



## Dr. Dorman Charles Batson Jr.

March 15, 1948 - December 11, 2023

Dr. Dorman Charles Batson Jr., age 75, of Myrtle Beach, SC, passed away on Monday, December 11th, 2023, from a lengthy illness. He grew up in Follansbee, WV. He graduated from Follansbee High School in 1966, then earned a degree in business from Marshall University. After graduation, he was drafted into the US Military Army Division and was stationed at West Point Military Academy as a military policeman. After his military service he worked at Wheeling Steel, Benwood Plant. During this time, he completed a graduate degree from West Virginia University. He then secured a job as a professor at Salem College in Salem, WV. In 1989 he accepted a job at Montreat Anderson College, near Asheville, NC. While at Montreat, he earned his doctorate degree from The Union Institute. In 1994, he was offered a chance to return to his home state of West Virginia by accepting a job as a professor at Glenville State College. He taught at Glenville State until he retired in 2016 and then moved to sunny Myrtle Beach, SC. After retiring, he served as a volunteer at the Welcome Center at Brookgreen Gardens and was a

dossier at Hobcaw Barony.

He is survived by his best friend and wife of 47 years Paula Wright Batson. As soul

mates, they shared many adventures together and made a home in several states

along the way. In each, they worked hard, learned many new things, they were able

to create a network of wonderful friends. He is survived by three children, Jennifer

Boyce Frodl, Wendy Batson Griffin and her husband Erick Griffin, and Mary Batson

Cantrell and her husband Brian Cantrell, seven grandchildren, Allison Frodl Tate and

her husband Austin Tate, Bella Griffin, Libbie Griffin, Maxwell Griffin, Tyler Mujica,

Micah Mujica, and Milo Mujica, and one great-grandchild, John Sawyer Tate.

He is preceded in death by his parents Dorman and Grace Batson and his two sisters, Hazel Henry and Beverly Daugherty. He has a one surviving sister

Joan

Roberts.

Dorman “Chuck” Batson was a Godly man that demonstrated kindness as a way of

life. He started each day reading the Bible and praying for his family and friends.

You would never find him without his notepad and pen making notes about ideas,

quotes, and facts. He is famous for sharing interesting trivia of every variety – especially American history. He loved farming, hunting, being in the woods, woodworking, watching Jeopardy, and walking along the beach with his wife and

dog Rosie.

A memorial service with military honors will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 30, 2023 at Palmetto Point Church. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service and a reception will follow. Bishop Jamie Barfield will be officiating.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Palmetto Point Church of God  
2901 Fantasy Way  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

# Tribute Wall



“ I will be missing Chuck on his walks with Paula and Rosie. What a sweet man. He can finally be whole again and breathe. Paula I hope you can feel the love we have for you!  
Love Cassie, Tybee & Carson Challe “The Gates”

Cassie Challe - December 30, 2023 at 08:58 PM



“ John g W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Dorman Charles Batson Jr..

John g W. - December 28, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Dorman Charles Batson Jr..



December 27, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ Bobbi (Childers) Reid Class of 1989 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Dorman Charles Batson Jr..

Bobbi (Childers) Reid Class of 1989 - December 27, 2023 at 08:17 PM

SC

“ Mrs. Batson was my 2nd grade teacher at West Union Grade School, Doddridge Co, WV probably 35 yrs ago. She was my all time Favorite teacher. I loved hearing stories of her Husband and daughters. When I read Mr. Batson's obituary in the West Union Herald Record, it brought back a flood of special memories. So sorry for your loss...

*I will never forget Mrs. Batson  
Shawna (McConnell) Chipps*

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**Shawna Chipps** - December 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

AL

“ Thinking about all of you and will always cherish the memories of all the fun dinner and game nights our families shared. Chuck was always so friendly and positive with a big smile. Truly a wonderful man!

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**Adam Landers** - December 19, 2023 at 01:17 PM

KD

“ Kimberly D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Dorman Charles Batson Jr..

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**Kimberly D.** - December 18, 2023 at 03:05 PM

CR

“ *Paula and girls,  
We we re saddened to hear of Chuck’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
It was a great pleasure to get to know Chuck while spending time in your Asheville adventure. He was indeed a kind man with a gentle, loving spirit. Maybe we can see you soon somehow. We think of you often!  
Love, Cheryl and Rance Rhodes*

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**Cheryl and Rance Rhodes** - December 15, 2023 at 06:12 AM



“ *Dr. Batson was my absolute favorite professor at Glenville State. I loved listening to his stories about his days working at the steel mills. His homemade chicken catcher story will forever be one of my favorites. He was a great God-fearing man. I have thought of him often over the years and hoped he was enjoying retirement with Paula. Love, hugs, and prayers to Paula and the family. Talk about him often to keep his memory alive, and may all his stories be forever retold.*

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**Heather Minney Jamison** - December 14, 2023 at 05:13 PM

DC

“ *I worked with Chuck at Salem and many years later we reconnected at GSC. We shared many conversations. He was an excellent professor with the students being his primary focus!  
My condolences to the family.*

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**Dr Theresa Cowan** - December 14, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Dorman Charles Batson Jr..*



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December 14, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ *It was an absolute pleasure getting to know Chuck while he was at Brookgreen Gardens. He was a dedicated volunteer who brought his warmth and gentle spirit to all those he encountered. His absence will be greatly felt amongst fellow staff and volunteers, especially on Tuesday afternoons, when the sun is shining on the welcome center.*

*Keeping his family in my thoughts today and always.  
Megan Conley-Frasca*

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**Megan Conley-Frasca** - December 14, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ *Dr. Bateson was a wonderful and amazing professor! He will be deeply missed by all who knew him! There was never a boring day in class with him. He loved to joke and tell stories. Heaven has gained an amazing angel! 🥹*

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**Siona Osborne Owens** - December 14, 2023 at 12:58 PM

DL

“ I will always remember stopping by Dr Batsons office at Glenville State and talking. I still have a few items from his office he gave me when he retired.



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**Donnie Lambert** - December 14, 2023 at 12:42 PM

RB

“ Rikki B. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Dorman Charles Batson Jr..



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**Rikki B.** - December 14, 2023 at 11:45 AM

RB

“ Rikki B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Dorman Charles Batson Jr..

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**Rikki B.** - December 14, 2023 at 11:45 AM

SM

“ I'm so sorry for the family's loss. Dr. Batson was my absolute favorite college professor. He was so kind and always smiling. He is missed.

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**Sarah Moyers** - December 14, 2023 at 10:30 AM

JT

“ Paula I am so sorry for your loss. He was a very sweet person that always had a smile on his face and was so friendly. I pray God will give you peace and fill the void in your life with only good things from above.

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**Jean tedder** - December 14, 2023 at 03:24 AM

SR

“ So sorry to hear this ,Paula. Prayers for you and your family. Dean and Sharon Richardson.

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**Sharon Richardson** - December 13, 2023 at 11:08 PM

JW

“ Mike and I always enjoyed Chuck's greeting at the church door. He was warm, kind and very approachable.

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**Jenna Wilson** - December 13, 2023 at 10:16 PM

LM

“ As a new volunteer at Brookgreen four years ago, Chuck made me feel welcomed and helped me to gain confidence by sharing his knowledge of the gardens. He always had a smile and kind heart. I will miss him. My sympathy to his wife and family.  
Blessings,  
Liz Mesnick

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**Liz Mesnick** - December 13, 2023 at 10:06 PM

JH

“ A wonderful man and I am so glad to have him in our life. A gentle spirit and a wonderful brother in the Lord.

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**Jack Hastings** - December 13, 2023 at 08:10 PM

TR

“ I had the great privilege of spending many hours with Chuck at Brookgreen. He shared his love of Brookgreen, of trivia, of family, of history and of life. He greeted guests and made them feel very special. We shared our families through many stories of visits and adventures. We became family as the years passed. His smile and warmth will always be a part of me. I know he is now at peace and is looking over Paula and his family.

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**Tish Richter** - December 13, 2023 at 07:23 PM

SP

“ Stephen P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Dorman Charles Batson Jr..

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**Stephen P.** - December 13, 2023 at 06:12 PM