



Nolen L. Brunson

December 25, 1928 - January 14, 2021

Nolen L. Brunson, 92, passed away on January 14, 2021 at Anderson Medical Center. A native of Allendale County, he was born on December 25, 1928 to the late W.W. Brunson, Sr. and Grace Tinsley Brunson. Reared on the family farm, he was a graduate of Allendale High School, Class of 1946. In 1948, he graduated with his AA from North Greenville College, and then completed a BA from Furman in 1950.

In 1952, he married Margaret Ann “Jackie” Barnett. In 1954, he graduated from Tulane Law School with both JD and LLM degrees. He then served 3 years Active Duty with the US Army, Judge Advocate General’s Corps, followed by 30 years in the Army Reserves, retiring as Colonel. In 1957, he and Jackie relocated to Rock Hill, SC where he was a partner in the law firm Hayes, Brunson & Gatlin. Nolen retired in 1989 and eventually settled in Greenville, SC where he became an active member of Pelham Road Baptist Church, serving as Deacon, Trustee and Choir Member.

Nolen was an avid genealogist, writing a number of books documenting family history. He completed his last publication, over 600 pages, in December of 2020, just before his 92nd birthday.

Surviving him are his wife of 69 years, Jackie Brunson, two sons, David W. Brunson and his wife, CJ, of Sarasota, FL, and Charles E. Brunson and his wife, Anne, of Nolanville, TX; grandchildren, Katie Brunson Broach and her husband, Thomas, and Charlie T. Brunson; step-grandchildren, Chris Zermer, Jackie Liedtke D’Agostino and her husband, Joe, and Samantha Liedtke.

A viewing and opportunity to pay last respects is scheduled for Sunday, January 17, 2021 from 2 PM-7 PM at The Wood Mortuary, 300 West Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29650.

Cryptside service will be held on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 3:30 PM at Graceland East Memorial Park Mausoleum, conducted by Pastors John Roy and Sam Coates.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial gift to Pelham Road Baptist Church, 1108 Pelham Road, Greenville, SC 29615.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Graceland East Memorial Park Mausoleum

2206 Woodruff Road
Simpsonville, SC 29681

Previous Events

Cryptside Service

JAN 18. 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DL

“ Hello my name is David Brian Leatherwood. All my condolences to the family of Mr. Brunson. Nolen contacted me about my family history a couple years ago. At that time we shared some pictures and he said that we shared a similar history. At the time he was at the retirement home. He told me about a book "Leatherwood"... and was going to share with me. If someone might help me with this it would be greatly appreciated. I truly enjoyed my time talking with him. 865-824-8526.

David Leatherwood - January 12, 2024 at 06:02 PM

RS

“ I had the pleasure of caring for Mr. Brunson on Unit 603. He never had a cross word to say about anyone. He was just kind at all times. I miss him, and I think of him each time I pass his room. Be at peace my friend. I'll remember...My condolences to Mrs. Jackie, David, and Charles.

Roxanne Smith - February 06, 2021 at 04:03 AM

MP

“ First, and foremost: my sincerest condolences to Mrs. Brunson, and the Brunson family. I never called him Nolen. Always: Mr. Brunson. Mr. B was smart as anything, but was never condescending to anyone. Was always appreciative of 603 staff effort, and had a warm smile and kind word for everyone. I never saw him in a bad mood! I wish I had more time with my friend. But...I'm lucky for the time I had to spend with him. All my praise, and prayers to the Brunson family at this trying time, and praise be and thanks to our lord Jesus Christ.

Michael Picone - January 18, 2021 at 05:08 PM

DK

“ So very sorry to see that Nolen has passed away. We "met" online searching for our family ancestry and discovered we were cousins. He hadn't heard from me and called me, unknowingly, the day that my husband had passed away and gave me such comfort. I will truly miss our emails, but I am so grateful to have known him. I wish his family and friends peace and blessings. cousin Debra K.

Debra K - January 17, 2021 at 12:13 PM

FL

“ Sweet Jackie, we know your heart is breaking over this earthly separation. Yet, you and we know this is temporary. Knowing that doesn't make grieving your loss any easier. The shortest verse in the Bible has to do with an earthly separation. "Jesus wept." As you weep yourself, know that many who loved Nolan and who love you and your boys are weeping with you. You and Nolan lived exemplary, faithful Christian lives...role models for all of us. May God's peace and comfort be with you and each precious member of your family. Bill and I love you. We loved Nolan.

Fletch and Bill Leslie - January 16, 2021 at 06:37 PM

SC

“ So very sad to hear of Uncle Nolen's passing. He was my last connection to the Brunson family history. Our prayers are with all of you, a great man.
Suzanne Brunson Collins (from California)



suzanne brunson collins - January 16, 2021 at 03:20 PM