



# Eugene L. Baines

JAN 1, 1932 - NOV 1, 2018



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## **Eugene L. Baines**

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**E**ugene L. Baines, 86, of Wildwood passed away Thursday, November 1, 2018. Mr. Baines was born January 1, 1932 in Halifax County, VA to John G. and Mary (Midkiff) Baines. Gene was a Master Machinist for the Fairfax County School Board for 29 years. After moving to this area in 1995 from Warrenton, VA, Gene belonged to the First Baptist Church of Belleview where he served as a deacon, was on the building and grounds committee and was a choir member. He moved to Wildwood and served in the choir at Village of Faith Baptist Church, and is presently a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Oxford. Gene loved being with his family and friends and playing music. He played Bluegrass and Gospel at church, nursing homes, retirement centers and private functions. He provided sound systems for various events and was talented on the banjo as well as the guitar and bass. He enjoyed traveling and going to Bluegrass Festivals. Gene also enjoyed HO Scale Model Trains and NASCAR Racing, he owned a race car and raced in the late 50's and 60's. Survivors include his loving wife of 54 years, Margaret; son, Donald Baines of Appomattox, VA; daughter and her husband, Doris & Jim Fenner of Wildwood; sister, Carlyle Pillow of Phenix, VA; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held 11:00am, Tuesday, November 6, 2018, with visitation from 10:00 – 11:00am at Immanuel Baptist Church, Oxford. Entombment will follow the service in Highlands Memorial Park, Ocala. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Baptist Church Building Fund, 8015 SE 180th ST, CR 102, Oxford, FL 34484.



## Events


**Eugene L. Baines**

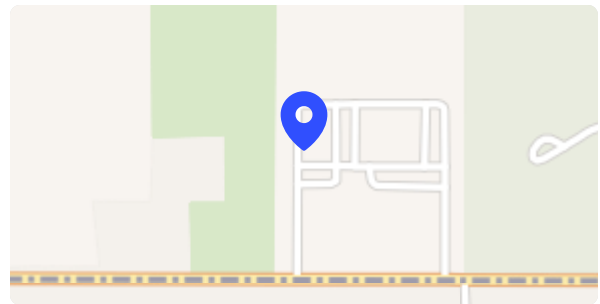
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### Visitation prior to ceremony

 **Tuesday**, November 6, 2018


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
8015 SE 180TH ST. (CR 102), OXFORD FL 34484

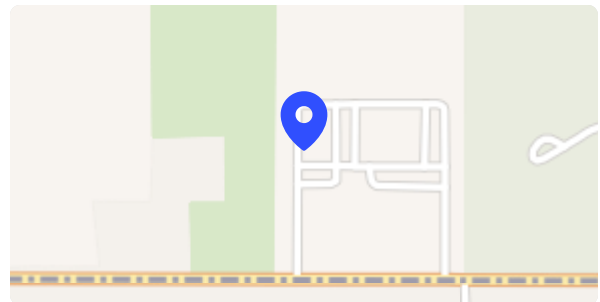


### Funeral Ceremony

 **Tuesday**, November 6, 2018

 11:00 AM ET

 **IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
8015 SE 180TH ST. (CR 102), OXFORD FL 34484



### Cemetery Details

 **Highlands Memorial Gardens**  
1515 NE 3rd Street , Ocala FL 34470



# Tribute Wall

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November 5 at 7:55 AM



**Brad And Cindy Harbaugh** November 8 at 3:49 AM

What a beautiful tribute and wonderful memories.



**James Mancuso** posted:

Jim and Doris, We recently heard of the passing of your father and wanted to send our condolences. May the God of all comfort be your comfort during your time of loss. Love In Christ, Jim and Gail Mancuso

November 9 at 4:23 PM



**Brad And Cindy Harbaugh** posted:

Thoughts and prayers to all of you. We will miss Gene and miss seeing him go by on his golf cart. Our deepest sympathies.

November 8 at 3:47 AM



**Sandy** posted:

Jim and Doris, May you be comforted today knowing your Dad is in heaven singing with the angels. Ray and I will always remember the stories and funny quips your Dad had for so many things. Praying the Lord will continue to hold you in His everlasting arms. Love Always, Ray and Sandy

November 6 at 9:31 AM



**Kim And Gary Gramman** sent a virtual gift in honor of Eugene.



November 6 at 6:33 AM



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**Calvary Baptist Church, Virginia** sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Baines family.

November 5 at 6:48 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Baines family.

November 5 at 6:36 AM



**Mike Bush** posted:

I will forever miss the friendship Gene gave so freely. I will also treasure the memory of all the bluegrass jams session with Gene over the years.

November 5 at 6:35 AM



**Michael Walters** posted:

Dear Doris, Jim, and family, Sherry and I continue to ask the Lord to give you the strength and comfort at the home-going of Eugene. It is not an easy time because we know your hearts are hurting. Yet the promises of our Lord and Savior give us full assurance that Eugene is with the Lord, safe home to Heaven. One day we will see him again. Be assured of our love and prayers for you at this time. In His Love, Mike and Sherry Walters

November 5 at 6:26 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Baines family.

November 5 at 3:57 AM





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**Valery Hurlston** lit a candle in honor of Eugene.

Our sincerest condolences to you our dearest Br & Sis Fenner and family..Praying for God's peace and comfort at this difficult time.Murry & ValeryCalvary Baptist ChurchCayman Islands

November 4 at 6:23 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Baines family.

November 4 at 4:01 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White to the Baines family.

November 3 at 4:49 PM



**David D Zook** posted:

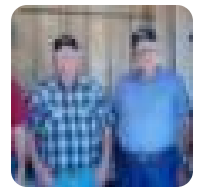
We first met Gene and Margaret back in the mid 1970's at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Fairfax, VA. He formed a little bluegrass gospel trio and at one time he and I were part of a quartet. Of course Gene sang the tenor. He later formed the Gospel Strings. We would go to Log Cabin Campground near Berkeley Springs, WV many week-ends. The entire northern Virginia area missed Gene and Margaret when they moved to Florida. We later moved to Florida but was 230 miles south so we didn't get to see and pick very often. Gene was a very talented inventor also. He could make a 7-day automatic cat feeder for when he left home or a pea sheller. There was no end to his talents. We shall miss this very special friend.David and Jeannie Zook

November 3 at 12:41 PM



**Jim Fenner** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

November 3 at 10:32 AM





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LC

**Linda Clark** posted:

My heart is sad to hear of the passing. My deepest sympathy to all the family, especially Doris and Jim Fenner, my long time friends from Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA. May he rest in peace with our Lord and Savior. Linda Clark & Family

November 2 at 6:16 PM

KB

**Katrina Baines** posted:

I'll never forget when I first met Jonathan's Granddaddy about 10 years ago. Jon introduced me and he couldn't remember my name to save his life. Or he at least acted like he didn't know my name. He called me Katina, Carina, Katuna and many other variations. I loved his personality and ability to make people smile. He was such a talented musician and I'm sure he's having such a great time playing music in heaven! He will be missed.

November 2 at 10:24 AM

TA

**Thomas B. Asbury** November 2 at 5:21 PM

I have known Gene Baines for over twenty years and have really enjoyed listening to him play his music. A very talented musician who was at home with the piano, banjo, guitar, mandolin, and last but not least, his upright bass. My only regret about Gene is not recording him singing, "Watermelon On The Vine," and thumping out a solo on that bass. I threatened many times to get a recording and never followed up on it. I guess I expected him to be around as long as I was. To my notion he was the best when it came to the five string banjo. He picked songs that were buried in time but were so unique in their arrangement - that they drew him to them. He would say, "Nobody plays those songs anymore. You won't hear nobody do 'em!" He was right, there was nobody that could do them except Gene Baines. He was so easy to play rhythm for and as the session went on, you didn't want it to stop. When he and Randall Cook came to my house to practice and jam, we would play four to five hours. Sometimes, my wife would chide me for the lateness of the hour and I would kiddingly say, "But they just wouldn't leave!" She would reply that I would be begging them for, "One more song!", and maybe I would get three or four more. So, I learned a lot of "forgotten" songs: Farewell Blues, Five By Eight, Bells of Saint Mary, Sweet Bunch of Daisies, Lord's Last Supper, The Old Spinning Wheel, Remington Ride, Sledd Ride, A Little White Washed Chimney At The End and many, many more. He worked and worked with me to harmonize with him on a favorite of his, "Home of The Soul." After he pounded my part into my brain and I was finally able to do the song with him, he told me I was the only one ever able to do that song with him. It was music to my ears. I sure will miss Gene and his unique way of telling a story or singing a song. Right after his passing Doris said. "God wanted a High Tenor to sing in Heaven." Well, He got a good one.



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**Banks-Page Theus Funerals And Cremations** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



November 1 at 12:22 PM



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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eugene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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