



## Claude Wayne Boone

May 12, 1939 - January 28, 2020

Saluda, SC

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Saluda, SC – Brigadier General Claude Wayne Boone (known to most as “Wayne”) entered into eternal rest on January 28, 2020 at Self Memorial Hospital in Greenwood.

Funeral services will be held at Butler United Methodist Church on Friday, January 31, 2020 at 2 p.m. The family will receive friends on Friday, January 31 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Butler.

Born on May 12, 1939, Brig. Gen. Boone was the son of the late Gaines and Sudie Bryan Boone. He was a 1957 graduate of Saluda High School and a 1961 graduate of Clemson University, where he was a member of Alpha Zeta Fraternity and the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program. Brig. Gen. Boone was also a graduate of the Field Artillery Basic and Advanced Officer Courses of the United States Army Field Artillery School.

Brig. Gen. Boone held multiple military positions throughout the state during his thirty-four year military career. He joined the United States Army in 1962, and he served in the Army through January of 1964. He then served in the

National Guard for thirty years. When he was promoted to the rank of full colonel, Brig. Gen. Boone was one of the youngest men in the state of South Carolina to achieve this rank. He was also the commander of the 151 Brigade in Sumter, where he assisted with rebuilding Sumter, McClellanville and Charleston counties after Hurricane Hugo.

During his time in the service, Brig. Gen. Boone earned several military awards and decorations including the Army Commendation Medal, the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (AFRM) and Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (ARCAM).

Brig. Gen. Boone also worked as a claims adjuster for State Farm Insurance Company. He worked in locations such as Greenwood, Columbia and Clearwater for more than 30 years before retiring in 1999.

Brig. Gen. Boone was an active member of Butler United Methodist Church, where he was involved in the addition of the church's new fellowship hall. He was also an active member of the community and had a heart for helping others. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by numerous friends, who he greatly cherished.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 59 years, Shirley; son, David; and daughter Ashley, all of Saluda. Also surviving are his grandchildren; Kirstie Jones (Thomas) of Mount Pleasant; Carley Boone (Nathan Downer) of Sumter; and Nicki Boone of Saluda. Also surviving are his sister, Ilene Davis; and brother, Gaines Orin Boone.

Brig. Gen. Boone was preceded in death by his brother, William "Bo" Boone; and his sisters, Lois Perry and Winona Smith.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to Butler United Methodist Church c/o Karen Ringer, 178 Andrew Coleman Road, Saluda, SC 29138.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Butler United Methodist Church  
165 Butler Church Road  
Saluda, SC 29138

## Funeral

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Butler United Methodist Church  
165 Butler Church Road  
Saluda, SC 29138



SH

“ *Sherry Holmes sent a virtual gift in memory of Claude Wayne Boone*



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**Sherry Holmes** - January 30, 2020 at 05:23 PM

SH

*Our thought and prayers are with you and your family. Edgefield and Saluda Campus.*

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**Sherry Holmes** - January 30, 2020 at 05:25 PM

PE

“ *Ashley,*

*Sending our deepest condolences to you and your family.*

*County Campus Staff and Faculty*



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**Pleshette Elmore** - January 30, 2020 at 02:49 PM

RC

“ *Condolences to Shirly and the family. I was a new 2nd Lieutenant when I served under Wayne when he was the 3-178th FA Battalion Commander. Over the years we became good friends and he was a good mentor to young officers. He was always encouraging and challenged us to maintain the highest of standards. He had a big smile and easy manner that made you like him immediately. I was fortunate to have known someone like him early in my military career. RIP Commander! COL (Ret) Randy Clayton*

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**Randy Clayton** - January 30, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ *Donna Padgett lit a candle in memory of Claude Wayne Boone*



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**Donna Padgett** - January 29, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *MaryAnne Smith lit a candle in memory of Claude Wayne Boone*



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**MaryAnne Smith** - January 29, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ *Your Family are in Our Thoughts and Prayers*  
*YOUR FRIENDS at The HARDWARE STORE.*

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**Jerry** - January 29, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ *Thinking of you!*

*Tammie Covington*

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**Tammie Warren Covington** - January 29, 2020 at 03:36 PM

RA

“ My first job out of college 45 years ago was at State Farm working with Wayne. He was a good ‘un! His integrity was above reproach, his love for family immeasurable, his devotion to helping others immense, and his faith was deep and strong. He is one of the top 3 of the finest men I ever worked with. I am grateful to have known him. My family would say Wayne has been promoted to Heaven. I will carry his family in my heart and prayers in the weeks and months to come.

*Renie Adair*

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**Renie Adair** - January 29, 2020 at 02:47 PM

WG

“ William And Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of Claude Wayne Boone



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**William and Naomi Goodman** - January 29, 2020 at 01:32 PM

BG

“ Brenda Goodman lit a candle in memory of Claude Wayne Boone



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**Brenda Goodman** - January 29, 2020 at 01:26 PM

RP

*shirley, was so saddened to learn of wayne's passing----while i never got to know him personally, i feel like i knew him better than many, thru family members and friends...he was loved and respected by all who followed him and respected him, it seems=====hope we can get together soon to renew our fellowship and friendship ties---still battling stage four cancer. i pray for your emotional and spiritual healing*

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**raiford power** - March 11, 2020 at 08:39 PM