



## Austin S. Graves

September 30, 1924 - November 28, 2019

Mr. Austin S. Graves passed away on November 28, 2019, at Diversicare in Oneonta, AL, at the age of 95. He was a long time resident of Blountsville, AL and a member of Fowler Springs Baptist Church.

Mr. Graves was predeceased by his parents, Burvel and Vona Graves; siblings, Zilla Graves, Ivy Graves, Emmie Shelton, Jim Graves, Wesley Graves, Roy Graves, and Jack Graves; a niece Paula Graves, and nephews, Gary Shelton and Jackie Graves.

Uncle Austin will be remembered by these nieces and nephews; Patsy Handley, Linda Love, Rickey Graves, Judy Shelton, Don Graves, Martha Jones, Richard Graves, Corann Graves, Patty Graves, Dennis Graves, and Sandra Baker along with seventeen great nieces and nephews and many other loved ones and friends.

Austin Graves graduated from Pennington High School and then served in the Navy during WWII. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1950, from Howard College and began a 35-year teaching career in classrooms throughout St. Clair, Jefferson, Marshall, and Blount counties. During that time, he obtained higher degrees from UAB, and taught some other subjects, but his main area of concentration, and the subject he loved most, was history.

Austin's real love was singing. In college at Howard he traveled with the a cappella choir. He sang in the choir and taught Sunday school while he was a member of Blountsville Baptist Church and did the same later when he joined First Baptist Church in Oneonta.

Singing and teaching.... those were his loves!

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday Dec. 8, 2019, at 2 PM at the Fowler Springs Baptist Church. Blountsville Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fowler Springs Baptist Church  
1108 Fowler Springs Rd.  
Blountsville, AL 35031

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr Graves was one of my teachers at JB Pennington. One day I walked up the stairs beside Mrs Carter’s room and went into Mr Graves’ room where we waited for class to begin. Mr Graves came in and told us that President Kennedy had been killed. I will not forget where I was that day and will not forget Mr Graves and all the wonderful teachers at both the elementary and high schools. They did not send us out into an unsuspecting world without at least some preparation! I will love the teachers and schools forever.*

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**Evelyn Burris Rivers** - December 11, 2019 at 02:17 AM