



## Dr. Tony Redd

February 23, 1943 - June 11, 2022

Augusta, GA—Memorial Services and Celebration of Life for Dr. Tony N. Redd, 79, who entered eternal rest June 11, 2022, will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Posey Funeral Chapel with Dr. Roy Head officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

Dr. Redd was born on 23 February 1943 in Aiken, SC. He was the son of Alma Hankinson Redd and Geddings E. Redd. He grew up in the Belvedere-North Augusta area and graduated as Valedictorian of the North Augusta High School Class of 1961. Dr. Redd continued his education at Furman University where in 1965 he also graduated at the top of his class. He pursued graduate study as a DuPont Fellow at the University of Virginia and as a NDEA Fellow at the University of South Carolina.

Dr. Redd joined the English faculty at The Citadel in Charleston, SC in 1966, where he taught for the next forty years, retiring in 2006 to care for his beloved mother. While at The Citadel, Dr. Redd served for a time as Head of the English Department and won numerous awards for his outstanding teaching, including the Charles Daniel Award, the James Self Award, a Citadel Achievement Award, and two James A. Grimsley Awards as the best undergraduate teacher at the Citadel as selected by the members of the Senior Class. He was also honored in 1990 by a former student with the establishment of the Redd Lectures in The Citadel Honors Program. He was also twice the winner of the Governor of South Carolina's Professor of the Year Award. He published articles on the poet Leonie Adams and on the novelist-critic Dame Rebecca West, with whom he developed a close friendship. Dr. Redd was also an acquaintance or friend with several of the leading authors of twentieth century Southern literature such as Eudora Welty, Robert Penn Warren, Allen Tate, Caroline Gordon, and Peter Taylor. He always claimed as his mentor Dr. Ashley Brown of the University of South Carolina English Faculty. During his Charleston years, from 1974-1976, Dr. Redd also served as the President of the South Carolina Poetry Society, which had been founded in 1922.

After his retirement, one of Dr. Redd's most joyous experiences was teaching a large adult

Sunday School Class in his home church, Belvedere First Baptist Church. He also assisted his mother during the last years of her presidency of the church's Golden Age Club and he worked for a time as a tutor at the Metro Augusta Literacy Center.

Dr. Redd was preceded in death by his parents and by an older brother, Geddings "Eddie" Redd, Jr. He is survived by several cousins.

He wishes to pay special thanks to his "three angels;" Sherry Holliday, Faye Edmunds, and to the late Barbara McDaniel; his caregiver from Just Like Family, Inc., Alexia Anderson and to the thousands of students at The Citadel he was blessed to teach. Dr. Redd gently trod the corridors of Capers Hall at The Citadel for 40 years. While his footsteps will no longer leave impressions on those floors and countless young minds, through the TN Redd Scholarship, the TN Redd English Wing memorial, and an upcoming book collection of "The Best of Dr. Redd" (working title), his spirit will there be forever found.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Col. Tony N. Redd Scholarship Fund, c/o The Citadel Development Foundation, 171 Moultrie St., Charleston, SC 29409 or to the charity or church of one's choice.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Tony Redd



Posey Funeral Directors - June 18 at 08:16 AM



“ Dr. Tony Redd

September 24 at 12:12 PM



“ Dr. Redd was the greatest teacher I ever had the honor of studying under. Because of our savior Jesus Christ I will see him again in eternity forever.



Bob Rea, Citadel c/o 1978 - August 07 at 12:04 AM



“ Col Redd was an excellent teacher who brought his English and literature classes to life. I was a Bus Admin major who greatly enjoyed his classes. He challenged his students and encouraged creative thinking and writing. He had a very positive influence on many students. We carried his lessons long after our days at The Citadel.

Duncan C Delhey  
1975

Duncan C Delhey - June 22 at 07:37 PM

WC

“ *Dr. Redd was the best. He had such an incredible positive influence on so many people.  
He will be missed. Rest in peace my friend.  
Walt Chandler '75*

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**Walt Chandler** - June 17 at 11:12 PM

NS

“ *My husband and I met Tony in 2010 when he taught our Sunday School. My husband, who was hard of hearing stated many times that he learned more from Tony than anyone else. Not only could he hear Tony, but he felt Tony explained very simply and to the point. Not only was Tony a good teacher, he was fun, entertaining, and a wonderful and faithful friend. He encouraged me to write; so often lifting my spirits, and making me believe that I could write. I never heard anything negative from Tony. All of life was beautiful, all people respected and encouraged, and he was grateful for his own life, and all those people in his life. He dearly loved everyone, and especially his Citadel family. You all were very precious to him. He was such a humble, kind, well spoken gentleman, and, not only will he be missed by so many, but will be long remembered with great fondness. I find great joy in knowing that he will meet his older brother in Heaven! He never knew a sibling while on earth. Thank you for the memories, dear Tony!  
Nina Jeanne Still June 17 @ 2:19PM*

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**Nina Jeanne Still** - June 17 at 02:21 PM

JC

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Tony's passing. Captain Redd as he was first known to me as a Freshman at The Citadel made English and Literature fresh and entertaining. As a Business Major, I was just trying to get through Capers Hall(English) as quickly as possible. Captain Redd got my attention like no other in that department and I looked forward to his classes. Being from Augusta, I was lucky to occasionally run into Tony. I was pleased to see his continued successes in the English Department at The Citadel. I will not be able to attend Tony's funeral, but will lift up a prayer for a great Gentleman, Teacher, and Friend.*

*Jimmy Carson  
Class of 75*

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**Jimmy Carson** - June 15 at 06:20 PM

M'

“ Colonel Redd (then a Major) was one of my favorite professors as well as my faculty advisor. So many memorable lessons in both English and life. One of my favorites was the day he asked during a lecture on Southern poets, "Mr. Vargo, have you ever slept on perfectly laundered sheets?" How can something like that not stick with you for life! The world is now a lesser place. I sure do miss him.

Mike Vargo '79 - June 15 at 02:39 PM

SS

“ School of Humanities & Social Sciences purchased the With Distinction for the family of Dr. Tony Redd.



School of Humanities & Social Sciences - June 15 at 09:38 AM

TE

“ The Citadel Department of English purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dr. Tony Redd.



The Citadel Department of English - June 14 at 04:23 PM

CS

“ I don't know if he knew. Col. Redd was one of the most influential people in my life. While my grades were less than stellar, he was the one who pulled me aside and told me I was a good writer and could make a living as a writer. I thought it was something everyone could do. Because of him, I became a writer, 20 years in news, then another 15 in marketing. He introduced me to Hemmingway, and because of that I was trampled by a bull in Pamplona. He showed me Fitzgerald, and because of that I traveled the world and moved to another country. He's the man who opened the possibilities. Thank you Col. Redd.

Chase Squires - June 14 at 12:47 PM

RW

“ May God bless this family in this time of sorrow.

Robert and Mary Whatley - June 14 at 04:12 AM

JF

“ Some people come into your life for only a brief period of time but have a great impact on your life. Tony was a great SS teacher and had such a wonderful way of presenting the teachings of the Bible. We will always be grateful for his dedication. A very intelligent man and we loved his mom who was always so proud of him.

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**Jake and Polly Farr** - June 13 at 08:51 PM

BC

“ He was a wonderful person. I remember going on a few trips with the Golden Age Club at church. I was great to see him in Walmart, made my day.

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**Barbara Cain Chadwick** - June 13 at 08:05 PM