



William "Bill" Butler Polson

January 13, 1940 - January 6, 2026

Edisto Island, SC – Funeral Services for William “Bill” Butler Polson, 85, who entered into rest January 6, 2026, will be conducted Monday, January 12, at 2 o’clock from First Baptist Church of Jackson, Rev. Brian Henderson and Rev. Kevin Liles officiating. Interment will follow in Jackson Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service.

Mr. Polson was born January 13, 1940, in Welch, Oklahoma to the late Louis and Marilea Polson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Julie Ward Polson. After graduating from Jackson High School, he attended Clemson University. He served his country in the United States Army Reserves. After working for over 30 years, Mr. Polson retired from the Savannah River Site as a department supervisor. While working at SRS, he also owned and operated Polson Heating and Air Conditioning. He lived in Jackson, South Carolina from 1955 until 1997. After his retirement and move to Edisto Island, Mr. Polson obtained his general contractor’s license and began building homes on the island as the owner and operator of Polson Construction, LLC. In the 1990’s he acquired the United States Coast Guard certification to become a Captain for chartered saltwater fishing excursions. Known as “Buddy” to his family and friends, he was a true outdoorsman and loved hunting, camping, and was an award winning competitive benchrest shooter. Most of all he enjoyed fishing with his brother, daughter, grandchildren and friends. Mr. Polson was an avid South Carolina Gamecocks fan and member of Edisto

Beach Baptist Church. He enjoyed the companionship of his beloved dog, Roxie.

Survivors include his daughters, Karen Bunch (Ronnie), Tracy Sanford (Lennie) and Emily Stoffelen (Peter); stepson, Chuck Arbogast (Catrina); grandchildren, Eric Caldwell, Rusty Caldwell (Krista), Elizabeth Patterson (Wyatt) and Gregory Stoffelen (Catherine); great-grandchildren, Eli, Brooklyn, Ellie, Charlie, Emma Grace and Olivia; brother, Tony Polson (Pat); nieces, Rebecca, Mary Grace and Toni Raye.

Pallbearers will be Eric Caldwell, Rusty Caldwell, Gregory Stoffelen, Wyatt Patterson, Chuck Arbogast, Doug Fowler and Allen Edmundson.

The family would like to thank Clelia and Derek Sanders, Connie Scott, David Langford, Angie Bartley-Wall and Chad Bralley for the loving care and friendship they have given to Mr. Polson.

Memorials may be made to Animal Lovers of Edisto, P.O. Box 448, Edisto Island, SC 29438.

Cemetery Details

Jackson Memorial Park

710 North Hankinson Street
Jackson, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Jackson
400 3rd St
Jackson, SC 29831
(803) 471-3640

Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" Butler Polson*



Posey Funeral Directors - January 09 at 03:10 PM

JW

Karen, what a sweet collection of pictures I know you have great memories of your father

jean walker - January 09 at 04:19 PM

ER

Karen, I did not know your Father; but I love him just watching your video!

Elaine Ray - January 09 at 05:29 PM

NM

My heartfelt sympathy to you, Karen, and to your family on the passing of your father.

May your happy memories sustain you in the days ahead.

And may he Rest in Peace.



Natalie Martin - January 11 at 11:43 AM

CA

“ Chuck and Catrina Arbogast purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William "Bill" Butler Polson.



Chuck and Catrina Arbogast - January 12 at 07:38 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Butler Polson.



January 12 at 01:09 AM

JK

“ Jane K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Butler Polson.

Jane K. - January 12 at 01:09 AM

MH

“ Your family in Kansas is thinking of you. The Polsons were and are much loved and so important in our family. So many wonderful memories of Aunt Marilea & Uncle Louis, Buddy & Tony! Buddy will be missed by his family & friends, but always remembered-he was special.

Mary E Hayes - January 11 at 01:35 PM

NB

“ I so sorry to read about Buddy’s passing. Not only did he work with my Dad at SRP but we became friends years ago when he lived on 4th Street Ext. Buddy enjoyed ribbing me about my Clemson Tigers and he definitely loved life at the beach. May your memories sustain you and God comfort & strengthen you in the days ahead. RIP Buddy. ❤️

Nancy Buzhardt Bishop - January 10 at 01:57 PM

LR

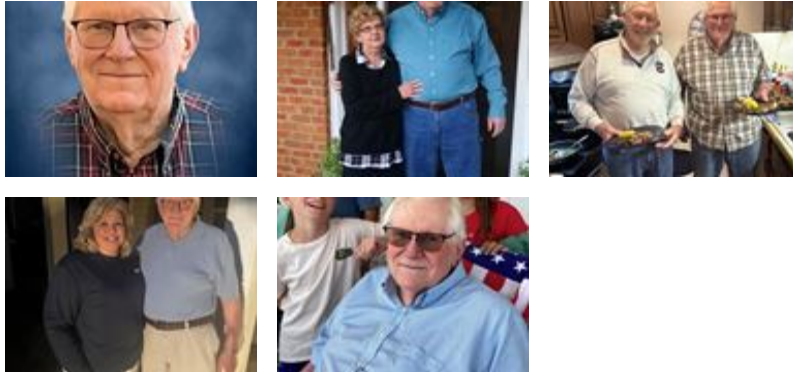
“ Laurie and David Rumble purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" Butler Polson.



Laurie and David Rumble - January 10 at 01:30 PM



“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Posey Funeral Directors - January 09 at 03:06 PM

JH

“ I am thankful for Bill Polson’s service to our nation in the United States Army Reserve and his career service at the Savannah River Site. It is patriots like Bill who served and worked to safeguard our freedom and liberty. I worked with Bill for several years in Central Labs at SRS. He was very knowledgeable and had a great sense of humor. I offer my heartfelt condolences to his family, may he rest in peace.

Jeff Hoefs - January 09 at 11:02 AM

DA

“ I am saddened to learn of the passing of Buddy. Buddy was always a friend to me. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and family. Prayers for you, his family. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Don Alexander - January 09 at 10:10 AM

PR

“ Heartbroken to hear of Buddy’s passing. He was an amazing friend to our family, especially my Daddy, while growing up on 5th Street in Jackson. He was one of Daddy’s fishing friends. I know they are together again in Heaven

Pam Dicks Rawlinson - January 09 at 01:26 AM

ME

“ Mary E. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" Butler Polson.



Mary E. - January 08 at 11:55 PM

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“ Mary E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Butler Polson.

Mary E. - January 08 at 11:55 PM

KM

“ Tiger, Karen, Tracy, Emily and family members,
So sorry to hear of Buddys passing. Your family will be in my prayers today and in the days ahead. May the LORD bring each of your comfort, strength and peace.

Karen Coeland Muns - January 08 at 08:49 PM