valery Willis lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin



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**Valery Willis** - March 13, 2025 at 06:59 AM

PH

“ Praying and condolences to my sister and his wife and family a King that wearing many hats behind the scenes in the church, home, and the community services for the Lord strength the family, friends, and Saints, Thank you Lord Jesus for letting me be able to see with him and his wife the whole services this last time. Amen, Amen, Amen, He will be missed he has felt a good flight of faith Thank you for his life and family.



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**Phyllis** - March 13, 2025 at 06:34 AM

DL

“ *Deborah Moore & Yvonne Lemon lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin*



Deborah Moore & Yvonne Lemon - March 12, 2025 at 10:45 PM

DM

*Bennie Ray was a good man, he will be missed.*

Deborah Moore - March 12, 2025 at 10:48 PM

LL

“ *Lauren, Avolin & Liam purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Bennie Ray Tarvin.*



Lauren, Avolin & Liam - March 12, 2025 at 04:51 PM

VD

“ *May the precious memories shared bring peace and comfort to the family and friends.*



Viola Doythit - March 12, 2025 at 08:40 AM

JA

“ *Benny Ray I've known of you for a long time. You were always good and kind. You will be truly missed take your rest 🕊️.*



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**Johnnie Ashley** - March 11, 2025 at 09:57 PM

DM

“ *Bennie Ray was a very unique man. He could do and fix anything. He believed in God and loved his family. He was a great friend to our family and many more. He will be greatly missed! Dale and Sharon McKibben*

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**Dale and Sharon McKibben** - March 11, 2025 at 07:06 PM

CC

“ *Cardella F Cummings lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray Tarvin*



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**Cardella F Cummings** - March 11, 2025 at 09:08 AM