

Rev. Jack and Peggy Barker



Churches Served: He served Big Ivy, Mt. Tabor, and Olive Hill churches in Hardin County. During his three years of seminary, he served the Cumberland church in Hohenwald, Tenn. On graduation from seminary, he accepted a call to pastor the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Clarksville, Tenn. From there, he served seven years as pastor at Milan, Tenn., almost five years at Jackson, Tenn., four years at Olivet, and four years at Murfreesboro. He served the Olive Hill church and the Waynesboro church for seven years during retirement. Olive Hill was his first church and his last.

Offices Held: He accepted the position of director of the Division of Church Growth and Evangelism with the denominational Board of Missions in 1986. In 1992, Jack became executive director of the Board of Missions with oversight of all the denomination's mission work, both foreign and domestic. He held this position until he semi-retired and moved to Savannah in April 1999. Jack coordinated a volunteer jail chaplaincy program and became an advocate for the inmates in a quest for more humane treatment and the building of a new jail. He was always a human rights advocate, especially during the 1960s and 70s. One of his favorite organizations was Habitat for Humanity.

Information provided by the donor: Jack Harville Barker was born in Savannah, on Feb. 3, 1933. Jack was my minister in the 60's in Hohenwald. He encouraged me to go to Bethel College where I met my husband, Jim. He officiated our wedding. A kind and Godly man. In addition to his wife, Mickey of Savannah, Jack is survived by his children, LuAnne Barker Givens and her husband Steve, Judith Lea Burnham and her husband Ron, and Jay Barker and his wife Diana, all of Savannah; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Helen Alexander and Lois Ann Pierce, both of Savannah; two brothers, Joe Barker of Pickwick Dam and Rick Barker of Columbia, Tenn.; numerous nieces and nephews. Services were held on Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, at 3 p.m., at Olivet Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Savannah with Rev. Duwayne Pounds, Monsignour Thomas Kirk officiating. Burial followed in the Memory Gardens at Savannah.

Endowment provided by: Sara and Jim Connors