



## Benjamin Land, Jr.

March 5, 1924 - March 12, 2013

Conway...Benjamin Smith Land, Jr., 89, died Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at Conway Medical Center.

Bennie was born on his grandfather's farm in Clarendon County - March 5, 1924. He was the son of the late B. S. Land, Sr. and Vivian Eadon Land. Bennie's family moved to Bamberg when he was one year old. Reared in Bamberg, graduating from Bamberg High in 1941. He attended Clemson College - left Clemson in 1943 after volunteering for the Army Air Corps at the peak of WWII. Bennie served 3 1/2 years in pilot training and on B-24 bomber crew. After the war he attended USC and graduated in 1950 with a degree in Pharmacy. He came to Conway in 1950 to work for Platt's Drug Store which he eventually owned and operated until retirement as proud owner of one of the oldest drug stores in South Carolina. Platt's Drug Store was the former Norton Drug Company established by Dr. Jamie Norton and family in 1870. Bennie loved his profession and looked forward to going to work and greeting his many friends and long time customers. He was former president of the Pee Dee Pharmaceutical Association.

He served the City of Conway as a member of Conway Planning and Downtown Development Committee and Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He was a member of the Conway Lion's Club for many years and a former President. He was selected "Lion of the Year" in 1984 for his work promoting the "Red Cross" Blood Program."

He was a charter member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He served the

church on all major committees including Lay Leader for 2 years, a member of the Building Committee for the new Sanctuary and as President of the Men's Class.

As a member of First United Methodist Church, he served on the Administrative Board, Board of Trustees, and was a member of the John McCutcheon Sunday School Class.

He was predeceased by his first wife - Zelle Moore Smoak and his stepson Gregory K. Martin.

His survivors include: his wife Julia Martin Land; two sons Ken Land (Nancy); Mark Land (Pat); one daughter Laurie Johnson (Gregg); one stepson George Martin (Maryanne); one stepdaughter Tammy Hendrick (Keith); his grandchildren - Brad Land, Brett Land, Matthew Land, Zelle Land, Wilson Land, Carlis Johnson (Jordyn), Clint Johnson, George Henry Martin, Anne Marie Martin, Scott Steiner, & Emily Steiner; one great grandchild Marley Johnson; one sister Vivian L. Wessel (George).

Bennie had a great sense of humor and always had a good story for any occasion. He loved the Waccamaw River, serving for a period of time on the River's Keeper's Program. Bennie loved the outdoors, gardening, feeding many birds year round, and especially loved fishing.

Bennie enjoyed traveling. He and Julia visited every state and numerous other countries.

He was affectionately known to his grandchildren and many friends as "Bennie Pop."

The service will be held at 2:00 PM at First United Methodist Church in Conway, SC on Thursday March 14, 2013. The visitation will be held from 1:00-2:00 in the Commons Area at the church. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to First United Methodist Church Building Fund or a charity of your choice.

Sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 347-4909  
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 14.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Conway  
1001 5th Avenue  
Conway, SC 29526  
<http://www.fumcconway.org/>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *To the Land Family,  
I wish to tell you how sorry we were to hear of Mr. Land's passing. He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. I know you will miss him, but we as Christians are so fortunate to know that he is in heaven with our Heavenly Father. May God's word give you the strength on those days when you feel the loss of him in your lives. He loved you all and left a great family behind to continue to spread the word of Christ and to assure that others will share in this lasting life and God's loving spirit. Our prayers will continue to be with you all. We love you!*  
*Debbie & Dana Johnson and their mother, Helen Henson.*

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**Debbie Johnson** - April 05, 2013 at 01:26 PM

 Shirley  
Brown

“ *To the Land Family:*  
  
*May the memories of a life well-lived help comfort you during this difficult time. And may the strength that God provides, sustain you.  
(Psalm 46:1)*  
  
*My condolences,  
SJB.*

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**Shirley Brown** - March 30, 2013 at 02:03 PM

NR

“ I was very sorry to read about Mr. Lands' passing. I was just 7 when we moved from Lakeland Dr. to another side of Conway but remember the "Park Avenue Picnic" as a fun event. I left Conway for college in 1979 and never returned to live, but do recall Mr. Land being a quality person. Our prayers for your family. Nelson Rickenbaker

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**Nelson Rickenbaker** - March 17, 2013 at 12:54 PM

DA

“ Mark and Family,

*My thoughts are with you.*

*Darlene Hayworth (Haney)*



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**Darlene** - March 15, 2013 at 08:42 AM

BC

“ I met Bennie many years ago while working at Med Mart Pharmacy in Conway Being new to the state his ways of talking always made me laugh and he shared many things about Conway to me Over the years if I ran into him he was full of smiles and always had a hug I don't believe he ever forgot someone he had met I am so sorry Julia for yours and your families loss You have lost a special man and I know he has touched many lives as he did mine

*You are in my prayers*

*Beth Camburn-Lea*

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**Beth Cambun-Lea** - March 14, 2013 at 07:14 PM

NC

“ Nancy Causey lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Land, Jr.



Nancy Causey - March 14, 2013 at 05:35 PM

JW

“ Jeri Widenhouse lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Land, Jr.



Jeri Widenhouse - March 14, 2013 at 11:27 AM



“ Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin Land, Jr..



March 13, 2013 at 03:45 PM

BH

“ Bessie Hucks sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin Land, Jr.



Bessie Hucks - March 13, 2013 at 03:00 PM

BH

“*Julia, I am so sorry about Bennie. He was such a nice person. You are a wonderful sister. I am praying for you in the days ahead. I love you, Bessie*

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**Bessie Hucks** - March 13, 2013 at 02:59 PM

DA

“*Aunt Julia, our prayers are with you, he will be missed greatly. If there is any way we can help comfort or help you, we are here for you. Love Dana & Dennis*



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**Dana & Dennis Anderson** - March 13, 2013 at 02:36 PM

BA

“*Dearest Julia and family,  
Your family became our family the day ya'll walked in the Little Lazy River Cafe in 1996, what wonderful memories! You will always be in our hearts and prayers and may this scripture help to lift you up during this very difficult time.  
Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled:  
“Death is swallowed up in victory.  
O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?”  
For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
1 Corinthians 15:54-57  
Lovingly,  
Tom, Beverly and Missy*

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**Beverly Ambridge** - March 13, 2013 at 02:27 PM

EH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Bennie was a very fine man and I loved him very much.

*Evelyn Hammond*

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**Evelyn Hammond** - March 13, 2013 at 02:01 PM

TF

“ Miss Julia, we are praying for you and the whole family. Bennie Pop was such an inspiration to everyone he met...a wonderful smile, a twinkle in his eye, and a way of making you feel special. We will miss seeing him, but we will have him in our hearts forever. Our love to you, Terry and Richard Farmer

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**Terry Farmer** - March 12, 2013 at 05:36 PM

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*i agree with you 100%. he was oustasnding man. i hope my son can be half man he was.*

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**amy branton yarbrough** - March 12, 2013 at 07:25 PM

CL

*"Bennie Pop" was an unusual person and will greatly be missed. His picture reflects a happy person with a great personality. Having grown up near Conway and graduating from Conway High in 1957, I well remember Platt's Drug Store. Now as a Senior, I depend on my pharmacist almost like a Dr. They are certainly to be respected for the knowledge they share. You and your family will be in my prayer and thoughts and pray God to comfort you in this time of grief. God's blessings to you.*

*Sincerely, Cynthia Lingle, nee Ammons, Columbia, Miss.*

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**Cynthia Anne Ammons Lingle** - March 14, 2013 at 12:23 AM