



## Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper

March 1, 1927 - June 19, 2021

Barney Franklin "Pep" Pepper, 94, husband of Cornelia of Pepridge Road Walhalla, passed away June 19th, 2021 at their home, as was his wish.

Pep was born in Walhalla March 1, 1927. He was the eldest son of Bonnie and Frank Pepper. He opened Pep's Esso (later known as Pep's Exxon) after serving in the Army during World War II. When the war ended, he built his station and was in business from nineteen forty-eight until nineteen eighty-nine. Once retired he built a shop in his back yard and continued to take care of his elder customers until his late eighties. Pep always treated his customers in a friendly, fair, and helpful manner. Many times, he would tell a customer who was making a payment on tires or batteries to "make it light on yourself."

He was a member of Saint Luke United Methodist Church and an active member of the Fellowship Sunday School Class of Walhalla First Baptist Church.

Pep is survived by his wife: Cornelia Aimar Smith Pepper; sons: Barney Pepper and David Pepper; daughters: Lynn Lanford, (Frank), Pamela Grant (Tony) and Cathy Burrell; step-children: Alison Smith Patrick (Don), Steve Smith (Debbie) and Dale Smith (Shirley); sister: Merle Pepper Orr; and eighteen grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren.

Preceding him in passing were his parents; his first wife: Geraldine Wood Pepper; and brothers: Bill Pepper and Raymond Leroy "Pedro" Pepper.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of Walhalla, on Sunday, July 11, 2021, at 2:00 PM.

Flowers will be accepted at the service.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Walhalla First Baptist Church  
403 East Main Street  
Walhalla, SC 29691

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Pep will be missed by so many in our community. He was such a special man. Witty, caring, loving and always had a smile and a laugh to brighten your day. Pep was the best man at Henry's and my wedding. He was always there for Henry and also my family. I remember the day we brought Heather home from the hospital before we even went home we stopped by to show Pep our precious new baby. Later in life he married one of my best friends Cornelia and they have so many memories of a wonderful life together. May God's peace be with all the family during this time. I pray for comfort, peace, strength and courage in these next few weeks for all of Pep's loved ones especially Cornelia. May Gods blessings touch all of you.*



Tina Barrett - July 11, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *Pep, his family, and myself and my family go back many years as friends and neighbors. I can remember visiting his parents with my mother when they lived next to Pep's Exxon station. We were neighbors then and even before that at a different location. Pep was loved and respected by many for the life he lived and the way he treated others.. He instilled these values in his own family. He will be missed, not only by his family, but by many others, especially in the Walhalla area. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*  
*Mary Lou Hamilton*

Mary Lou Hamilton - July 04, 2021 at 08:45 PM

GG

“ *Glenda Grant sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Glenda Grant** - July 04, 2021 at 02:39 PM

RH

“ *I will always remember going to Pep's station as a child with my brother, Scott. Pep would give us money for the gumball machine. He would tease and encourage us to try to get the "speckled" gumball. Pep touched many lives with his kind spirit and humor. Keeping all of his family in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Robert & Amy Harvey** - July 02, 2021 at 02:46 PM

KB

“ *Kathey, John and Judy, Harold and Brenda purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper.*



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**Kathey, John and Judy, Harold and Brenda** - June 29, 2021 at 11:12 AM

ST

“ *Sandra Wald Tippett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Sandra Wald Tippett** - June 26, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ Wayne F Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



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**Wayne F Barton** - June 26, 2021 at 09:55 PM

RB

“ One of Walhalla's best has relocated to Heaven. My prayers are with Barney, Merle, Kathy, David, and of course Cornelia. Thank you for "looking after" many, many car owners in our community!



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**Rosemary Bailes** - June 26, 2021 at 11:22 AM

BU

“ Sorry for your loss Doug and Teresa Burrell.



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**Burrell** - June 26, 2021 at 03:02 AM

DP

“ Dick & Doris Paschal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



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**Dick & Doris Paschal** - June 25, 2021 at 10:17 AM

GB

“ When Pep worked on my car, he would want me to stay and talk. Loved listening to his tales. He told me I was girlfriend #2 and Nancy my best friend was #1. Will miss him.

Gail Bibb - June 24, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper.



June 24, 2021 at 09:03 AM

HR

“ Anyone who stopped by Pep's station was in for a treat. That's what I remember most...a welcoming, loving man who made you feel special. He always called me Josephine, and was the only person who ever did. I can still hear his warm laugh. Pep and the whole Pepper family have been dear friends to our family always. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and sending lots of love. Heather Ramey Ramsay

Heather Ramsay - June 24, 2021 at 08:53 AM

JM

“ Johnny Mize lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Johnny Mize - June 23, 2021 at 08:56 PM

AR

“ Always remember, those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

*May the peace which comes from the memories of loved shared, comfort you all now and in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*With Heartfelt Sympathy,  
Al and Annette Rochester*

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**Al Rochester** - June 23, 2021 at 08:45 PM

AR

“ *Al Rochester lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Al Rochester** - June 23, 2021 at 08:39 PM

KA

“ *Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Kathy addis** - June 23, 2021 at 04:40 PM

MO

“ I am going to miss you so very much! You use to bring me daffodils and gardenias, when I was working and everyone in the building enjoyed them. You did so much good for so many people in your lifetime. But, we all know that you are in a much better place now. I love you, Aunt Merle (Better known as just Merle)

Merle Orr - June 23, 2021 at 01:19 PM

CB

“ Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this difficult time. May God bless and comfort you today and in the days to come.

Clarence and Carolyn Blankenship - June 23, 2021 at 10:36 AM

WS

“ Walt & Judy Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Walt & Judy Stephens - June 23, 2021 at 09:39 AM

BL

“ Burgess (Bird) Laye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Burgess (Bird) Laye - June 23, 2021 at 03:24 AM

GH

“ Well known beautiful faithful man, kind to everyone. We all that were honored to be his friend, will dearly miss him. Prayers and thoughts for his family. He is in Gods presence and we will all one day meet and Stroll Over Heaven With Him Some Glad Day.



Gailyn Housley - June 23, 2021 at 12:27 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper.



June 22, 2021 at 10:56 PM

BD

“ Bobbie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Bobbie Duncan - June 22, 2021 at 10:47 PM

LH

“ Larry And Wanda Laye Harden sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Larry and Wanda Laye Harden - June 22, 2021 at 09:57 PM

WT

“ Please know we are praying for the family .. Mrs. Corneila sending you hugs  
Ray and Wanda Thomas

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**Wanda Thomas** - June 22, 2021 at 09:30 PM

AW

“ May peace and comfort surround your family during this most difficult time!

Charles Owens Jr. and Angelia Owens Winn

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**Angelia Winn** - June 22, 2021 at 08:30 PM

JL

“ Jess &marcella Langaton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



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**Jess &marcella langaton** - June 22, 2021 at 08:19 PM

CH

“ Pep....one of the best. Prayers for the family but I'm sure you all have wonderful memories! Dan and Lori Chappelle

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**Chappelle** - June 22, 2021 at 05:20 PM

SH

“ Susan Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Susan Harper - June 22, 2021 at 04:02 PM

RC

“ Ray & Jan Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Ray & Jan Cobb - June 22, 2021 at 01:25 PM

JW

“ Jerry ( Byrd) & Frankie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Jerry ( Byrd) & Frankie Williams - June 22, 2021 at 12:40 PM

AB

“ I remember from the 60s. Peps was across the street from Lindas Drive Inn. Prayers for the family,



Audrey B Barker - June 22, 2021 at 12:37 PM

JF

“ *RIP. You have earned your rest Pep.*



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**JIM FARMER** - June 22, 2021 at 12:36 PM

LT

“ *Louise & Clarence Towe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Louise & Clarence Towe** - June 22, 2021 at 12:28 PM

HC

“ *HENRY AND IRENE CHAPMAN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**HENRY AND IRENE CHAPMAN** - June 22, 2021 at 11:27 AM

JC

“ *I have to say this on behalf of my deceased father, Ralph. " I am so sorry that you have lost the presence of your husband, father, brother, uncle, but I have gained an old friend in heaven. May you find a peaceful way to accept your loss and know that we are just in another room and all is well with us."* Joan Miller Clute, Charleston, SC

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**Joanie Miller Clute** - June 22, 2021 at 11:26 AM

NC

“ *Nell Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Nell Cantrell** - June 22, 2021 at 10:09 AM

RT

“ *Reg Tatum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Reg Tatum** - June 22, 2021 at 09:47 AM

BT

“ *My mama and daddy were long time customers of Pep. They always counted and trusted him to take care of their cars. He was trustworthy and a Christian gentleman. Rest in peace, Pep. I'm sure Mama and Daddy have already greeted you.*

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**BECKY RHODES TOOLE** - June 22, 2021 at 09:43 AM

JM

“ *Janice Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Janice Morgan** - June 22, 2021 at 09:38 AM

CF

“ Cecil Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Cecil Foster - June 22, 2021 at 09:35 AM

BC

“ Bryan & Brandy Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Bryan & Brandy Clayton - June 22, 2021 at 08:11 AM

PB

“ Pep was a true southern gentleman of the first order. I will always remember his kindness. He was always willing to help single mothers knowing money was tight and the bills were many. Without him keeping our cars on the road life would have been tougher

Pat Baxter - June 22, 2021 at 07:40 AM

DJ

“ Debbie James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Debbie James - June 22, 2021 at 07:25 AM

SG

“ Shirley Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



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**Shirley Gibson** - June 22, 2021 at 06:29 AM

JS

“ John Snead lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



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**John Snead** - June 22, 2021 at 06:13 AM

BW

“ Brenda Winchester lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



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**Brenda Winchester** - June 22, 2021 at 03:08 AM

BR

“ Barbara Roach lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



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**Barbara Roach** - June 21, 2021 at 11:52 PM



“ Pep was a one of a kind and I will truly miss him. No matter when you came by his shop, he made time to talk to you and you always learned something new from him. I remember to this day how he let "us boys" have a place to work on our cars back in the early 70's at his shop in town, when city police were giving us a hard time about being out after 11pm. He told us as long as we kept it clean, we could be there on private property where they could not mess with us. Something he always talked and laughed about is how he road to the far west on a Honda dirt bike with street tires and had no trouble while others on the trip did. But everyone made it, as they had one of the best mechanics on earth with them.

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**Argus Sanders** - June 21, 2021 at 10:34 PM

AS

*Pep was witty and kind. He was the example of a true southern gentleman.back in the early 70's I would drive home from Clemson during the middle of the week to get some gas in my car. I didn't want to buy anywhere else. He was a hard working, caring man. I loved him.*

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**Andera Murphree Stroud** - June 22, 2021 at 11:22 AM

CH

“ Chris Hamor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



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**Chris Hamor** - June 21, 2021 at 10:28 PM

BL

“ *Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Bobbie Ledford** - June 21, 2021 at 10:11 PM

CH

“ *Connie Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Connie Hubbard** - June 21, 2021 at 09:52 PM

NG

“ *Nancy Goehle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Nancy Goehle** - June 21, 2021 at 09:44 PM

DH

“ *Diane Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Diane Hughes** - June 21, 2021 at 09:42 PM

TB

“ I will cherish the good visits I had with BF. He will always hold a special place in my heart. Prayers for peace in comfort to his family in knowing he is at peace.



The Lady in Blue - June 21, 2021 at 09:29 PM

KH

“ Kay And Pat Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Kay and Pat Hall - June 21, 2021 at 09:19 PM

TS

“ Trent Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Trent Smith - June 21, 2021 at 08:51 PM

JH

“ John And Kim Herndon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



John and Kim Herndon - June 21, 2021 at 08:37 PM

CO

“ *Cookie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Cookie** - June 21, 2021 at 08:36 PM

WS

“ *Warren Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Warren Smith** - June 21, 2021 at 08:36 PM

JH

“ *Jim and Runelle Hall*



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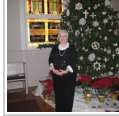
**Jim and Runelle Hall** - June 21, 2021 at 08:30 PM

JH

*Pep always made time when you stopped by the station. Will always remember that special smile. Praying for comfort and blessings!*

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**Jim and Runelle Hall** - June 22, 2021 at 03:46 PM



*Pep was a special person. He always had an uplifting way to make you feel good. He was Henry's best man at our wedding because Henry spent so much of his time at Pep's. The day we brought Heather home from the hospital the first place we stopped was at Pep's. Later in life he and Cornelia were married and spent many happy years together. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. I send my condolences to all the family and will be praying for peace, comfort and strength for all. RIP my friend. Love to all. Tina Barrett*

**Tina Barrett** - July 11, 2021 at 10:16 AM

MA

“ Matt And Randy Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



**Matt and Randy Abbott** - June 21, 2021 at 07:55 PM

SA

“ Sherry Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



**Sherry Abbott** - June 21, 2021 at 07:41 PM

CL

“ Clyde & Joyce Lusk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



**Clyde & Joyce Lusk** - June 21, 2021 at 07:11 PM

ML

“ I've never known finer men than BF and his brother Bill. It was a privilege to know BF. I worked for and with them on weekends during high school with BF's son Barney at Pep' Exxon. I'm sure they had a huge influence on my life and my humor was born in those days as Mr BF was a huge prankster. My condolences to his whole family. Rest high on the mountain Mr. Pepper.

Marshall Loudermilk - June 21, 2021 at 06:46 PM

TS

“ Terry & Kay Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Terry & Kay Sanders - June 21, 2021 at 06:04 PM

LT

“ Leland And Richadene Talley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Leland and Richadene Talley - June 21, 2021 at 05:15 PM

DA

“ Don & Darlene ALBERTSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Don & Darlene ALBERTSON - June 21, 2021 at 05:10 PM

LL

“ Leonard Loudermilk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Leonard Loudermilk - June 21, 2021 at 04:39 PM

JU

“ JulianandDeweenaWilliams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



JulianandDeweenaWilliams - June 21, 2021 at 04:26 PM

BP

“ Barbara Pearson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Barbara Pearson - June 21, 2021 at 04:22 PM

JV

“ Je & Linda Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Je & Linda Vaughn - June 21, 2021 at 04:17 PM

GM

“ *Love and Sympathy to the children and family.  
Let God comfort you knowing he's at rest  
now. He was loved and known by so many.  
Your Friend Gladys Moody*



**Gladys Moody** - June 21, 2021 at 04:05 PM

WD

“ *Wilma Dain lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



**Wilma Dain** - June 21, 2021 at 04:04 PM

PC

“ *Pat Culbertson lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



**Pat Culbertson** - June 21, 2021 at 04:03 PM

DN

“ *We are so sorry to hear of BF passing! He was  
a good man and will be missed! We have fond  
memories of him! Love and prayers!  
Doug and Linda Reese Nix*



**Doug and Linda Reese Nix** - June 21, 2021 at 03:54 PM

DL

“ *David And Carolyn Littleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



David and Carolyn Littleton - June 21, 2021 at 03:32 PM

DN

“ *Don And Susan Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



Don and Susan Neal - June 21, 2021 at 03:27 PM

RC

“ *Rebecca Cromer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



Rebecca Cromer - June 21, 2021 at 02:51 PM

FB

“ *Frankie Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



Frankie Burrell - June 21, 2021 at 02:12 PM

AW

“ Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time



April Winchester - June 21, 2021 at 02:07 PM

WL

“ Wanda Long sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Wanda Long - June 21, 2021 at 01:48 PM

IR

“ Dink & Iris Duncan lit a candle for Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



irisduncan - June 21, 2021 at 01:40 PM

MN

“ Merrill (Mickey) & Yvette Norris



Merrill W & Yvette Norris - June 21, 2021 at 01:37 PM

JM

“ Jim & Becky Manley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Jim & Becky Manley - June 21, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ Frieda Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Frieda Cobb - June 21, 2021 at 01:24 PM

RA

“ Rod & Katherine & Kristy Albertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Rod & Katherine & Kristy Albertson - June 21, 2021 at 01:02 PM

SC

“ Scenic Chevrolet lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper



Scenic Chevrolet - June 21, 2021 at 12:24 PM

DS

“ *Dave & Donna Stephens lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. Barney "Pep" Franklin Pepper*



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**Dave & Donna Stephens** - June 21, 2021 at 12:21 PM