



## John Howard Brasher

March 4, 1928 - January 8, 2026

John Howard Brasher (Bro. Howard) left the cares of this earthly life for the presence of his Lord on January 8, 2026, at the age of 97.

Howard was born on March 4, 1928, in Brasherville, Alabama, to Robert Edward Lee Brasher and Nellie Dupree Brasher. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Pattie Sue Merrell Brasher; his parents; his brothers Edward, Louis, Thomas, Robert, and Preston; and his sisters Elnora Whitlock, Mary Nell Lee, and Lanice Brasher. He is survived by his sister, Joan Harless. Howard served his country in the United States military from 1948 to 1949, working around the Pentagon. He worked as a barber for many years, faithfully serving his community, but his greatest calling was serving the Lord. Howard was a devoted Southern Baptist minister and faithfully pastored Antioch Baptist Church for 32 years, preaching the Gospel, shepherding his congregation, and pointing countless lives to Christ.

Music was a vital part of Howard's ministry. Along with his brothers and sisters, he formed and sang in numerous gospel quartets, sharing their voices in churches and at funerals throughout the years. Through song and testimony, he encouraged believers and proclaimed the hope found in Christ.

He is survived by his sons David Brasher (Chris), Eric Brasher (Jackie), and Neal Brasher; his grandchildren Erica Britt (Lee), Samuel Brasher (Emily),

Daniel Brasher (Holly), Sophie Cox (Daniel), and Lizzie Brasher; his great-grandchildren Kensie Britt, Katherine Britt, Lucy Brasher, Nellie Brasher, and Howard Cox; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, and friends.

Howard loved his Lord and served Him faithfully throughout his life as a pastor, singer, witness, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Having finished his earthly work, he now worships his Savior in perfection. We rejoice in the hope of that promised day when we will see him again and join him in worshiping and serving the Lord he loved and faithfully proclaimed.

There will be a visitation at Bolton's Funeral Home in Columbiana at 1:00 pm on Tuesday January 13, 2026 with a funeral service to follow at 2:00 pm. The burial will be at Shelby Garden of Rest following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Alabama Baptist Children's Home or The Gideons.

# Cemetery Details

## Shelby Garden of Rest

Heritage Road  
Shelby, AL 35143

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bolton Funeral Home  
207 Hwy 47 South  
PO Box 4  
Columbiana, AL 35051  
(205) 669-3179

## Funeral Service

JAN 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DO

“ David, Eric, Neal, and families, I just heard of your precious dad's homegoing. He and your sweet mother must be dancing all over Heaven, praising our Lord Jesus, the One they so lovingly and faithfully served for so many years on this earth. I cherish the many musical experiences we all shared together, and Bro. Howard's song about Highway 303. Brother Howard made the world a better place, and now makes Heaven a little sweeter. God bless and keep you all. In Christian love, Donna and Buddy Brantley

Donna - January 16 at 03:00 AM

JG

“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Howard's family. I always loved time with him when we made it to the area. He was such a special man and he made you feel special. I loved to hear him sing. Jimmy grew up in the area but I didn't and we both thought the world of him.



Jimmy & Debby Jones - Columbus, GA - January 15 at 01:41 AM

DA

“ Dan lit a candle in memory of John Brasher



Dan - January 12 at 07:47 PM

WP

“ Bro. Howard married me and my wife in 1986. I have known the family since childhood. A great man and family. He will certainly be missed. Best wishes to the family. Wayne Pate

Wayne Pate - January 12 at 06:42 PM

SR

“ Our deepest sympathy to Karen and Neal and all the family. Howard and Patty always made our lives happier. Love to all.  
Sam and Judy Roberts

Sam Roberts - January 11 at 02:57 PM

CC

“ Carissa Cook lit a candle in memory of John Brasher



Carissa Cook - January 11 at 02:53 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear about cousin Howard. I haven't seen him in many years except on Facebook but I know he was a great and wonderful man. Praying for the family who I know is very sad, but Mr. Howard is singing with Jesus and my husband, Love to all my family. Barbara Brasher Smith

Barbara Brasher Smith - January 09 at 10:46 PM

TF

“ *The Butler and Oliver families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Howard Brasher.*



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**The Butler and Oliver families** - January 09 at 08:52 PM

TD

“ *Bro Howard was my barber for many years and he married me and Patricia on Aug 30, 1969. we forgot the marriage license and had to go by his house on our way to our honeymoon! Great man, he will be missed!*

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**Tommy Davis** - January 09 at 03:50 PM

JC

“ *A wonderful man and Pastor, full of life and love. He married Paula and I 45 years ago, he made it so special. His entire Family always showed the same love, kindness, and loving hearts. He could always make you smile. Comfort and peace for his loving family.*

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**Joe Crawford** - January 09 at 01:29 PM

FL

“ *Frenchell Lansford lit a candle in memory of John Brasher*



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**Frenchell Lansford** - January 09 at 11:50 AM

SS

“ *Brother Brasher was a good friend of my Uncle Harry Watkins. I enjoyed many church services under his leadership. May God’s precious promises comfort his family in peace*



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**Sarah Spradling** - January 09 at 11:35 AM