

A Touching Story

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Dear reader,

Two months ago, a young brother was tragically killed in a traffic accident in Savannah Georgia. His story is one so touching, that I feel the need to publish it that others may read and know it. Below is a brief summary given by this dear brother's pastor, Elder Tim McCool.

-MTZ



Dear friends,

War-time hero, faithful church member, dear friend - these are all descriptions of Bro. Aaron Barr. I wanted to write a short note about the recent passing of my dear friend and brother in Christ. Bro. Aaron had just been honorably discharged from the Army. He was a Ranger and went on 3 tours - 2 in Iraq and 1 in Afghanistan. He was on the "front line" while there, and saw a lot of action as a Ranger. Bro. Aaron bought a street bike on Thursday of last week and was side-swiped by a driver on Saturday, lost control of his new bike, and was killed instantly on impacting a guard rail.

We plan on laying him to rest in the Springer Family cemetery just across from Bethlehem on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the church (Aug. 26).

Bro. Aaron was 27 years old and leaves a dear widow - Sis. Carli - to grieve his passing.

Back in February of 2003, I baptized Bro. Aaron. He came to church with Bro. Jackson Boyd from Mississippi State and **joined the church the first time he ever came to an Old Baptist service.**

He loved Jesus Christ, loved the truth of salvation by grace, loved the church and God's people. He and Sis. Carli, who he had been engaged to for some

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time, were married a couple years ago at Bethlehem when Bro. Aaron was on a furlough from the Army. He gave me 2 days notice to put the wedding together, and they were married on Sunday afternoon after our morning church service in a Spiritual ceremony that made us all rejoice.

It would be difficult to put into words what Bro. Aaron meant - he was faithful to the church, faithful to the truth, and a faithful friend. Many hours I have spent with Bro. Aaron in my home when he would visit before he was married, and even after he and Sis. Carli were married and they would visit together. Many joys of counsel and friendship were shared. I now rejoice in the coming day when I will see my friend again - either by my own departure from this world, or by the imminent and glorious return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Bro. Aaron was baptized at Bethlehem, married at Bethlehem and tomorrow, he will be laid to rest there. I hope we could all take inspiration from the way the church of our Lord was such an important part of his life, and even in his passing. I have attached a picture of my friend. It was taken on one of his furloughs when he came back to visit with and worship with us.

I ask you to join me in prayers for his dear widow, Sis. Carli Barr.

It is such a comfort to know that when His body expired here on earth, his soul was wafted (taken) into the presence of His Savior.

"Sweet To Rejoice in lively hope that when my change shall come,
Angels shall gather round my bed and waft my spirit home.

We are passing away, we are passing away, we are passing away to the great rising day"
(The Primitive Baptist Hymnal No. 504)

Blessings to you all,
Bro. Tim