



Miles Bruce

July 11, 1931 - May 31, 2015

Miles Elliott Bruce, 83, of Greer passed away Sunday, May 31, 2015 at McCall Hospice House in Simpsonville surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren.

Born July 11, 1931, to Edgar and Genelle Dobson Bruce, Miles was a lifelong resident of Greer. He graduated from Greer High School in 1949, then went on to major in Arts and Sciences at Clemson University. A natural born leader, he served as the University's Student Body President. Upon graduation, Miles received a regular commission from the U.S. Army. He spent three years serving in Korea and Missouri as an ROTC instructor. Discharged from regular duty in 1956, Miles remained in the Army Reserves for 28 years, earning the rank of full colonel prior to retirement.

Miles was a salesman for Richtex Corporation for 35 years. He served his community in numerous ways, as a little league coach, as president of the Greer Peach Festival, and as an officer with the Chamber of Commerce. He was a lifetime member of the Greer Lions Club.

Miles was a loyal member of IPTAY for 64 years. He was consistently among the top representatives, always promoting the university and his Tigers.

A lifelong member of Greer First Baptist Church, Miles was a faithful servant of the Lord. He was a choir member and deacon.

Miles loved to be around people, always teasing them in a kind-natured way. He was proud of his family and loved taking them on annual beach vacations. He made the best cakes and pimento cheese. He was as strong and

structured as one would expect an Army colonel to be but was also lovable and affectionate, always offering a big hug and a “Love you, shug.”

Miles was married to the former Shirley Jones of Greer and together they had two sons. Following Shirley’s passing in 1996, Miles married the former Betty Long Powers. In addition to his wife, he is survived by: two sons, Meb Bruce and wife Vivian of Atlanta; and Jeff Bruce and wife Cindy, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; one stepson, Jeff Powers of Lexington; six grandchildren, Keisha Shoun and husband Corey of Johnson City, Tenn.; Miles E. Bruce III and wife Sara of Atlanta; Maren Valerio and husband Tom of Atlanta; Nick Bruce of Chattanooga; Zach Powers and wife Samantha of Greer; and Jacob Powers and wife Brittani of Lexington; and five great grandchildren; Carson Miles Bruce, Lyla Elaine Shoun, Mason Baynes Bruce, Thomas Elliott Valerio, and JP Powers.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Greer First Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. Wilson Nelson and Dr. Rick Ezell. Burial will be held at Wood Memorial Park with full military honors.

Jay Crim and Bo Edwards will serve as pallbearers alongside Miles’ grandsons, Miles, Nick, Zach and Jacob. Honorary pallbearers will be Dottie Bryson, John Rush, Dennis Sides, and Ken Tucker along with members of the Greer Lions Club and the Willing Workers Sunday School class of Greer First Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday at The Wood Mortuary. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer’s Association, 301 University Ridge, Suite 5850, Greenville, SC 29601 or Greer Community Ministries, P.O. Box 1373, Greer, SC 29652.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road
Duncan, SC 29334

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

JUN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Greer First Baptist Church
201 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Today (July 8th), I was saddened because I learned Miles had died. Miles was a classmate of mine at Clemson. He will be missed.

Mack Branham, Clemson '53

Dr. Mack Branham - July 08, 2015 at 03:15 PM

RG

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Betty and Miles family. May God keep you in your time of loss. God Bless.

ronda gibson - June 15, 2015 at 09:15 AM

RG

“ Ronda Gibson lit a candle in memory of Miles Bruce



ronda gibson - June 15, 2015 at 09:14 AM

DS

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to your family. There couldn't be a finer, kinder, life loving man than Miles. Always sharing a smile and a laugh. May you find peace in knowing he is with our Heavenly Father now and that smile shines on. Our love and prayers, Jimmy and Debbie Singleton

debbie singleton - June 05, 2015 at 10:27 PM

PS

“ I am sorry to hear of Miles death. He was such a good friend and it was always fun being around him. I never saw him when he did not have a smile on his face. Miles tried to play golf but I don't think that was one of his gifts. You can tell what kind of a man Miles was by looking at his two sons. I really enjoyed having Jeff and Meb in Greer High and both of them were first class. I share in your sorrow and I know Miles and Shirley are together again. Miles will be greatly missed. Pat Sudduth

Patrick Sudduth - June 05, 2015 at 11:48 AM

DC

“ Sorry for your loss! Prayers will be with you all!!! Debbie Campbell

debbie campbell - June 05, 2015 at 11:41 AM

MG

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Col Bruce was one of 6 commandants I served with during my career at 3288th
All were great, but I rank Col Bruce among the Best. He was a savy, understanding
commander as well as a brilliant officer. NCOS like myself
sometimes feel some orders from higher ranking officers don't make sense. This is probably due to the fact they have more information.
I can truly say I never felt this about Col Bruce. He was a friend as well as a fine officer. He will be missed. MSG Jackie Goforth
(Retired)

MSG Goforth - June 03, 2015 at 02:16 PM

MS

“ Mike Summey lit a candle in memory of Miles Bruce



Mike Summey - June 02, 2015 at 09:44 PM

MV

“ Much love, thoughts & prayers, JWJ, Krystal , Woody & Val purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Miles Bruce.



Much love, thoughts & prayers, JWJ, Krystal , Woody & Val -
June 02, 2015 at 09:08 PM

MC

“ My condolences to the entire family. What a wonderful man Miles was - a Christian, a military hero, and a true gentleman. It is an honor and privilege to have known him and to have spent time with him. I will always treasure memories and pictures of Clemson football games and a special beach trip with him & family. Please find comfort and peace in knowing where he is now - no doubt in my mind. May God bless you all. ~ Melanie

Melanie Carson - June 02, 2015 at 07:42 PM

DO

“ I will never forget how you loved my Cindy and Keisha unconditionally when Cindy married the love of her life. You were a very good and special man. Thank you. Rest in God's eternal joy and peace. Love, Donna

Donna - June 02, 2015 at 06:09 PM

SC

“ *Meb and Jeff and Miles entire family. Miles will be missed,he always treated everyone with a positive attitude and always was an inspiration to those he came in contact*

The Bruce family is in my prayers

Stan Coster

Stan Coster - June 02, 2015 at 04:15 PM

WB

“ *Wade and Diane Baynes purchased the Garden To Go Basket for the family of Miles Bruce.*



Wade and Diane Baynes - June 02, 2015 at 03:37 PM

PS

“ *Just wanted to share with the Bruce family that I am so sorry to hear of Mile's passing. Miles and I worked together at Richtex for many years, and there was no finer man than Miles Bruce. I learned a lot from Miles, and from his many years' experience in the brick business and life in general. His entire family will be in my thoughts and prayers. I know that this world is not a better place without Miles Bruce!! God bless you all!*

*Paul M. Scott
Chapin, SC*

Paul M. Scott - June 02, 2015 at 11:18 AM

MS

“ I am so thankful for the memories we had at Greer First in the choir and in deacon meetings Thanks For The Memories , Sorrowfully , Michael and Myron Stokes



Michael Stokes - June 02, 2015 at 10:28 AM

BF

“ Bridgers Family lit a candle in memory of Miles Bruce



Bridgers Family - June 01, 2015 at 11:35 PM

MM

“ I am sorry for your loss! Miles will be missed. I never saw him that he didn't smile & welcome me with open arms. I remember how much my Dad thought of Miles. May God bless your family & give you the strength to make it through your grief!

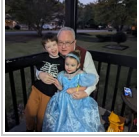


Marsha Denny McGregor - June 01, 2015 at 09:35 PM

TK

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Praying God's comfort for you all. - Teri Taylor Krezdorn

Teri L Krezdorn - June 01, 2015 at 08:10 PM



“ *Brett DeYoung lit a candle in memory of Miles Bruce*



Brett DeYoung - June 01, 2015 at 07:09 PM

DP

“ *Jeff, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. You are in our prayers. May the Lord comfort and strengthen you and your family.*

Tom and Dannette Patterson

Dannette E. Patterson - June 01, 2015 at 06:16 PM

AK

“ *You will be in our thoughts and prayers during this diffucult time. May you feel God's presence and peace. Love, the Ashmore family. Rudy, Allison, Angie and our families*

Angie Ashmore Kruse - June 01, 2015 at 05:38 PM

DC

“ *Don Coggins lit a candle in memory of Miles Bruce*



Don Coggins - June 01, 2015 at 02:39 PM