



IN LOVING MEMORY

Robert Derwood Brittingham Sr.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1944 - NOVEMBER 19, 2024



Funeral Service

2 p.m., Saturday, November 23, 2024
Cedar Island Methodist Church, Cedar Island, NC

Processional

Prayer

Rev. Nelson Koonce

Scripture Reading

Rev. Nelson Koonce

Music, "Scars in Heaven"

by Casting Crowns

Eulogy

Brenda Bridgers

Time of Remembrance

Kelly Styron
Congregation

Music, "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"

Kristy Brittingham
Pianist, Tracy Merkley

Message

Rev. Jonathan Griffin

Poem, "When Tomorrow Starts Without Me"

Jasmine Davis

Music, "How Great Thou Art"

by Carrie Underwood

Recessional

The service will conclude at Cedar Island Community Cemetery.
Please turn on bright lights and hazards in procession.

Committal Service

Rev. Nelson Koonce
Military Honors

Pallbearers
Wyatt Bridgers

Todd Bridgers

Robby Brittingham

Warren Bridgers

Buddy Davis

Will Bridgers

Matthew Fulcher

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Robert Derwood Brittingham Sr., 80, of Beaufort, North Carolina, passed away on November 19, 2024, at Carteret Health Care.

Born on September 6, 1944, in Morehead City, NC, Robert was the son of the late Bill and Arlene Brittingham. A proud veteran, he served his country with honor and distinction in the United States Air Force. Following his military service, Robert dedicated 32 years of his career to working as a Production Control Supervisor with Civil Service at Cherry Point.

Robert had a deep appreciation for the outdoors and took every opportunity he could to go fishing and hunting. He was an active man who enjoyed bowling and was known for his smooth moves on the dance floor whenever a good tune played. In his younger years, his favorite sport was baseball where his athleticism was seen time and time again.

A devoted man of faith, Robert was a member of East Point Church in Otway, where he drew strength and inspiration. He will be lovingly remembered as a devoted and supportive husband of 55 years, an amazing father, proud grandfather and great-grandfather, and the best "Pop" ever.

Those remaining to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Mae Brittingham; daughters, Melinda Davis (Buddy) of Atlantic, NC, and Brenda Bridgers (Todd) of Otway, NC; son, Robby Brittingham (Wendy) of Otway, NC; sister, Billie Massey (Jesse) of Boerne, TX; brother, Buddy Brittingham (Kim) of Beaufort, NC; sister-in-law, Marcella Brittingham of Cedar Island, NC; grandchildren, Jasmine Davis, Kelly Styron (Richard), Megan Davis, Carson Fulcher (Matthew), Marlee Brittingham, Wyatt Bridgers, Warren Bridgers, and Will Bridgers; and great-grandchildren, Emily Davis, Richard Styron Jr., Willow Styron, Summer Styron, and Tucker Davis.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his sister, Sandra Britt, and brother, Ralph Brittingham.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be made to Cedar Island Methodist Church, 2943 Cedar Island Rd., Cedar Island, NC 28520.

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If Tomorrow Starts Without Me...

If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise you find your eyes all filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.
But when tomorrow starts without me please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand.

He said my place was ready, in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.
But as I turned and walked away a tear fell from my eye.
For all my life I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do.
It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays the good ones and the bad.
I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized that this could never be,
For emptiness and memories would take the place of me.
When I thought of worldly things I might miss come tomorrow
I thought of you and when I did my heart was filled with sorrow.
When I walked through heavens gates I felt so much at home.
God looked down and smiled at me from his great golden throne

He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you"
Today your life on earth has passed but here life starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last
And since each day is the same there's no longing for the past.

You have been so faithful so trusting and so true.
Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do.

You have been forgiven and now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?
So when tomorrow starts with out me don't think we're far apart,

For every time you think of me,

I'm right here in your heart.