



## Ralph Bridgeman

July 12, 1923 - January 23, 2010

Heading: Ralph Henry Bridgeman (Veteran) Date of birth: 7-12-1923

Dateline: Greer

Ralph Henry Bridgeman, 86, of 306 West James Street, died January 23, 2010 at Richard Campbell VA Nursing Home.

A native of Greenville County, he was a son of the late Richard Henry and Ollie Pace Bridgeman. Shortly after graduating from Taylors High School he entered the Navy and served during WWII in the European Theatre with the Construction Battalion of the Navy (Seabees). He retired after 36 years in the U.S. Navy Reserves. He was employed in sales for many years with G.R. Dawson and Son in Chester, SC, retiring in 1986 from Lowes. The love of his life was officiating football and refereeing for high school and college basketball for approximately 25 years. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church, Greer, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher, and in any way that he could be of service to his church. Mr. Bridgeman was a Mason and a Shriner.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn McCauley Bridgeman of the home; a daughter, Katherine Elaine Bridgeman of the home; a son, Randolph (Randy) Ralph Bridgeman and his wife Irina of Novi, Michigan; three granddaughters and their husbands, Kimberly Wittman (Andrew), Amy Basso (Joey), and Laura Hammond (Benji); one grandson, Joshua Bridgeman and Joshua's mother, Gloria Bridgeman; six great-grandchildren; a step-grandson in Swindon, England and a step-granddaughter and her husband and their two

children in St. Petersburg, Russia, a brother, Walter Bridgeman (Aileen) of Taylors and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at The Wood Mortuary, conducted by Dr. Rick Ezell and Rev. Dan Ray. Burial will follow in Wood Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held 12:30-1:45 p.m. Tuesday at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Greer First Baptist Church, 202 W. Poinsett Street, Greer, S.C. 29650.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL

300 West Poinsett Street

Greer, SC 29650

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# Tribute Wall



“ My prayers are with you at this time##imported-begin##Karen Woodward##imported-end##

January 26, 2010 at 05:40 PM



“ Evelyn, Elaine and Randy, so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts. Rick Stokes##imported-begin##Rick Stokes##imported-end##

January 26, 2010 at 02:01 PM



“ Dear Evelyn,  
I was athletic director at Victor Mill from 1952 until 1955. Ralph and I were real big buddies. I have moved several times over the past few years and had lost track of Ralph and family. I was very sorry to read Ralph's obituary. I am very sorry that I will be unable to attend the service. But you and your family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Milford "Punchy" Howard##imported-end##

January 26, 2010 at 12:38 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of Mr. Bridgeman's passing. I remember him fondly from First Baptist Church.  
My sympathy to his family.

*Billy Smith*

*Indianapolis, IN##imported-begin##William N Smith, Jr.##imported-end##*

January 26, 2010 at 12:15 PM



“ Dear Aunt Evelyn, Elaine, and Randy,  
We're so sorry to hear of your loss, and wish we could be there.  
Hopefully, we will get to come down soon. We have some special  
memories of Uncle Ralph and even though we haven't seen him  
much for a while, we still treaure them. Please know that you all are  
in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love,  
Jerry, Carolyn, Jerry, Jr., & Jennifer##imported-begin##Jerry and  
Carolyn White##imported-end##

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January 26, 2010 at 11:31 AM



“ Dear Evelyn, Elaine and Randy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss  
and wish I could be there with you. May your wonderful memories  
sustain you forever. With love to all of you, Jane##imported-  
begin##Jane H. Bridgeman-Henson##imported-end##

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January 26, 2010 at 10:57 AM



“ Dear Evelyn, Randy, and family,  
I was sorry to hear that Mr Bridgeman has passed. Please accept  
my condolences and sympathy. May God go with you in your hour  
of sadness.  
Love & Peace,  
Sarah Wakefield McIntyre##imported-begin##Sarah  
McIntyre##imported-end##

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January 26, 2010 at 06:52 AM



“ *Eliane, I am sorry for your loss. I remember your father from First Baptist church. he was one of the many fathers that made sure we all behaved in church. He was good friends with my Dad and I believe they were in the Bracka Class. What a group of good men. He is now a Deacon for God. May yout day be filled with fond memories.##imported-begin##James Michael (Mike) Crawford##imported-end##*

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January 25, 2010 at 02:43 PM



“ Dear Bridgeman family,  
I am deeply sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. I would like to take this opportunity to give my deepest sympathy to the family.

There are never any words to describe how we feel when we lose a close friend or a beloved family member to the enemy death. All we know is that we miss them and we long to see them again. We may even feel as King David did when his son Absalom died.(1 Corinthians 15:26)(2 Samuel 18:33)

We should never feel that we must go through something like this all by ourselves. Our loving Heavenly father knows exactly how you are feeling. He has also experienced losing someone dear to him, his beloved son Christ Jesus. Therefore, you can turn to him in prayer and he can comfort you by means of his holy spirit and his word the Bible, which are filled with his promises of hope.

The Bible promises us that it is God's purpose to reunite families together again by means of a resurrection.(John 5:28,29)(Isaiah 26:19)

When Jesus was here on the earth, he proved that he has the power to bring the dead back to life. One miracle he performed was of resurrecting his friend Lazarus.(John 11:11-44)

We can be sure that God and Jesus long to do the same for your loved one who has fallen asleep in death.

I can only imagine how difficult this is for the family, but put ALL your trust in the Bibles promises. Ask God to give you the strength to be able to cope with any feelings you might be experiencing as a result of your loss. Be confident in the promise at 2 Corinthians 4:7 which says God will give you the power beyond what is normal to help you to endure.

Sincerely,

Sandra##imported-begin##Sandra##imported-end##

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January 25, 2010 at 12:46 PM



“ *Bridgeman Family,*

*I am so sad to hear of the passing of Mr Bridgeman. He was always such a kind person and one of the first to make me feel welcome when I came to Greer First. He will be missed by his family, church family and friends.*

*God bless you in this time.*

*In His love,*

*Dimples Howell##imported-begin##Dimples Howell##imported-end##*

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January 25, 2010 at 08:48 AM