



## Raleigh Baggett

January 15, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Walter “Raleigh” Baggett, Jr, 78, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, educator, and pastor. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at Maryview Hospital in Portsmouth, VA on January 15, 2025 .

Raleigh dedicated his life to service, both in the classroom and the church. A proud educator, he spent many years shaping the minds of young people, first as a teacher and later as an assistant principal in Norfolk Public Schools. Starting in public education and then in the ministry, his leadership, compassion, and dedication to serving Christ and serving others left a lasting impact on all who he encountered.

In addition to his work in education for 32 years, Raleigh was an active and dedicated member of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, where he served for 9 years as the Associate Pastor of Education and Administration. His faith and commitment to serving others were evident in all aspects of his life.

Raleigh was known for his kindness, his unwavering support of his family, and his ability to make everyone around him feel valued and heard. He was a constant source of strength, wisdom, and encouragement to all who knew him. Even after suffering a stroke in April of 2024, he continued to impact the lives of everyone to include medical professionals and caregivers.

He always rested in his faith in Christ and pointed others towards Him in his words and actions. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Faye, their son, Kevin and daughter-in-law, Courtney grandchildren, Vann, Hannah, and Jackson, his brother, Tommy and his wife Susan, along with a nephew and nieces. Raleigh will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A funeral service to celebrate his life will be held at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church in Chesapeake, VA on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 12:00 pm with a reception immediately following. The family will receive visitors beginning at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Benevolent Fund at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church.

# Previous Events

## A Visitation Celebrating His Life

JAN 21. 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM (ET)

Jackson Memorial Baptist Church  
4316 Bruce Road, Chesapeake, Virginia 23321  
Chesapeake, VA

## Funeral Service

JAN 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

Jackson Memorial Baptist Church  
4316 Bruce Road  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Faye, Kevin and family. The Dunn family, myself, Michelle and Ryan, extend our condolences to you all as you celebrate the life and legacy of Raleigh. We will treasure our memories of Raleigh through the many years that we were members of JMBC and afterwards. Raleigh touched our lives and we are so blessed to have known him. I was blessed to have had Raleigh as a Sunday School teacher many years ago and one of his spiritual gifts was certainly as teacher. We have so much respect for Raleigh he was truly a reflection of Jesus as he touched more lives I have no doubt than he ever knew on this side of heaven but he certainly knows now in heaven. I think of the song "Thank You for Giving To the Lord" when I think of Raleigh. He must be overwhelmed with joy to see each one who is in heaven that he has some part of in planting that seed of salvation in their life or that he lead to Christ. May this joy soon fill your hearts and replace the grief you feel. You are in our prayers we love you!

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**Tim, Michelle & Ryan Dunn** - January 21, 2025 at 10:36 AM

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“ The Miller Group purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Raleigh Baggett.



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**The Miller Group** - January 20, 2025 at 08:17 AM

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“Well done good and faithful servant. You may enter into the joy of the Lord.” -Matthew 25:

*It has been such an honor to grow up at JMBC surrounded by the wisdom and guidance of Pastor Raleigh. Reflecting back for as long as I can remember, there are so many stories, so much laughter, and endless memories, which I will carry with me forever. We rejoice that you are healed but the void you leave will be impossible to fill.*

*What an incredible legacy of faithful service to the Lord. You will be missed so very much.*

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**Jacob Terwilliger** - January 19, 2025 at 07:26 AM

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“Raleigh liked to say, "God isn't finished with me yet." One prevailing memory I have of him is the study he led at church last year on the book *Heaven* by Randy Acorn. The discussion was lively and Raleigh presented many new ideas we had not thought about and said he had been thinking lately a lot about heaven. (This was well before he fell ill.) One of the ideas was that we would have work to do in heaven and how God might be using our time on earth to prepare us for our eternal work. I like to think that maybe God was using that book in Raleigh's life for his own transition from earth to heavenly eternity and glory. And, if Raleigh is right, and we will have work to do in heaven, then, yes, God is definitely not finished with him yet. Our sincerest condolences to the family, and especially Faye in the coming days of sorrow, memories, and new challenges. Jesus said in John 16v22 - Jesus says, "Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy". May you rest in that promise.

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**Elizabeth T Harris** - January 18, 2025 at 10:11 PM

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“ *Such an amazing man. It was an honor to know him. We always loved seeing him and Faye at Church. Our hearts are heavy but we know he is with his Lord now. You and your family are in our prayers. Barry and Nancy Hileman*

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**Barry and Nancy Hileman** - January 18, 2025 at 04:46 PM

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“ *Kevin, Cathy, Noah, Ross & Kylie Smith purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Raleigh Baggett.*



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**Kevin, Cathy, Noah, Ross & Kylie Smith** - January 18, 2025 at 04:38 PM