



## Charles Theodore Briggman Jr.

December 12, 1934 - July 24, 2024

North Augusta, SC- Celebration of Life Services for Charles “Sonny” T. Briggman, Jr., 89, formally of Orangeburg, SC, who passed on July 24, 2024, at his daughter’s home in North Augusta, SC, after a lengthy illness, will be conducted Saturday morning August 3rd at 11 o’clock in Sunnyside Cemetery, Orangeburg, SC.

Mr. Briggman was born December 12, 1934, in Orangeburg, SC to the late Charles Theodore and Thelma Lorraine Edwins Briggman, Sr. He served his country for four years in the United States Navy- COMNAVFE, Yokosuka, Japan and furthering his education. Following his military service, Mr. Briggman started a career with Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Company in sales and marketing. He then began his 32-year career in Property Resort Management and Development as a General Manager for ocean front resort properties and served with several Boards of Directors in Myrtle Beach and Santee, SC. Later expanding his career to Litchfield, VA and several cities in North Carolina until he retired in September 2001.

Mr. Briggman was a former member of the Northside Baptist Church, where he served as chairman of the deacon’s board, building and grounds committee, finance committee and was a member of the Corner Stone Sunday School Class and the choir. He was known as a jack of all trades and was very outgoing. Mr. Briggman enjoyed gardening, being outdoors and

dancing, especially shagging and square dancing. He was a train enthusiast and loved spending time with his family. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Martha Gail Avant Briggman; a great-granddaughter, Allison Harper Cleveland; three sisters, Jackie Townsend, Barbara Caroline Myers and Shirley Smith; a sister-in-law, Jayne Geyer; and a brother-in-law, Raymond (Glenn) Avant.

Surviving members left to cherish his memory include two daughters, Sandra (Kyle) Briggman-Henderson and Cynthia B. (Rob) Harper; three grandchildren, Robert G. Harper, Jr., Martha Helen (Matthew) Parker and Rhianna N. (Kaleb Donaldson) Harper; three great-grandchildren, Piper Parker, Charles Alexander Parker and Martha Hazel Parker; two brothers, William (Sheila) Briggman and Wesley Oliver (Kay) Briggman; two brothers-in-laws, H. Dan (Leslie) Avant and Roy (Marlie) Avant and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Briggman is also survived by his extended family which include his girlfriend of 15 years who was also known as his Best Buddy, Nelda Green and her children who knew him as New Daddy.

His daughters want to express their appreciation for Ms. Nelda by saying that she was their dad's "Best Buddy", a dear and trusted friend, and a great caregiver. Sandra and Cythnia want to thank her for her kindness and generosity, as she was full of joy, and she is one of God's angels and we love her very much.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or <https://act.alz.org/site/Donation>; Ebenezer Baptist Church, 3144 Cordova Rd., Cordova, SC 29039; or a charity of one's choice.

## Cemetery Details

### **Sunnyside Cemetery**

Orangeburg , SC

## Previous Events

### **Celebration of Life**

AUG 3. 11:00 AM.

Sunnyside Cemetery  
Orangeburg , SC

# Tribute Wall

EC

“ No words can describe the loss I feel for my Uncle's death. My heartfelt condolences go to the entire family. Death is something that is inevitable. If a man has achieved what he considers his duty to this world, he can rest in peace. I believe my Uncle made that effort and has earned his eternal peace. I will never forget you Uncle Sonny. You were a wonderful Uncle, I love you. Cindy and Sandra may you find peace in your memories of your Dad.

*Love always,  
Ellen*

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**Ellen Connolly** - July 29, 2024 at 02:43 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Becky Arnette** - July 28, 2024 at 09:03 AM

BA

“ With a broken heart and deepest sympathy and a broken heart, I will truly miss my Uncle Sonny. Cindy and Sandra I am so sorry for the loss of your Father. He was a very loving father, Uncle, friend to so many. I will certainly miss our many conversations on the phone. He loved his family, but most of all, he loved and served God first and foremost. His life here on earth was just a journey until the moment came and he closed his eyes here and when he opened his eyes and he was present with our Lord Jesus Christ. Now no more pain, no more sorrow. I have so many precious memories of my Uncle Sonny to cherish in my heart forever. I lived with them for a good while in my very young life that I am so thankful for and got to really know him and I am so grateful to God for that time being with him and Aunt Gail, Cindy and Sandra. I then bonded with them and love them very much. I will forever be grateful that I had that opportunity. Uncle Sonny, I love you and one fine day, I will see you again in Heaven.



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**Becky Arnette** - July 28, 2024 at 08:48 AM

JR

“ I was so sorry to hear about uncle Sonny's passing. I have so many fond memories of him and aunt Gail from an early age. I always looked forward to the family reunions at the Myrtle beach state park ( and the low country boils) and also at santee! He was the glue that kept his family together! We have all gone our separate ways as adults! And still I think of you all often! Sandra and Cynthia your dad was a sweet and kind gentleman! Aunt Gail was a beautiful soul! I am so sorry for your loss! With love from my whole heart! Jenny Dowdy Ratliff. ( your and Shirley's granddaughter). Becky's baby girl!



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**Jenny Dowdy Ratliff** - July 27, 2024 at 06:40 PM

JH

“ I am thankful for Mr. Briggman’s service to our nation in the United States Navy. It is men like Mr. Briggman that selflessly served to safeguard our freedom and liberty. I offer my sincere condolences to his family, may he rest in peace.

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**Jeff Hoefs** - July 26, 2024 at 08:55 PM

KB

“ Deepest sympathy to Cindy and Sandra. My husband and I were very close friends with "Sonny" and Gail when we attended Mississippi College in Clinton, MS. We have so many fond memories from time spent with them. May he rest in peace.  
Karen Brantley

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**Karen Brantley** - July 25, 2024 at 08:40 PM