



Mr. Thomas Gibson Boyd

April 16, 1928 - November 25, 2018

Thomas Gibson Boyd, 90, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, passed away Sunday, November 25 at Grand Strand Hospital, following a brief illness.

Mr. Boyd was born April 16, 1928 in Conway, South Carolina, the youngest child of the late John Myrtle Boyd and Mary 'Mamie' Burroughs Boyd. He attended Conway High School, where he lettered in football and baseball, played first trumpet in the band, and was valedictorian of his graduating class. He received his B.A. and M.Ed. degrees from the University of South Carolina, where he completed additional postgraduate work. Mr. Boyd was First Honor Graduate in his class at Carolina, graduating magna cum laude, and was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Boyd began his career as band director at Lake View High School, going on to serve as band director and social studies teacher at Aynor High School for 11 years. His marching bands won numerous awards at parades and festivals, including the Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, DC. After completing graduate school in Columbia, he returned to teach Psychology at Coastal Carolina University, also serving as Director of Financial Aid and Director of Student Affairs during the 1970s. Professor Boyd was twice the recipient of Coastal's Outstanding Teaching Award. He became a Professor Emeritus upon his retirement in 1992, and continued to teach part-time until shortly after his 80th birthday in 2008.

Mr. Boyd was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Patricia Myrtle Boyd Carroll (George Leon Carroll) and Mary Virginia Boyd; and his brother, John Henry Boyd (Doris). He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Laura Genewood Brown Boyd; his daughter, Patrice Andrea Boyd, and her husband, Tarpley Semmes Mott, of New York City; nieces and nephew, Elaine Carroll Parmele, Linda Georgene Carroll, and George Leon Carroll, Junior, of Wilmington, North Carolina; as well as special sisters- and brothers-in-law, and numerous nieces and nephews, in his wife's family.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, with burial at Ocean Woods Cemetery in Myrtle Beach. Visitation will be Friday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. The family welcomes flowers and memorials may be sent to Coastal Carolina University, designated for the Psychology Department, PO Box 261954, Conway, SC 29528. Condolences may be sent to the family or posted at the Goldfinch website, www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

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

Cemetery Details

Ocean Woods Cemetery

2408 S. Kings Hwy
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Previous Events

Service

NOV 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home
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DEC 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KH

“ *Mr. Boyd, was my 7th grade, history teacher, the history was about S. C. History, and I loved it.*

I took notes so I could go back over the lesson and Mr. Boyd, used my notebook to give us tests from.

Mr. Boyd, was a good teacher I liked and respected him for being the teacher that he was.

May the Lord bless and keep his family, in their time of sorrow.



Katie Harrelson - November 29, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Gibson Boyd.*



November 29, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Gibson Boyd.*



November 29, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ Graceful Wreath was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Gibson Boyd.



November 29, 2018 at 08:27 AM



“ With Sympathy, Progressive Physical Therapy team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Thomas Gibson Boyd.



With Sympathy, Progressive Physical Therapy team -
November 29, 2018 at 08:16 AM



“ Mr. Boyd was a great teacher and person at Coastal. Patrice I hope you are doing fine. Twig

Twig Chestnut - November 28, 2018 at 09:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Gibson Boyd.



November 28, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Gibson Boyd.



November 28, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ Oh Patrice, I think of you and your family often. I have wonderful memories of your Dad as my professor but also as your Dad. I enjoyed our friendship and the many times I stayed in your home while we were friends. I pray that God will hold you and your family in His loving arms and you will have peace and comfort during this time.

Debbie Yarborough Coats Walters - November 28, 2018 at 05:39 AM



“ Sorry to hear about his death. I remember him from the high school years when I was in the band. ..lots of fun memories. Also he was such a kind man to work for at Coastal Carolina University under college work study in the financial aid office. He taught me a couple of Psychology courses at CCU and was such a good teacher. I have thought about him many times after CCU and wondered how he was doing. Prayers for family.

Annette Barnhill Graham - November 27, 2018 at 08:48 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Mr. Boyd's passing. He was a teacher of mine and have many good memories of him at Aynor High. RiP Mr. Boyd!

Eddie Tarte - November 27, 2018 at 08:24 PM

WH

i remember Mr. Boyd at AHS because he made history so interesting. I think I was in his class when President Kennedy was shot

winnie Hardwick - November 27, 2018 at 09:51 PM

BS

*I'm sorry to read of Tom's passing. Tom was a real Southern Gentleman. He was a pleasure to work with during our years at Coastal Carolina University. Tom's acts of kindness, gentleness, and thoughtfulness are imbedded in my mind forever. My deepest condolence to Laura, Patrice, and family.
Ballou Skinner*

Ballou Skinner - November 28, 2018 at 11:21 AM

LR

Mr. Boyd was a really good history teacher and an amazing band director...loved and respected him!

Lynn Koon Roberts - November 28, 2018 at 11:38 AM

EM

Mr Boyd loved his students and we loved him right back. The band room was a safe place and he always had time to listen. Handsome and mannered he set a high standard in music and life and held us to it. We are all better for knowing him

Ellen Ford McDowell - November 28, 2018 at 06:47 PM

TO

My time in the band at Aynor High under Mr. Boyd are among my fondest memories. My condolences to the family.

Tex Owens - November 30, 2018 at 11:28 AM

DL

"Mr. Boyd" as I called him at AHS, was a revered teacher and counselor to all. He was and always will be an example of a true Southern Gentleman. His students loved him dearly and will always remember his quiet, soft spoken way of talking to us. His superb bands were the talk of all who heard and saw them. He really loved, all of us. Out of school, he was my beloved uncle. Always with a smile, a compliment, and usually a story, he would remember the times you shared his genius. I say that in all sincerity. To me he was always special. His devotion to his family was paramount. His marriage was an example of true love, respect, and devotion to his bride, Aunt Gene. There are no words to express his love for his daughter, Patrice. She and Aunt Gene were his focus above all else. I loved, respected, and enjoyed them, individually and as the family unit they were. Uncle Tom will be missed by all, but please take comfort in the fact that he positively touched everyone he met and genuinely made a difference for good in our lives and this world. When I think of him in heaven, I see him standing erect and directing his marching band. Thomas G. Boyd, a truly Awesome human being.

Denise Brown Lynch - November 30, 2018 at 12:50 PM