



Carl Dean Wisener

January 15, 1942 - June 9, 2026

Dr. Carl Dean Wisener

Dr. Wisener was born January 15, 1942 to Douglas and Lola Mae Wisener, 15 minutes later his twin sister Angelene Wisener (Rice) was born. Carl and his brothers Jerry and Robert grew up in Southtown Guntersville. Carl attended Marshall County High School as he worked at the ice plant in Guntersville where his father worked and eventually became the owner.

After high school, Carl attended Snead State. There he would be elected the SGA president and that is where his love for politics would start. He would later be the Chairman of the Marshall County Republican Party in the late 70's and early 80's. As one of his friends said, he was Republican before Republican was cool in Alabama.

From there he enrolled at Jacksonville State and met the love of his life Thora Handley. They had 62 years of marriage.

His passion was education and his first job was a teacher at Saks High School. Carl was then hired as a teacher at Guntersville Elementary School (Cherokee). Then he gets a call from Mr. Don Richards at Arab High School asking him to be his Assistant Principal. The two had met while teaching at Sachs High School. He took it. A few years later he moved to principal at both the Arab Primary School and Arab Elementary School. Once a principal was

hired at the elementary school he focused all his energy at Arab Primary School. He developed the POD program and enjoyed every day that he worked with the teachers and students. He also obtained his doctorate from Vanderbilt during this time.

Dr. Wisener was given the opportunity in the late 80's to become the principal at Brewer High School. From there he moved to Assistant Morgan County Superintendent and finally to Morgan County Superintendent where he retired. He also taught some classes at Snead State and Wallace Community College during this time. He later worked as a consultant reviewing Principals and Superintendents throughout the State.

Dr. Wisener spent 34 years of his life teaching. While his credentials allowed him to operate at the highest levels of academia, his true joy always remained in the classroom and working along the side of some of the best teachers in the State.

While the school buildings took most of his time, it did not stop him from another calling. That calling was being the pastor at Duck Creek Baptist Church. His dedication to teaching about his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ lasted over 30 years. He loved his church and the members that meant so much to him through his life.

He will be missed by his beautiful wife Thora, his two sons Bradley (Shae), Josh (Krysti). Granddaughters Madison, Emma & Gillian. His sister Angelene Rice (Bob) and many nieces and nephews. Our family would like to thank all of their family and friends for the prayers and kindness during this time. We have been blessed by those that have been such an important part of our lives.

Services will be held at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel in Arab, Saturday June 13th. Visitation from 12pm-2pm and funeral will follow. Pall Bearers: Rob

Rice, Russell Rice, Kenny Hunter, Josh Cherry, Jeff Wisener & Terry Maynard.
Honorary Pall Bearers: Kenneth Hunter & Don Phillips.

A grave side service will be held for family and church family at Duck Creek Baptist Church following the funeral.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to:

Duck Creek Baptist Church- PO Box 902 Guntersville 35976

The Hospice of Promise Foundation (In memory of Carl Wisener)- 901 Hugh Wallis Road S. Lafayette, LA 70508

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel assisting with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Duck Creek Cemetery

Near Fairview Area
Cullman County

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Funeral Service

JUN 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - June 13 at 11:53 AM

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“ *Betty Black Jones lit a candle in memory of Carl Dean Wisener*



Betty Black Jones - June 12 at 12:29 AM

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“ *Nalani McNary lit a candle in memory of Carl Dean Wisener*



Nalani McNary - June 11 at 07:52 PM