



Carlisle Appleby "Buddy" Byrd, Jr.

December 1, 1930 - November 5, 2020

Carlisle Appleby Byrd, Jr., age 89, passed away on November 5, 2020 in Tallahassee. He was born in DeLand, Florida to parents Mary and Carlisle Appleby Byrd, Sr. Carlisle or Buddy, as he was known to family and friends, was a true Floridian. Buddy and his sister Barbara were lovingly raised by Mary and Carlisle, Sr. in the small town, Seville, Florida. He graduated in 1952 from the University of Florida with a BS degree in Animal Husbandry and Agriculture. Buddy was in ROTC at the University of Florida and immediately went into active duty as an officer in the US Army, at Fort Eustis in Virginia. On November 22, 1952, he married his soul mate, Lillian Jean Davis at Trinity Methodist church in Tallahassee, Florida. After the wedding, Buddy went back to Virginia and Lillian went back to complete her nursing studies at Emory. The new couple lived in Virginia and had their first child, Mark, there. After completing his military service in Virginia, the Byrd family called Dade City Florida home from 1954 until 1963. In Dade City, Carlisle started a lifelong career in the Agriculture Industry. Mary Beth, Gene and Nancy were all born in Dade City. The family thrived and made many dear friends and moved to Clermont, Florida in 1963. In Clermont, Carlisle was an active leader as a member of the Rotary Club, the First United Methodist Church and was elected to the Clermont City Board as a Counselman. Clermont was home until Buddy and Lillian moved to Westminster Oaks in 1999.

Carlisle was a devoted Christian, with memberships in Methodist churches in

every location that he and Lillian called home. After moving to Westminster Oaks, he was an active member at Trinity United Methodist Church of Tallahassee and Ochlockonee Bay United Methodist Church. For more than 20 years, Buddy and Lillian lived in Tallahassee at Westminster Oaks from November through April and from May through October they resided at their home in St. Teresa, Florida. Thus, the devoted couple was active in both Methodist churches. At Trinity, he volunteered his time as a Sunday School teacher and played the bells as a member of their Bell Ringers and Heavenly Chimes bell choirs. In retirement, he again volunteered his time at the Leon County Extension Office and Westminster Oaks as an advisory board member. Of all his many achievements, becoming certified as a Master Gardener was particularly fulfilling. Buddy is remembered for always using his talents anywhere he spotted a plant in need, living by the motto "dig a five dollar hole for a fifty cent plant."

Carlisle is survived by his children, Mark Carlisle Byrd, Mary Beth Curry (David), Gene Byrd (Eve), Nancy Weitnauer (David); grandchildren Trey (Sarah), Susan (Kirk), Maya, Graham, Zach, Davis, Sam, and Claire; great-grandchildren Fort, Grace, Abby and Eliza; dear sister Barbara Byrd Morris (Bobby) and many nieces, nephews, and cousins who will also miss him greatly. As of September 9, 2023 Carlisle was finally reunited with his beloved wife, Lillian Davis Byrd, whom passed in Decatur.

A memorial service in honor of both Buddy and Lillian will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church on Friday, October 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. with a reception to follow at Westminster Oaks Poolhouse/Clubhouse from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions in memory of Carlisle be made to their charity of choice.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com)

Previous Events

Committal

OCT 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
120 W Park Ave
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 222-1120

Interment will be held at the Memorial Garden of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Memorial Service

OCT 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
120 W Park Ave
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Reception

OCT 13. 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Westminster Oaks Poolhouse

Dinner will be provided.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Byrd was a very kind man. A southern gentleman. Today that is a rarity. I grew up with his lovely children. He was always so personable felt like he and Mrs. Byrd were like our family. I can see his genuine smile ear to ear..... My prayers are with Mrs. Byrd and all of their children. Mary Beth and I played together from sun up to sun down as children growing up. We also use to swim and water ski as kids. Bud, Bill and Janie Stalnaker. We lived at each other's houses and had the best of times. I happen to be reminiscing today about our childhood and wanted to know about everyone so I looked their family up and was sadden to see Mr. Byrds passing. But I know he is at peace and home with Jesus. To all of you I love you and May the Lord give you peace now and always. Much love and heartfelt sympathy. Janie Stalnaker*

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