



## Ben Barber Sr

December 25, 1936 - March 11, 2026

Benjamin “Ben” Robert Barber, Sr., 89, of Old Town, Florida, went to be with his Heavenly Father on March 11, 2026. He was born December 25, 1936, in Cross City, Florida, to the late Warren and Olive Barber and remained a lifelong resident of Dixie County.

Over the years, Mr. Barber worked as a farmer and rancher and later with the Game and Fish Commission, the Suwannee River Water Management District, and the Dixie County Property Appraiser’s Office. He was an avid hunter, especially when it came to turkey hunting, and his children will always remember the times they spent hunting with him when they were younger. Mr. Barber was a member of the Dixie Hunting Club and had previously been a member of the Ramsey Bend Hunting Club. He was also a faithful member of Central Baptist Church in Cross City.

Mr. Barber is survived by his wife of 73 years Mary Barber, his son Ben Barber, Jr., his daughters Carla Downing (David B.), Cindy Barber, and Kathy Lynn Barry (Tony), his son-in-law James Fales, his sister Nancy Holifield (Gary), 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great-grandchildren, special nieces and nephews and other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his daughter Virginia Sue Fales, his brother Martin Barber, Sr., and his sister Marion Landrum.

Funeral services for Mr. Barber will be held 2:00 PM Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with Rev. David Downing officiating. Interment will follow at Fayetteville Cemetery in Old Town. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fayetteville / Moriarty Cemetery

113 NE 543 Ave  
Old Town, FL 32680

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
Cross City, FL 32628  
(352) 498-5400

## Funeral Service

MAR 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
Cross City, FL 32628

# Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Ben Barber Sr

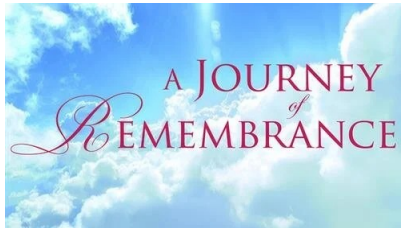


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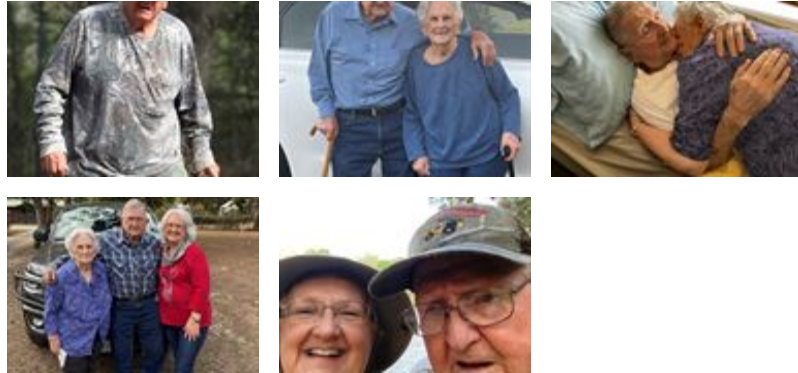


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**Rick Gooding Funeral Homes** - March 16 at 08:23 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - March 16 at 04:31 PM



“ Doherty Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ben Barber Sr.



Doherty Family - March 16 at 11:24 AM



“ Doherty Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Barber Sr.

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ben Barber Sr.



March 16 at 08:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ben Barber Sr.

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“ Sending hugs, love, and prayers during this difficult time. Take comfort in knowing Ben is w the Lord. Such an awesome person and Godly man. He will be sorely missed. by all.



**Gloria Gilbert** - March 15 at 10:21 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ben Barber Sr.



March 15 at 02:24 PM



“ Special sympathy to Mary/Family. Special remembering to Gentle Ben.

**Nola Buckhalter** - March 13 at 08:40 PM