



Leland V. "Lou" Brissie

June 5, 1924 - November 25, 2013

North Augusta, SC—Funeral Services for Mr. Leland V. "Lou" Brissie, 89, of White Pine Drive, North Augusta, SC, who entered into rest November 25, 2013, at the Charlie Norwood Veterans Administration Medical Center, Downtown Division, will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Grace United Methodist Church. Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr. and Dr. T. Joseph Lusk officiating. Interment in Pineview Memorial Park with Veterans Honors rendered by The American Legion Jesse C. Lynch Memorial Post #71.

Mr. Brissie was a native of Anderson, SC, having made North Augusta his home for the past 38 years. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and a US Army Veteran of World War II receiving the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star and the ETO and American Campaign Medals having served in Italy with the 88th Infantry Division. Mr. Brissie attended Presbyterian College where he received an Honorary Doctorate in 2010.

Lou had a distinguished career in Baseball beginning in high school in Ware Shoals, SC, where the famed Connie Mack and the Philadelphia Athletics became aware of his potential. Following World War II where he received severe leg wounds and recovered with a metal brace, he was signed by the Philadelphia A's in Savannah in the Southern League when he was called up by the A's as a Major League Pitcher. In 1949, he pitched three innings with

the American League All Star team. In 1951, he was traded to the Cleveland Indians. Later he became the National Commissioner of American Legion Baseball taking teams to Australia and Central American during 1954 to 1961. He also served as a Scout for the Milwaukee Braves and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Mr. Brissie later entered private industry with United Merchants at their Corporate Office assigned to Employee Relations. He later became associated with the South Carolina Board of Technical Education as Manager of Technical Training Programs for new industries. After his retirement from the South Carolina Board of Technical Education, he served as a Consultant.

During his distinguished life, he was a member of the American Legion, Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association and the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, The Order of the Palmetto, The Jimmie Dyess Distinguished American Award and The Distinguished American Award from The National Football Foundation-UGA Chapter. President Eisenhower appointed Mr. Brissie to serve on the first Presidential Council on Physical Fitness. He received many awards for his outstanding service to his country and baseball, one of which was the prestigious Audie Murphy Award. On Veterans Day of this year, the "Lou Brissie Field" was dedicated in Ware Shoals, SC, where he began his dream of becoming a Major League Baseball Player.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Diana Brissie; two sons, Rob and Tracy Brissie, Greenville, SC, and Aaron and Teresa Smith, Grovetown, GA; three daughters, Vicki and Tommy Bishop, Kingstree, SC, Charlotte and Breck Klein, Aiken, SC and Jennifer Brissie, London, England; nine grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. Mr. Brissie was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Morgan Brissie and a son, Ron Brissie.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517,

Topeka, KS 66675 or the Grace United Methodist Church Building Fund, 639 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841 or the Lou Brissie Field Project, 25 East Main Street, Ware Shoals, SC 29692.

The family expresses appreciation to the Physicians and Staff on 2B at the Uptown VA Medical Center and on 5D at the Downtown VA Medical Center for their loving care of Mr. Brissie.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday evening from 5 until 7.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry online at www.poseyfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Pineview Memorial Park

450 West Five Notch Road
North Augusta, SC 29841

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Service

NOV **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church
639 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Leland V. "Lou" Brissie*



Posey Funeral Directors - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Leland V. "Lou" Brissie*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Leland V. "Lou" Brissie*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Family of Mr. Lou Brissie-
My sympathy during this time. I was blessed to have known Lou and to have worked with him at SC Technical College System. To have known him and his story, we all know he is truly one of The Greatest of The Greatest American Generation*

Kent Bedenbaugh and Family - December 01, 2013 at 09:06 AM

DB

“ *Such a great American hero, patriot, and true gentleman. Diane and family, we are sorry and praying for God's comfort...*

Dianne and George Brady

Dianne Brady - November 29, 2013 at 09:08 PM

JM

“ *Lou Brissie, the sweetest, kindest and most honorable of men! We have so many good memories of our days in Old Fort, NC and Clearwater. Diane, our hearts and prayers are with you and your family!*

Jan and Taylor Martin

Jan and Taylor Martin - November 29, 2013 at 01:12 PM

TY

“ *I had the privilege of working with Lou for many years at SC State Tech. I loved his knowledge and professionalism. As a life long baseball fan, his stories and personal courage were inspirational. A wonderful man and patriot. I'll miss you Lou, rest in peace.*

Tom Yeoman - November 29, 2013 at 10:52 AM

KE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Kenneth, Estelle, Mark, Michelle & Steve Ellis - November 29, 2013 at 08:45 AM

AM

“ I, along with everyone else in Ware Shoals have always loved Lou. He was always our hero. I also worked with him at Technical Education. He will never be forgotten.

Alice Mattison, Ware Shoals, S. C.

Alice Mattison - November 29, 2013 at 07:18 AM

DK

Brissie was the Morgan family hero. Our thoughts and prayers are with Diane and his children and grandchildren. David&Linda Kay, Santee, S.C.-Sunday Dec. 1 2013

David Kay - December 01, 2013 at 02:14 PM

ES

“ In the late 1940s as a young boy in Savannah Lou Brissie was our favorite and an inspiration for his determination to excell. We were members of the knothole club and looked forward to seeing him on the mound. Later when he wrote a book and had a signing in Savannah I took my grandson to meet Lou and I gave the signed book to my grandson. Lou Brissie, an inspiration to me to this day.

Elliott Simmons, Savannah, Georgia

Elliott Simmons - November 28, 2013 at 10:19 PM

BM

“ Not only was Lou a good neighbor he was also a good friend . I feel so blessed to know. Lou and will miss sitting at times just talking about things in general

Bill Macky

Bill Macky - November 28, 2013 at 08:34 PM

MG

“ *Mrs. Brissie and Family, may God hold you all and be with you eternally. Having known*

Mr. Brissie has been an honor and to learn from him as a mentor in life has truly been a

blessing. Have comfort in knowing that Mr. Brissie will have eternal life in heaven as well

as in all our hearts.

Mike Geddings, Joann and Michael

Mike Geddings - November 28, 2013 at 06:49 PM

GS

“ *1 file added to the album 1947 Savannah Indians*



George Salter - November 28, 2013 at 03:45 PM

JS

“ *Diana, may to peace of God's grace be with you and the family at this time.*

My life has been made a better one by having the opportunity to meet and spend time with Lou. We were able to share stories about Ware Shoals, baseball, and just life in general. He was a great man and has left a great heritage. Thank you so much for allowing Ware Shoals the opportunity to honor him the way we did. The old stadium has taken on a new meaning.

Again, The Lord Be With You.

Jess Howard

Jess Howard - native of Ware Shoals - November 28, 2013 at 12:43 PM

GS

“ *1 file added to the album MLB Tribute*



George Salter - November 27, 2013 at 05:45 PM

GS

“ *1 file added to the album 1947 Savannah Indians*



George Salter - November 27, 2013 at 05:40 PM

WB

“ *Rest in peace to my grandfather Lou Brissie, the only true hero I ever knew. He ALWAYS had words of encouragement for me and was the best example anyone could ever be.*

Wes Brissie - November 27, 2013 at 08:09 AM

BP

“ *Diana, My heart breaks for you and your sweet family. I am so glad that you and those three precious children have each other to comfort and support each other. You are in my prayers and thoughts...especially over the next few days as you go through this difficult time. Love and hugs to you, Charlotte, Aaron and Jennifer.*
Bobbie Pague

Bobbie Pague - November 26, 2013 at 03:08 PM

GS

“ *Lou Brissie was a great man in every sense of the word. He exemplified courage, strength, perseverance, and humility in all of his endeavors. He was my hero, but more than that, he was my friend. Lou, you will be missed but never forgotten. Rest in peace.*

George Salter - November 26, 2013 at 01:33 PM