



Thomas McBride Andrews

September 8, 1918 - July 23, 2020

Dateline – Whitmire, SC

Thomas McBride Andrews, age 101, of Whitmire, widower of Mildred B. Andrews died July 23, 2020.

Born September 18, 1918, he was the son of Thomas McBride and Nellie Stone Andrews. He was a 1939 graduate of Whitmire High School and was a WWII veteran. He served in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater with the Jolly Rogers bomber group. For 38 years, he was the postal carrier for the United States Postal Service for the town of Whitmire. Also known as Buddy or Big Papa, he was married to Mildred Blackmon Andrews for 70 years. Buddy also served as Troop 200 Scoutmaster and continued for 68 years. Buddy was a lifelong member of the Whitmire Methodist Church.

Surviving are his sons Tommy Andrews (Linda) of Gray Court, Jimmy Andrews (Bet) of Whitmire, and David Andrews (Paula) of Whitmire; his six grandchildren Niele Ferreira (Tony), Brian Andrews (Chrissy), Jamie Andrews (Lenka), Beth Faulk (Keith), David Andrews Jr., Amy Andrews; and six great grandchildren Isabella Ferreira, Aiden Ferreira, Tyler Andrews, Logan Andrews, Lukas Andrews, Nadia Andrews and other extended family members. He is also survived by one brother William Andrews.

In addition to his parents he is predeceased by his 4 sisters.

A Private Service will be held for the family at the Whitmire United Methodist Church. A Graveside Service will be held Monday, July 27, 2020 at 11:45 AM at Whitmire Cemetery for family and close friends. The family will receive friends after the service. Masks will be required when social distancing is not possible.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Boy Scouts Troop 200 of Whitmire, Whitmire United Methodist Church or the Whitmire Rescue Squad.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.grayfuneralhome.com

Gray Funeral Home of Whitmire

Cemetery

Whitmire Cemetery

Whitmire, SC, 29178

Events

JUL Graveside 11:45AM

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Whitmire Cemetery

Whitmire, SC, US, 29178

JUL Receiving family and friends following the service

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Comments



“ It was an honor to have known "Mr. Buddy" through Boy Scouts. He was an amazing individual and a great person. His participation on Eagle Scout Board of Reviews were legendary, and that is where I got to know him. My condolences to his family. He blessed my life...

Chuck Ward - August 06 at 03:15 PM



“ Terri Baker lit a candle in memory of Thomas McBride Andrews



Terri Baker - August 02 at 11:02 AM



“ Our thoughts & prayers are with each of y'all. Whitmire community certainly has lost a great man. Honored to have known him. He was surely blessed with a long life on this earth & was such an inspiration to all who knew him.

Robert and Terri Baker

Dalma Trammell

Terri Baker - August 02 at 11:06 AM



“ So very sorry for the passing of Mr. Buddy. He helped my mother, Ethel King Eargle when she became a cub scout den mother. My family was close friends with Mr. Buddy and his lovely wife for a number of years. I know he left a fine legacy for his entire family to be proud of. He will certainly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this time.



Charles & Tahelia Wardlaw - July 27 at 06:19 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Thomas McBride Andrews.



July 26 at 10:15 PM



“ Jamie and Deb Wyse purchased the Red, White & Blue Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of Thomas McBride Andrews.



Jamie and Deb Wyse - July 26 at 05:02 PM



“ White Mixed Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas McBride Andrews.



July 26 at 03:07 PM



“ What a life, what a legacy of fine children and many young Scouts inspired. I am sorry for your loss, Tommy, Jimmy, David, but I know this was a full life, well lived in service to others. I know you are proud of your dad. All comfort to you and yours, cousins.
Mike Wyse.

Mike Wyse - July 26 at 02:57 PM



“ Carolyn Boland lit a candle in memory of Thomas McBride Andrews



Carolyn Boland - July 26 at 02:06 PM



“ To the Andrew's family, Mr. Buddy was our mailman for many years. He was like a family member to us. I will always remember how much he cared about the people he served. When I went to the hospital to have Chris, I had just lost my mother. He delivered the mail that day, and then he stayed with my daddy at our grocery store until I called and told them about the baby. Words cannot express how much I appreciated him. Your family was blessed to have him. May God hold your family close through the days ahead.

Nancy S. Alexander - July 26 at 01:29 PM



“ Carl Peay lit a candle in memory of Thomas McBride Andrews



Carl Peay - July 26 at 09:08 AM



“ It never failed at anytime that I came across uncle buddy that he ask straight out, " how are your boys" after and only afterwards he would ask now how are you doing? Scouting was not only a passion for him but a way to truly communicate with the young boys and teach them life skills that would effect them years later.

He is a fine example of a great man. One to be admired for many years. I thank the day that he came into my life and helped me. Sending prayers to the family for peace. We all know that he's finally home.

Jeff S Murray - July 26 at 07:35 AM



“ Susie Mosley lit a candle in memory of Thomas McBride Andrews



Susie Mosley - July 25 at 11:52 PM



“ So very sorry for your family's great loss. Mr Andrews was a wonderful man, and will be missed by all.

Susie Mosley - July 25 at 11:55 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Andrews' death. All of you have my deepest sympathy during this difficult time.

Becky Rich

Becky Rich - July 25 at 09:28 PM



“ Dear Andrews family,
Mere words can never describe the life and service provided by Mr. Buddy. He is an icon of service from his time in the military in World War II to delivering the mail and most importantly his devotion to Scouting. It is obvious from his family's legacy that he was a great man. Our family appreciates his service and appreciate the family he reared to be leaders in our community. Mr. Buddy was simply a good man that gave us all a wonderful life. God be with you all. Lee, Carol, Joseph, Amelia

Sheriff Lee Foster - July 25 at 06:56 PM



“ Pat Seymore lit a candle in memory of Thomas McBride Andrews





“ We loved Mr. Buddy very much! We will miss his wonderful stories. He always looked for the positive in everyone he met. What a special man he was to us all. He will be missed. Love, Jesse, Rita & Marissa Baker



Rita Baker - July 25 at 06:00 PM



“ To Tommy, Jimmy and David and to all of the Andrews Family I will always remember your Father Grandfather and Brother as a wonderful man who loved others and was always willing to help when he could. I will always remember the fun times we had in Scouts. He was a wonderful Scout Master. Rest in Peace and know you are loved and will be missed.



George McCullough - July 25 at 01:14 PM



“ Barbara Pitts Campbell sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas McBride Andrews



Barbara Pitts Campbell - July 25 at 10:09 AM



“ Grady Lee Overstreet

Great man, always had answers for my Whitmire Questions. I called one day years back and asked if he knew when the Dam was built. He said yes since his dad came to Whitmire in 1919-20 to run the filter plant attached to the Dam. Buddy was almost 2 years old then as I remember.

grady l overstreet - July 24 at 09:09 PM



“ To The Family Members:
Our thoughts and heartfelt sympathy are with you in your time of sorrow.
First Citizens Whitmire
Thresa, Sherie, Donna

First Citizens - July 24 at 06:18 PM



“ To all of Buddy's family, you are all in our thoughts and prayers. As one Scout Master to another and postal worker, rest in peace. May God comfort you all at this sad time.
God Bless

Ray & Mickey Riley

Ray A Riley - July 24 at 05:51 PM



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Nancy S. Alexander - July 26 at 01:01 PM