



## Pastor Jerry B. Darnell

July 23, 1950 - January 24, 2024

Pastor Jerry B. Darnell  
Marietta, South Carolina

Pastor Jerry B. Darnell, 73, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at Upstate Community Hospice House in Landrum.

A native of Greenville County, South Carolina, Jerry was born July 23, 1950, the son of the late James Curtis Darnell and Lena Lucille Burdette Darnell. Mr. Darnell was a pastor for over 50 years and was the current pastor at Old Fashioned Baptist Church in Travelers Rest. Jerry loved his church dearly. He was a devoted father, grandfather, and friend to all.

A pastor devoted to giving so much, God only knows all the souls that you have touched. Committed to serve when you answered God's call, you proved it by being a servant to all. Thank you for all you did to lead us in the way of Jesus and the Truth of God's Word.

Survivors include two daughters, Lori Greigo (Mario) of Greensboro, NC, and Jill Darnell Hanley (Travis) of Raleigh, NC; a son, Nathanael Darnell of Marietta, SC; two grandchildren, Tylor Ankrah and Joseph Konen; a greatgrandchild, Isabel Ankrah; two sisters, Betty McCarson (Bobby) of

Marietta, SC, and Billie McCrary (Bud) of Travelers Rest, SC; two brothers, Wayne Darnell and David Darnell (Jayne) both of Marietta, SC; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Darnell was predeceased by his wives, Molly Darnell and Mary Darnell; three sisters, Carolyn Darnell, Rachel Darnell, and Wanda Mealor; and two brothers, Butch Darnell and Curtis "Red" Darnell.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM in the sanctuary of Old Fashioned Baptist Church in Travelers Rest with funeral services to follow at 2:00. Burial will follow the service in Slater Church of God Cemetery.

Flowers will be accepted.

The family will be at the home of the sister, Billie McCrary.

Mountain View Funeral Home – Pickens Chapel is serving the Darnell family.

# Cemetery Details

## Slater Church of God Cemetery

105 Woodland Rd  
Marietta, SC 29661

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Old Fashion Baptist Church  
2 Tramrod Trail  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

## Funeral Service

FEB 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Old Fashion Baptist Church  
2 Tramrod Trail  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

## Burial

FEB 1 (ET)

Slater Church of God Cemetery  
105 Woodland Rd  
Marietta, SC 29661



# Tribute Wall

AJ

“ Praying for Pastor Darnell's family.

aj - February 01, 2024 at 07:46 PM

JJ

“ I am so thankful to have gotten to hear Preacher Darnell on the “morning get together” and his broadcast for many years! Even though I never met him in person, he was A great example in my life of how to be a faithful Christian, and always praise the Lord in every circumstance! I thank the Lord for his testimony, and the great soldier he was for the for the Word of GOD!! Praise the Lord for this dear Man of GOD!

Joshua Johnson - February 01, 2024 at 10:34 AM

RJ

“ I don't know if I have ever met Brother Darnell but,listen and watching him on WTBI and hearing Brother Gravley talk about him I feel Ive known him all my life. God bless this family  
Brother Jerkins  
Crosby, Tx

Robert Jerkins - February 01, 2024 at 09:24 AM

MB

“ I'm thankful for this dear preacher man and soldier of the cross. He was always so kind to me and my wife when we would visit the radio station WTBI.

Matthew Beasley - February 01, 2024 at 09:21 AM

LB

“ My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Pastor Jerry Darnell. I am an African American woman, age 62, not that it matters. I never met Bro Darnell in person, but I listened to the WTBI station every morning on my way to work, from Anderson, SC to Clemson University, Clemson SC, "The Morning Get Together", and it felt as if I new him personally. I enjoyed his presence, and his encouragment everyday, and truely he will be missed. His testimony as a servant of the Lord was heard loudly!

Lillian Burns

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Lillian Burns - January 31, 2024 at 08:57 AM

AG

“ I never met Pastor Darnell but felt as if I'd known him forever. (Or maybe I did at Emmanuel, not sure) anyway, I could feel his sweet spirit on WTBI, and not even have to be in front of him. What a perfect example of a beautiful servant of our Lord. You knew, beyond a shadow of a doubt that Pastor Darnell's prayers were definitely reaching Our Jesus!!

What a mighty faithful man!! I will miss hearing him, but the next time we meet, I'll get to see him! 😊❤️

Ann Greene

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Ann Greene - January 31, 2024 at 08:36 AM

PD

“ I was always glad to hear Bro. Darnell on WTBI. He had a passion for the Christian school and a lot of times you could hear him in the background say of his Lord, "Worship Him." He is missed already.

Pam D.

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Pamela DeLong - January 31, 2024 at 06:45 AM

AC

“ I enjoyed getting to hear Brother Darnell on WTBI. One time a friend and I were able to go to Travelers Rest with a group from his church. He talked of doing that again sometime but it didn't happen. He most recently asked about my son and I appreciated his care and concern. Praying for you all.

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**Angie Clark** - January 30, 2024 at 09:44 PM

R2

“ Uncle Joe was big example to me. Listening to him on the morning get together made me be a better christian. I know that chair is empty but we will see him again one glade day. He is whent on to heaven where he received is enturnial reward. Thank you Uncle Joe for the lives you have touched. Robert FCox 2NDcoxr06066@gmail.com

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**Robert F Cox 2ND** - January 30, 2024 at 07:19 PM

CB

“ I went to school with Jerry when we were young, and we worked together for many years, often as a team. We were very successful, and I was fortunate to have him in my life. He could have been anything he wanted to, but he was called by God to serve, and serve he did. A prayer for strength and comfort for his family and many friends.

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**C.G. Buchanan** - January 30, 2024 at 04:57 PM

SG

“ To The family  
May The Lord Comfort all of you during this sad time. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Shirley Diane Grant** - January 30, 2024 at 10:59 AM

TD

“ My Husband and I listen to Pastor Darnell every Tuesday at 9:00 P.M. on WTBI Radio. Enjoy his preaching and His Daughter beautiful singing. We are Praying for the family. God Blessing on each one.

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**Tony & Joan Durham** - January 30, 2024 at 09:07 AM

JH

Thank you so much. God Bless You! 🙏

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**Jill Hanley** - January 30, 2024 at 09:31 AM

WR

“ Pastor Darnell was a special man to WTBI Radio. Lovingly referred to as "Uncle Joe", he was a true friend and helper in the ministry. We are thankful God sent him our way to help carry the load. We will miss his presence but are comforted by the promise of meeting him again in Heaven!

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**WTBI Radio** - January 30, 2024 at 08:11 AM

JH

Thank you so much. God Bless You! 🙏

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**Jill Hanley** - January 30, 2024 at 09:31 AM

TM

I enjoyed brother Darnell on wtbi even though we all from the same neck of the woods i only got to know him the last few years. What a joy his weekly program was to me.His help with the morning show he will be missed greatly,but we will see him again.God bless the family.love in Christ Tobbie Moody.

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**Tobbie Moody** - January 30, 2024 at 09:31 AM

PE

“ *PeachieMoodyBuzbee lit a candle in memory of Pastor Jerry B. Darnell*



**PeachieMoodyBuzbee** - January 30, 2024 at 12:57 AM

JG

“ *John And Linda Galloway lit a candle in memory of Pastor Jerry B. Darnell*



**John and Linda Galloway** - January 30, 2024 at 12:32 AM

JG

“ *Janet Buchanan Gravely lit a candle in memory of Pastor Jerry B. Darnell*



**Janet Buchanan Gravely** - January 29, 2024 at 07:52 PM

WD

“ *I had the privilege to work with Brother Sam 2011 , 2012 . He recommended to hire me for his replacement at EP and it became a reality . He referred to me as “God sent” . We Prayed Together each morning - very Special . I had the Privilege of Worshiping with him on quite a few occasions . I hold Dear Fond Memories of Brother Sam .*

*Set a place at the Table for me Sam .*

**Will Dickson** - January 29, 2024 at 05:34 PM

KG

“ *Preacher was a wonderful man, he baptized me, my daughter, and the rest of my family. He sang SWEET BEAULA LAND at my Dad's funeral. He always made you feel welcome at church, and he was sincere about it. He will be sorely missed for sure.*



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**Kathy (Clemons) Goforth** - January 29, 2024 at 03:51 PM

DH

“ *Prayers 4 the family*



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**David hall** - January 29, 2024 at 03:36 PM

LF

“ *Lisa Frady lit a candle in memory of Pastor Jerry B. Darnell*



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**lisa frady** - January 29, 2024 at 02:49 PM

JP

“ Pastor Jerry was truly one of a kind! He stood beside me, when even my family turned their back on me. Pastor Jerry supported The Brady's and was our constant prayer warrior! His sermon from Luke 13 inspired the song, "God Loves Sinners" which was recently recorded and released. Scott and I were blessed to visit with Pastor and Jill and Travis a couple times over the past few weeks. The last time we were there, I sang for him and we cried and worshipped Jesus like we did everytime we were together. In church, at a restaurant, just visiting... he was always the same! I love you, Pastor and will see you again!

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**Jennifer Phillips** - January 29, 2024 at 01:33 PM

TB

“ Tim Batson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Jerry B. Darnell



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**Tim Batson** - January 28, 2024 at 11:32 AM

AC

“ One day, several years ago, I found Brother Jerry Darnell on Facebook doing a "live" preaching session. At that time, I knew he was a man of God. I really enjoyed his preaching of The Word. May God be with Jill, Travis, all family members & all Church family. One day, I will meet him heaven since we never met here on this earth.  
With Sympathy & Love,  
Aleta Coleman



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**Aleta Coleman** - January 26, 2024 at 02:35 PM