



Mr. Charles Thomas Bassett

June 4, 1924 - December 22, 2016

Charles Thomas Bassett, age 92, passed away peacefully on Thursday December 22, 2016. A lifelong resident of Buncombe County, Mr. Bassett received his education from Grace High School and Asheville-Biltmore College where he earned a degree in business.

He was working at J.B. May Market in 1941 when Pearl Harbor was attacked. By May of 1942, he was serving in the United States Marine Corps in the South Pacific as an airplane armorer and aviation ordinance specialist. Upon returning, he married the love of his life, Jean Grisette. Together they shared 71 years of marriage.

Charles spent the early part of his career at the Smoky Mountain Hatching Egg Service in Fairview. He was an integral part in the development of the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as Assistant Chief and on the Board of Directors.

Charles spent the latter part of his career at Finkelstein's, Inc. where he had the privilege of working alongside his brother June and his son-in-law Joel. Together they have had the honor of serving the people of western North Carolina and beyond.

He was a 32nd degree Mason and a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, where he served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, and elder. Always a Marine, Mr. Bassett was instrumental in the development of the Western North Carolina Veterans Memorial, located in the heart of downtown Asheville.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry Grant and Rosa Bassett; his brothers, H.G. "June" Bassett and Robert "Bob" Bassett.

Charles is survived by his wife, Jean; daughters, Carol McManus (Paul) of Port Orchard, WA, Cathy Piercy (Cliff), of Colorado Springs, CO, and Laura Parker (Joel) of Asheville, NC; and a sister, Mary Rose Davis. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Karen (Sven), Eric, David (Lisa), Chris (Shane), Drew (Rachel), and Cameron; great grandchildren: Colin, Claire, Erik, Thomas (Alexandra), Amanda, Sarah, Jaziah, and Nathan; great great grandchildren: Thomas, Benjamin, and Erik Jr.; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday December 29, at 11:00 AM in the Campbell Memorial Chapel of First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, 40 Church Street. Services will be conducted by his grandson, Drew, and the Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson. The family will receive friends immediately after the service.

Memorials may be made to Fairview Fire Department or First Presbyterian Church. Thank you to all the healthcare professionals who have helped take care of our daddy. Semper Fi.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave., is assisting the family.

Tribute Wall

WK

“ I sure miss Mr Charles. He helped me start in business with great advise!! Woody

Woody Killough - October 05, 2024 at 09:24 AM



“ Mr. Charles Thomas Bassett

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM

FK

“ We are so saddened by the passing of Charles. He was a great influence & mentor when we started our business. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

With sincere sympathy.

Woody and Freddie Killough

Marion, NC

Freddie Killough - December 29, 2016 at 05:57 PM

EJ

“ Bassett Siblings, and Family, Praying that God will grant you Peace, Grace and Comfort from losing your precious Dad. I so enjoyed the pictures that you all have shared on Facebook of that loving couple that shared so many good years together. They certainly have been a role model in their community and church through the years.

Love in Christ,

Jake



Ethel Jacobson - December 28, 2016 at 07:59 PM

DH

“ Carol, so sorry for your loss. Your mom n dad were very special to Chuck n I. We and dad truly looked fwd to their yearly visits to St. Petersburg. We will miss them so much. Please tell your mom we are praying for her. They were such a great role model for all of us to follow as the loving Christian couple. Debbie

Debbie Herold - December 28, 2016 at 04:31 PM

DP

“ Carol, I send our love from the Phillips'. You, Paul, and all the family are in our prayers. I know your are suffering a great loss. May God comfort and give peace to all. We love you, Dianne and Max Phillips



Dianne Burleson Phillips - December 28, 2016 at 01:36 PM

AP

“ So sorry for your loss. Pop Pop and Granny both were always so kind and loving to me! He will be truly missed. We will be praying for all of the family during this difficult time. Love Angie Piercy and family

Angela Piercy - December 28, 2016 at 05:17 AM

CC

“ Many knew and loved him, but only 3 could call him daddy, 12 could call him poppy, 1 could call him husband. We are the truly blessed.

Chris Carneal - December 27, 2016 at 08:03 PM

MB

“ I am truly heartbroken by the passing of Pop Pop. I will always hold my memories of he and Granny deep in my heart. All of the family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Much Love & May the Holy Spirit comfort all of you: Myra L. Boone

Myra Boone - December 27, 2016 at 03:01 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Thomas Bassett.



December 27, 2016 at 01:19 PM

SW

“ I'm so blessed to have met this man while he was still on earth. I learned a lot from him in just a short period of time. His family is very dear to my heart. I miss that smile every morning as i walk through the door. But I know he's in a better place. I love you Mr. Charlie and Mrs. Jean!! God Bless you and your family.

Shelby W. - December 27, 2016 at 10:38 AM

SJ

“ Charlie will be greatly missed. Please accept our most sincere condolences. We will keep Jean and the entire family in our thoughts and Prayers.

Scott and Stephanie Jones - December 27, 2016 at 10:32 AM

FD

“ Our thoughts and Prayers to Jean and the rest of the family. Charlie was a vital part of the organizing and development of the Fairview VFD. Charlie supported the Fairview VFD long after he retired and became inactive with the department . Charlie will be missed greatly by our community and this department. We would like to express our deepest condolences during this time and we will keep Jean and the entire family in our thoughts and Prayers.

Fairview VFD Firefighters, Officers and Board of Directors

Farview Vol. Fire Dept. - December 27, 2016 at 10:29 AM

CC

“ Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences to your family. May the God of all comfort strengthen you to cope and endure this difficult time.

christie c - December 26, 2016 at 10:15 AM

DP

Carol and family, We are thinking about you and your family. Our love and sympathy for you extends to all your precious family. May God comfort all and give all peace. Caril, You and Paul are so special to our family. We love you dearly, Dianne and Max Phillips

Dianne Burleson Phillips - December 26, 2016 at 03:42 PM

DP

Carol, Jeff and Andy are so sorry they could not be here. They love you and Paul.

Dianne Burleson Phillips - December 28, 2016 at 01:30 PM

CP

It has been my honor and privilege to have been a part of this family for almost 50 years. Cathy and I started dating in 1967 and were married in 1970. His wise counsel and sage advise have served me well all these years. We will miss you Poppy. Thank you for your love for all of us!!! God has truly blessed all of us through you.

Cliff Piercy - December 30, 2016 at 04:01 PM