



Earl Bunch Forrest

September 13, 1928 - June 30, 2019

Earl Bunch Forrest, 90, died Sunday, June 30, 2019 at Saluda Nursing Center.

A native of Saluda, South Carolina, he was a successful cattleman and businessman. He was a multi-faceted man full of love for his family and friends. Mr. Forrest certainly made his mark on many whose lives he touched throughout his life.

Earl was born on September 13, 1928. He was the son of Callie Buster and Sallie Merchant Forrest. He was educated in Saluda County Schools, graduating from Saluda High School in 1946. While a student there, he was active in the agriculture classes and FFA. He bought his first registered Polled Hereford cow in 1941 from Clemson University. This purchase began what would become for him a lifelong passion and source of much pleasure because of the friends and associations he would encounter due to his love for the Polled Hereford breed.

In 1946 Earl went into partnership with his father (who had opened the business in 1922) and brother, Harold, to form what is still an anchor on Main Street Saluda: C. B. Forrest and Sons, later to become C. B. Forrest and Son at the death of Harold. Earl grew up “in the back of the store” and became a vital part of the everyday running of the family business. He was blessed to be

able to stay active in the store's daily operation. In 1985 he and his son, Brad, opened the Red Wing Shoe Store in Cayce, SC.

For seventeen years, Earl served in of the S. C. National Guard unit in Saluda of which he was a charter member. He was a charter member of Saluda Baptist Church where he served as deacon, RA leader, and on various committees. He served as a commissioner on the Saluda Commission of Public Works for 25 years. He was a member of the Saluda Chamber of Commerce, the Saluda County Farm Bureau, Saluda Forestry Association and is a past member of the Saluda Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Earl was a member of the National Cattleman's Association, South Carolina Cattleman's Association, North Carolina Cattleman's Association, and was one of the founding members of the Saluda County Cattleman's Association.

Earl was instrumental in organizing the S. C. Polled Hereford Association and has served several terms as president and on the board of directors for this organization. His family hosted the S. C. Polled Hereford Field Day in 1983. Since 1990, along with Dr. John and Ashley Williams of White Column Farms, Forrest Polled Herefords has had a registered Polled Hereford sale bi-annually

Of the many honors and opportunities for service one of his most pleasurable ones came in 1996 when he was elected to serve on the national board of directors for the American Polled Hereford Association. While on the board he served as vice-chairman and chairman. During his term Earl and Marie traveled extensively throughout the United States making many new friends along the way.

Earl Forrest lived a full and rewarding life much due to the fact that he has been a strong man whose faith has carried him through some times that were

not so easy. He was quiet but strong, patient and humble. His belief in God was evident in the way he lived and he always found his strength in his faith.

Earl Forrest did much to give back to the community and organizations he loved. However, his most important legacy is the love he had for his family. In October 1949, Earl married Marie Rodgers who died in January, 2008. They had five children including two sons: Brad (Lynette) of Saluda, who is a full partner in all of Earl's business and farm endeavors bringing the family businesses to a third generation, and Stephen who died in 1959. They also had three daughters: Vivian Coleman (Gerry) of Saluda, Sallie Bolus (David) of Seattle, WA, and Susan Chapman (Tim) of Little Mountain. He has twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10:00 AM Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at Saluda Baptist Church. The family will receive friends following the service.

Memorials can be made to Saluda Baptist Church Building Fund, 112 West Wheeler Circle, Saluda, SC 29138 or Connie Maxwell Children's Home, PO Box 1178, Greenwood, SC 29648.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saluda Baptist Church
112 West Wheeler Circle
Saluda, SC

Tribute Wall

TR

“ *Teresa Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Earl Bunch Forrest*



Teresa Rodgers - September 03, 2019 at 10:07 PM

BS

“ *earl forrest was a true southern gentleman*

Barry Shields - August 18, 2019 at 06:54 PM

MF

“ *Mose & Robin Salters & Family lit a candle in memory of Earl Bunch Forrest*



mose & robin salters & family - July 03, 2019 at 05:20 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Earl Bunch Forrest.*



July 02, 2019 at 02:51 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Boozer lit a candle in memory of Earl Bunch Forrest*



Sandra Boozer - July 02, 2019 at 01:57 PM

JE

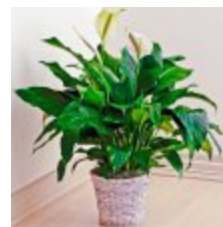
“ *Your Family are in Our Thoughts and Prayers.*

YOUR FRIENDS at The Hardware Store.

JERRY - July 02, 2019 at 01:03 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Earl Bunch Forrest.*



July 01, 2019 at 08:44 PM

FP

“ *The sketch captures the great smile Mr. Earl had. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*
Frieda Price and family

Frieda Price - July 01, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Earl Bunch Forrest.



July 01, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ Thinking of you!
Tammie Covington

Tammie Warren Covington - July 01, 2019 at 01:44 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Earl's passing. He was a true fine southern gentleman.

Chuck Miller

Chuck Miller - July 01, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you.
Monday Nite Supper Friends.

JERRY - July 01, 2019 at 12:02 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Earl's passing. I always enjoyed shopping with he and Brad. My prayers will be with your family.

John Wheeler - July 01, 2019 at 10:48 AM

RS

“ *Richard Starling lit a candle in memory of Earl Bunch Forrest*



Richard Starling - July 01, 2019 at 09:06 AM

JW

“ *So sorry my prayers and thoughts are with y'all*

Judy Wootton - June 30, 2019 at 10:37 PM

MP

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Melissa Porter - July 01, 2019 at 11:58 AM

JW

“ *Judy Wootton lit a candle in memory of Earl Bunch Forrest*



Judy Wootton - June 30, 2019 at 10:35 PM

DH

“ *This man will be missed by many people.*

David Hendricks - June 30, 2019 at 10:04 PM

SF

“ Sorry for your loss. We will continue to keep your family in our prayers.

Stephanie and Gene Forrest, Jr.

stephanie forrest - June 30, 2019 at 08:53 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Earl Bunch Forrest.



June 30, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ Donna Padgett lit a candle in memory of Earl Bunch Forrest



Donna Padgett - June 30, 2019 at 06:39 PM

JS

“ To a great man mr earl rest in peace you always been a great caring man you been there for me when no else was there I be always greatful I know u be looking down on saluda and your great family Mr Brad and Mrs vivian yall r in my prayer and good thought always as family hugs love jw stephens

Jw stephens - June 30, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Earl Bunch Forrest.* ”



June 30, 2019 at 04:21 PM