



## Dwight Everett Bechtel

April 19, 1935 - March 17, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Dwight Everett Bechtel, 87, servant of our Lord, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Friday, March 17, 2023, at the Sanctuary Hospice House in Tupelo, MS. A memorial visitation will take place Friday, March 31, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford (601 Commerce Pkwy., Oxford, MS 38655). A memorial service will immediately follow at 2:00 p.m., also at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford. Brother David Sherrell will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Dwight was born on April 19, 1935, to the late Charles and Alma Bechtel in Myrtle, MO and moved to Birmingham, AL, when he was 6 years old. He was a graduate of Westend High School in Birmingham. Dwight served with the United States Air Force in Korea. After his service, he embarked on many adventures throughout his 87 years of life.

Dwight was an avid student in his lifetime, which allowed him to successfully enroll in many great colleges, from which he overall obtained a Bachelor's degree, a Master's degree, and an Education Specialist Degree. His favorite college was Johnson University, where he made life-long friends who also followed Jesus.

He worked as a full-time instructor at Gwinnett Tech. He developed a love for knowledge, as he lived to constantly learn. He felt that all knowledge was useful and valuable in some way. Dwight was a published author of one book, also writing two more, which were unpublished. He was a gold medalist for the Senior Olympics, and while living in Bartlett, TN, he enjoyed playing pool and exchanging information at the senior center. After moving to Oxford, he played dominos at the activity center with great friends. He was an avid fan of Auburn University and loved attending sporting events.

Above all, Dwight was a loving husband, father, and grandfather to those who cherished him the most. He was a Christlike example and taught Sunday School most of his life. He was currently a member of North Oxford Baptist Church. Although Dwight has departed from us physically, his way of life will comfort the hearts of those left to continue in his absence.

Dwight is survived by his wife of 63 years, Linda Bechtel; his daughters, Lisa (Gary) Maxwell and Leslie (Kay Armstrong) Bechtel; and his grandchildren, Kristin Oglesby, Rachel (James) Triplett, and Barrett Oglesby.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Alma Bechtel; and brothers, Lewis and Wayne Bechtel.

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is honored to be serving the Bechtel family as they navigate through this season of life.

Instead of flowers, your donations to Sanctuary Hospice ([www.sanctuaryhospicehouse.com/take-action#DonateNow](http://www.sanctuaryhospicehouse.com/take-action#DonateNow)) will be greatly appreciated.

Online condolences can be left to his Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford  
601 Commerce Parkway  
Oxford, MS 38655  
(662) 234-3900  
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## Memorial Service

MAR 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I always enjoyed Dwight and appreciated all his work on the Richardson family history. He will be missed. Very sorry for your loss.

Susan Senn Metzger - April 30, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ Dear Linda, Lisa, Gary and Family, Mr. Dwight was such a special man with a quiet, peaceable spirit. He had a sweet smile and always spoke when he would come thru my door at NHCC. Our condolences to you and your family. Love, Vicki and David Palmer, Bartlett, TN

V R Palmer - March 29, 2023 at 02:54 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dwight Everett Bechtel.



March 21, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Dwight Everett Bechtel.



March 21, 2023 at 03:32 PM