

**Richard Edward Maresco**, 85, of Bluffton SC, passed away on December 25, 2023.

He was born on October 16, 1938, in Suffern NY, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph and Alice O'Hara Maresco.

Lt. Col. Maresco retired from the United States Marine Corps in 1981 after 20 years of serving his country proudly and honorably. He was a member of Okatee Baptist Church and was proud to be called a Child of God. After retiring from the Marine Corps, he embarked on his second career and became the Executive Vice President for the Associated Builders and Contractors. When he retired from ABC, he began spending more time playing softball, pickleball, and fishing. However, his greatest love was for his family and especially his grandchildren. He did not know what a stranger was and was loved by all who knew him. His wife, Norma, followed him to heaven on January 17, and he is survived by son-in-law, Tony Roberts (Laura), grandchildren: Tyler Roberts, Ryan Roberts, Brian Maresco, and Conner Maresco. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Maresco, and his daughter, Kelly Roberts. A private service will be held at the Beaufort National Cemetery, in Beaufort SC.

**Alma Jean "AJ" Swanson**, 80, passed away on Friday, January 5, 2024. She was born on November 27th, 1943 in Pittsburgh PA to the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Emily Blanche Laird.

She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA and went on to be a very successful mathematics teacher for the Franklin Regional School District in Murrysville, PA. She taught for over 30 years with the majority of those years spent at Franklin Regional. AJ, a loving and caring wife, was the cornerstone of her family. Her unwavering dedication to her role as wife, mother, and grandmother, created a home filled with warmth, love, and laughter. She leaves behind a legacy of love that will forever be etched in the hearts of her loved ones. She was not only a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, but also an exceptional teacher who touched the lives of countless students throughout her career. Her passion for education made her a cherished mentor to many. Her kindness, compassion, and infectious joy endeared her to everyone she met.

**Norma Faye (McCulley) Maresco**, 84, of Okatie, SC, passed away on January 17, 2024. She was born in Gadsden, AL on October 14, 1939, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Clyde and Catherine McBurnett McCulley.

Ms. Norma was a faithful member of Okatee Baptist Church and was proud to be known as a child of God. She was an avid dancer and enjoyed Tap/Jazz, and Ballet. Her husband was a retired Lt. Col. in the USMC but at home, she was "The General". Family meant everything to her, and they knew how much she loved each of them. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She is survived by her grandchildren: Tyler Roberts, Ryan Roberts, Brian Maresco, Conner Maresco, and a son-in-law, Tony Roberts (Laura). She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Maresco, son, Michael Maresco, daughter, Kelly Roberts and sister, Anise Morris. A private service will be held at Beaufort National Cemetery.



*Okatee*  
BAPTIST CHURCH



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*Okatee Baptist Church exists as a family of baptized believers in Jesus Christ who are dedicated to prayer, evangelism, worship, ministry, missions and fellowship through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.*

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Rev. Woody Oliver / Pastor  
Dr. Tim Searcy / Associate Pastor

January 28, 2024

## THE LORD'S DAY

January 28, 2024

Call to Worship "There's Just Something About That Name" Choir

Prayer / Welcome / Greeting Dr. Tim Searcy

Worship in Song  
"More About Jesus" Hymn #564  
"My Jesus, I Love Thee" Hymn #552

Family Prayer Time / (Children Dismissed for Children's Church)

Mission Moment Roger Woods

Special Music "The Jesus Way" Praise Team

Message "The Point of the Holy Spirit" Dr. Tim Searcy  
John 15: 26-27

Response "Jesus is Lord of All" Hymn #294

### Offertory Prayer and Benediction

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## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is provided in the Education Building for children K-4. Children will be dismissed after Family Prayer Time.

## WELCOME

Welcome to Okatee Baptist Church. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Okatee Baptist Church values biblical stewardship and we praise God for your generosity in supporting the ministries of our church and the spread of the Gospel where we live, work, and play. An offering

OKATEE BAPTIST CHURCH, 5467 N. OKATIE HWY., RIDGELAND, SC 29936  
843-987-0885

## ATTENDANCE

Worship Service / 118 Sunday School / 53  
Sunday Evening / 29 Wednesday Evening / 37  
Men's Breakfast / 20

## OUR PEOPLE GAVE

Weekly Budget: \$ 8,012.19 Budget Offering: \$6,625.00

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## FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> - FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

**Sun 1/28** 6:00pm Evening Service / *Revelation 21 - 22*  
**Tues 1/30** 11:30am Morning Prayer Gathering  
**Wed 1/31** 5:30pm Prayer Meeting  
6:00pm Quarterly Business Meeting  
6:00pm Praise Team  
7:00pm Choir  
**Sat 2/3** 11am Celebration of Life Service for AJ Swanson  
Light meal following service in Fellowship Hall  
All are welcome  
**Sun 2/4** 9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:00pm Memorial Service

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## QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm

Quarterly Business Meetings are held for the purpose of presenting the Quarterly Financial Statement and hearing from church teams of activities, accomplishments, and other pertinent information.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Woody will lead us in a special Memorial Service to remember our loved ones who have passed away either this year or at any time. If you are planning to attend the Memorial Service and would like to recognize a deceased loved one, please contact Pam Seibert by February 1st at (843) 987-0885 or okateesecretary@gmail.com.

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