



## Rev. Arthur Talley Jr.

November 29, 1940 - February 23, 2026

Reverend Arthur Talley, Jr, 85, peacefully completed his final journey to his home in heaven on February 23, 2026 at 6:35 a.m. He was a resident at the Falkville Rehabilitation Center under the care of Affinity Hospice.

Arthur was born to the late Arthur Jart Littleton Talley and the late Pearl Mae (Yates) Talley on November 29, 1940 in Leoma Tennessee. Arthur married the late Rebecca June (Meherg) Talley on November 28, 1961.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Rebecca June (Meherg), his parents, and his siblings; Paul, Flossie, Nadine, Vesta, Herman, DC, Geraldine, Mary Jo, and James. He is survived by his children Dr. Robert (Dawn) Talley of Forest, VA, Lucretia (Donnie) Echols of Cullman, Alabama, Carla Huddleston of Madison, Alabama, Missionary Michael (Marsha) Talley of Koenigs-Wusterhausen, Berlin, Germany, Dr. Deborah (John) Secord of Lincoln, North Dakota, Pastor David (Tonya) Talley

of

Hurlock, Maryland, Rev. Stephen (Talitha) Talley of Crossville, Alabama, Sarah (Doug)

Crosby of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, 26 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild and a host of nieces and nephews.

Arthur was a 1959 graduate of Fairview High School. He earned an Associate in

Applied Science in Mechanical Technology from John C. Calhoun State Technical Junior

College, a Bachelor of Science from Athens State College, a Master of Ministry from

Bethany Theological Seminary, and also studied at North Carolina State University. He

was a Senior Research Engineer in Monsanto Textiles Company's Technical Center

(Decatur) and Hills Inc. (Melbourne, Florida) before becoming a consultant with Bico

SpinDoctor. During his tenure as an engineer, he obtained more than twenty patents.

He was a proud veteran of the United States Airforce, serving from 1959 - 1963 as a jet

engine mechanic on Canon Airforce Base in Clovis, New Mexico with overseas service

in Thailand.

He was a preacher of the gospel for 53 years, and planted three churches (Emmanuel

Baptist – Fayetteville, TN, Faith Baptist – Eva, AL, and Bethel Baptist – Addison, AL,

and also pastored Emmanuel Baptist Church – Decatur, AL for a number of years.

When he wasn't pastoring, he was involved in the music ministry of various churches.

He taught singing schools using shaped notes and Stamps-Baxter music all across the

North Alabama area. He was most known for his voice. As a soloist, he was frequently called upon to sing

How Great Thou Art, Part of My Life, and The Unseen Hand among other songs. His

family and friends often joined him in singing. He truly loved to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.”

Arthur had a competitive spirit which was apparent in both his work and his play. He

loved to joke and was always pulling pranks on someone. He was an avid Alabama

football fan and never lost an opportunity to say, Roll Tide!

Arthur grew up on a farm and loved his garden. He enjoyed working farmers markets in

North Alabama with his son's farm, Talley Fruit Farms, and was well known for his

humor, his kindness, and his ability to boost sales by offering samples of his wife's

pepper jelly.

He was proud of his children and especially of the fact that all four of his boys are

preachers of the gospel.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 6 from 6 - 8 PM at Shelton Funeral Home in Decatur, Alabama. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 7 at 10:00 AM at Daniel's Chapel Baptist Church in Eva, Alabama followed by a graveside service at the same location.

Pall Bearers and honorary pall bearers will be his grandsons Philip Talley, Matthew Terry, Carl Huddleston, Joseph Huddleston, Nathan Huddleston, Joshua Talley, John Talley, Maverick Secord, Seth Talley, Eli Talley, Patrick Talley, Gavin Talley, Graham Talley, Jonathan Crosby, Eric Crosby, and great grandsons, Jacob Anderson and Aaron Webb.

# Cemetery Details

## Daniel's Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery

Eva, AL 35621

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shelton Funeral Home Chapel  
2105 Beltline Road SW  
Decatur, AL 35601

## Memorial Service

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Daniel's Chapel Baptist Church  
Eva, AL 35621

# Tribute Wall

KP

“ Uncle Jr will be missed. He has prepared his entire life for the day he would go to sweet heaven!! I remember growing up and going to visit with mamma and we would have a water fight every time to just laugh and enjoy family time!! Usually I was his target for his jokes being the youngest of the tribe!! I laugh still about the “inchy pinchy” game and one day will have a chance to return it to someone else Well done Uncle well done!!! Kevin and Jessy Pribble

Kevin T Pribble - March 05 at 04:21 PM

DS

Love this memory, Kevin.

Deborah Secord - March 05 at 10:16 PM

EO

“ Emmitt O. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Arthur Talley Jr..

Emmitt O. - March 03 at 02:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Arthur Talley Jr..



March 02 at 03:46 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Arthur Talley Jr..*



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March 01 at 02:52 PM



“ *Daddy loved to have fun. He was extremely competitive and passed that along to some of us kids. As we got older and could play more complex games, we kissed Uno goodbye and Rook became one of our favorites. He was not always a kind teacher, but we learned well. There were many Sunday afternoons whiled away playing Rook. Stephen and I quickly realized that the two us when partnered together could consistently beat Daddy and whoever his partner was. Although Daddy hated to lose, he was proud of our competitive spirit, and proud that we could beat him. Sure wish we could play one more game; we might even let you win...*



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**Deborah Secord** - February 28 at 11:17 PM



“ *Daddy's girls purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Rev. Arthur Talley Jr..*



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**Daddy's girls** - February 26 at 05:54 PM

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“ *Michael Talley Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Rev. Arthur Talley Jr..*



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**Michael Talley Family** - February 26 at 02:57 PM

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“ *Your Calvary Baptist Church Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rev. Arthur Talley Jr..*



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**Your Calvary Baptist Church Family** - February 25 at 02:07 PM