



Dr. Tierce (Ted) Riley Machen Jr.

February 23, 1923 - August 11, 2019

Dr. Tierce (Ted) Riley Machen, Jr. died on August 11, 2019 at his home in Greenville, SC.

He was born on February 23, 1923 in Greenville, SC to Nancy Felicia Callahan Machen and Tierce Riley Machen, Sr. and grew up at 215 Perry Ave. He graduated Furman University and received his DDS degree from Emory University. Dr. Machen was a dentist in Lyman, SC for 34 years. He was well known and respected in his dental practice and for his leadership in the local Boy Scouts, teaching merit badge classes for many years. His avid love of family was foremost in his life, which included pursuing a new hobby with each child. He loved golf, fishing and gardening, which was a gift shared with all. He enjoyed restoring classic cars and served as President of the South Carolina Mercedes Benz Car Club. For many years he was an active member of Wellford Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, choir member and experienced the rewards of helping others. Captain Ted Machen, after receiving a pilot's license to fly at age 16, later served as a Pilot with the 5th Air Force, 317th troop carrier group, 41st Squadron of the Army Air Corps. He flew troop drop missions in New Guinea and the Philippines. During the Corregidor drop he lost an engine to ground fire but landed safely at his home base. After the war, acting as Commanding Officer of the 41st, he supervised the transfer of the Squadron to Seoul, Korea from Okinawa. Recognized for outstanding service to his country October 18, 2013, he was awarded a troop carrier commemorative medal by the 436 Airlift

Wing and Air Mobility Command Museum, Dover Delaware.

He is survived by four children and spouses Tierce Riley Machen, III. and wife Kathy of Decatur, AL, Edmund Hammond Machen and wife Lorraine of Charlotte, NC, Margaret Gwendolyn Machen Cook of Charlotte, NC, and James Robert Machen and wife Debra of Charlotte, NC. His family includes one brother, Robert Henley Machen and his wife Lois Machen, 8 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephew and cousins as well as a special friend, dear Bettina Hensinger. He is predeceased by his beloved wife of 59 years, Mary Ella Hammond Machen and three sisters, Iris Machen Holmes, Elizabeth Machen and Jean Machen Poole.

Visitation will be held at Rolling Green Village Center (where he and Mary Ella moved in 1995) in the Palmetto Room, 1 Hoke Smith Blvd, Greenville SC, 2:00 pm to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, August 25, 2019 followed by a memorial Service at 3:30 p.m. to celebrate the life of Tierce Riley Machen, Jr. Reverend David Newton will preside.

A Graveside Memorial Service will be held at Wellford on Aster Street in Wellford, SC, behind Wellford Baptist Church on August 25 at 5:00 pm. Reverend David Newton will preside.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Wellford Cemetery Association at P.O. Box 96, Wellford SC 29385 or a charity of choice.

Wood Mortuary is serving the Machen family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Tribute Wall

BN

“ Bill and I are so sorry to hear of Ted's passing. With Ted as our family Dentist until he retired, we made a friend. Family, our prayers are with you. Bill and Betty Newman



Bill and Betty Newman - August 24, 2019 at 10:32 AM

SS

“ My deepest sympathy goes to the Children and Family of Dr Machen. He was my Dentist and my family's dentist for life; so my family knew him well. You have our prayers now, and in the days to come.

Sondra Newman Smith - August 24, 2019 at 10:25 AM

EM

“ Uncle Ted was the greatest uncle a young man could ever ask for. Over the years I experienced his generosity and kindness in countless ways. I could always talk to him about life struggles and he always listened quietly and never judged or criticized. In many ways he modeled fatherhood for me; ways I wanted to parent my son. He always had a project going and appreciated a helping hand which was such a joy for me. His life made a huge impact on me, he will be with me the rest of my life. -- Eldridge "Eli" Machen

Eldridge "Eli" Machen - August 24, 2019 at 08:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Tierce (Ted) Riley Machen Jr..*



August 22, 2019 at 08:57 AM



“ *Dr. Machen loved people and it showed as a Dentist! Wonderful person and dear friend!*

Tresa Gregory - August 19, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ *Dr. Machen was a lovely gentle spirit. I shall always treasure his friendship.*

Lois Debolt - August 18, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ *Dr. Machen was the Real Deal.....a Great Dentist with a one of a kind personality and smile. He became my Dentist in the early 60's and I remained his patient until he retired. He was also the Dentist of my wife Shirlene and our three children: David, Edie, and Kati. Even as small children, they didn't mind going to the Dentist.....He was so gentle. Dr. Machen always presented himself as a true Christian and we often talked about our love for our churches. Shirlene and I would like to offer our sincere sympathy to His family and loved ones... Our prayer is that our Loving God will continue to comfort you all. We truly loved Dr. Machen!!!!*

*Eddie and Shirlene Whitaker
Inman S.C.*

shirlene whitaker - August 17, 2019 at 01:48 PM

MT

“ When I was a child at Wellford Baptist Church Ted and Mary Ella Machen would sing together in the choir. The music they shared was a testament of their faith in Christ and His love for us. They gave us a precious gift, and their friendship was a blessing. I will never forget their influence on my life.

mary Driggers Turner - August 15, 2019 at 09:34 PM

BJ

“ A young man could not have asked for a more gracious, or loving, or caring Uncle.

Uncle Ted was always accommodating by include a little nephew in any and all projects or activities and to encourage us in every endeavor.

The memories of learning to water ski, to sail and to cherish the numerous family reunions are as fresh as yesterday. There was always an abundance of laughter, of food, of never-ending projects or water activities that filled our visits at the Lake House. And the Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings and the watching NFL Football at the Lyman home are some of my earliest childhood memories.

We all knew this day would eventually come, but that still doesn't prepare one. We've never experienced life without Uncle Ted. In so many ways we find ourselves at a loss by our loss.

We certainly have that hope and the expectation of a Machen Family Reunion in heaven that will be the Family Reunion of all Family Reunions. Lord may all of our names be found in Your Lamb's Book of Life and be apart of that Great Reunion at The Marriage Supper of The Lamb! Let It Be, Lord! Please! Bobby Machen

Bob Machen, Jr. - August 15, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ Ted was the best!!! So many memories growing up next door. He was always so willing to help anyone with anything...he held merit badge classes after the Boy Scout meetings to help us advance, he sewed up my knee one time after I ripped it open with a chain saw, he hosted so many trips to the lake just to name a few. He was just a joy and a delight to be around. Love and prayers to Riley, Ed, Gwen and James. Ted was so very special and I will miss him dearly.

Tim Gresham - August 15, 2019 at 04:14 PM

JB

“ I first met Ted during our St Louis Reunion in 2007. We were sharing the Hotel shuttle bus from the airport. He was sitting directly across from Cindy and myself. He had a blue Blazer on with a Black Cats pin. For someone going to a reunion, he did not look as though this was a happy occasion. Being a maintenance guy, I recognized the pin but did not remember which squadron it went with. When I asked what Squadron the pin represented, Ted went from a man sitting across from me with his shoulder slumped and his head tilted down with a forlorn look on his face to sitting up straight with his head up, a smile on his face, pointing to the pin and said the 41st. That made the reunion for me, the pride this gentleman had in his Squadron over 60 years ago. I learned Ted and his wife were planning to come to this reunion but she had recently passed away. One of his son's and his family were there with him for support. Since 2007 Ted has attended many 317th Veterans Group reunions including the Reunion in Wichita last year. He was planning on attending our upcoming reunion this October. He will be missed. His name will be read by our Chaplin along with the other veterans that have taken their last flight. I personally have enjoyed spending time with Ted at the reunions.
Reprinted from an article in our newsletter with changes.

Jerry Bruce - August 15, 2019 at 03:35 PM

SH

“ Our love & Prayers sent to the entire Machen Family!! Ted was truly the sweetest & kindest person you could ever hope to meet. We will miss his pleasant smile so very much!! So many special memories of our visits to Lake Lanier!! Our hearts are very heavy!!

Steve & Shirley Heintz

Shirley Heintz - August 15, 2019 at 01:21 PM

RA

“ Dr. Machen and his wife were a special couple and a great asset to the community and Wellford Baptist Church. They touched our lives in a very special way. Because We Care,
Ron and Rita Allison

Ron and Rita Allison - August 15, 2019 at 10:48 AM



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JW

“ I worked for Dr. Hammond as a dental assistant when Ted was in Dental School. He worked with us when he was on break. The Hammond family and Dr. Machen was a blessing to me and taught me a lot of "Life Lessons" which I have tried to live by during my adult life. I have a lot of respect of Dr. Machen and the Hammond Family. I hold dear all my memories of Dr Machen and family.
Judy Taylor Walker

Judy Walker - August 15, 2019 at 10:05 AM

HD

“ Dr. Machen was the epitome of a southern gentleman. With his gracious spirit, he was always willing to share information about his former home, thus assisting me greatly with projects. I will cherish those memories and will miss the friendship.

Hoyt Dottry - August 14, 2019 at 10:58 PM

CH

“ I was a patient of Dr. Machen from probably age 6 until he retired. I was terrified at eac visit but he always explained what he was going to do and made sure he never hurt me. He was such a fine man and so sweet. He genuinely cared about his patients. You have some awfully big shoes to fill if you want to become as good a man as he was. Please accept my deepest sympathy. I, too, feel a sense of loss in his passing.

Carol Dickson Henderson - August 14, 2019 at 09:51 PM

DS

“ I moved to RGV two years ago. Ted was the first person to welcome me. He was one of the kindest sweet souls I've ever know. I only wish I could have known him longer. He loved his God, his family and dear Bettina. He told me he had a very blessed life. He will be greatly missed.

Dianne Strandemo - August 14, 2019 at 09:22 PM