



Lewis Calvin Pate

December 30, 1934 - February 1, 2024

Lewis Calvin Pate of Conway, SC passed peacefully on February 1, 2024 in Conway, SC.

Calvin was born in Charleston, SC on Dec. 30, 1934, son of the late Lewis Calvin Pate Sr. and Dorothy Carpenter Pate Jones. He grew up in Georgetown, SC, graduated from Winyah High School, and briefly attended USC. He married Barbara Jean "Bobbie" Hanniford of Florence in 1954.

He served in the U.S. Army in the 4th Infantry as a demolition specialist in Bamberg, Germany from 1957-59.

Following his service, he took a position as the manager of the A&P in Conway, SC, where he worked for many years before leaving to start his own business, Conway Fence Company. Years later he would continue to point out fences that he installed in the surrounding area every time the family went on a trip.

Calvin was instrumental in introducing a recycling program in Conway in the early 1970's and put a bin for recycling glass on the A&P property.

He was also known for his involvement with the Girl Scouts and assisted troops with earning badges. He conceptualized and put into action a joint effort with Brownie and Junior troops to sell cookies, stating that "Who could say no to a cute little Brownie?". The plan was very successful.

Calvin was an outdoorsman and introduced his family to primitive camping in Pisgah National Forest, and shrimping and crabbing at Pawleys Island.

He was an avid duck hunter and enjoyed trips to Saskatchewan, Canada to

go hunting with friends.

Calvin loved classical music, working in his garden, reading, creating toys and birdhouses from wood, and making model airplanes.

He was predeceased by his parents, Lewis Calvin Pate, Sr. and Dorothy Carpenter Pate Jones, his wife (Barbara "Bobbie" Hanniford Pate), and his brothers, Allen Carpenter Pate of Edisto Island, SC, and David Blakeney Pate of Florence, SC.

Calvin is survived by his brother, Robert James Pate (Carole); his daughters Mandy Pate and Carolyn Erickson (Fred); his bonus daughter, Denise Squires; granddaughters Shannon Henson (Allan), Kristen Dutka (Adam), Emily Kirkley (Brandon); grandson, Mark Erickson (Sarah); great grandchildren, Calista Anderson, Morgan Taylor, Emily Henson, Kailey Dutka, Charlotte Dutka, Lincoln Dutka, Jude Kirkley, and Emmett Erickson; cousin, Cathy Persons, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

The family wishes to thank the administration and staff of Carolina Gardens Senior Living as well as Agape Hospice for their compassionate and loving care.

Family and friends will gather for a celebration of life at a later date.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Pate Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Lewis Calvin Pate.*



Pate Family - February 06, 2024 at 07:18 PM

LS

“ *Mandy, I am so sorry for the loss of your Daddy. Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your Family.*



Lyn Snyder - February 03, 2024 at 09:10 PM

SR

“ *Mandy, Carolyn and families*

I was sorry to read of the passing of Calvin. He was a hard worker and a great manager of our hometown (A & P Store in Conway). I remember that he was very supportive of the Girl Scouts and your Mom was as well. May God give you peace and comfort now and in the days ahead.



Sylvia Richardson - February 03, 2024 at 09:54 AM

RS

“ I grew up a few blocks from the A&P. I would go there with my Mom all the time. Mr. Pate was one of the most kindness people I have ever known. My deepest sympathies to the entire Pate family. 🙏🏻✝️



Rhonda Sanders-Butler - February 03, 2024 at 08:41 AM