



Ray Brewster

April 13, 1927 - September 7, 2018

Charles Ray Brewster, age 91, of Macon died September 7, 2018. Services will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 11 AM at the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Milledgeville.

Ray was born April 13, 1927, at Esom Hill, GA and grew up in Cedartown, the son of the late Fred Hubert and Clarice Ray Brewster. He was an Eagle Scout and served in the U.S. Navy from 1945- 1946 and in January of 1952, he was ordained minister at First Baptist Church in Cedartown. On July 12, 1952, he was married to Ruth Miller of Wallace, N.C.

He earned degrees from Mercer University, Yale University, Union Theological Seminary, and in 1967-1968 studied at Tübingen University in Germany. His top professors included Paul Tillich, Richard, and Reinhold Niebuhr, Robert Calhoun.

In 1949 and 1952-1959, he directed religious activities at Mercer, and was a faculty member from 1952 to 1995. While there, he received honors including: President of the Student Body, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, and Danforth Grant. He was also a champion Pole Vaulter while he was a student. He traveled 19 times overseas, including Canada, Mexico, Europe, and Hong Kong.

Ray is survived in Macon by his wife Ruth Miller Brewster; in Athens, by two sons, Ben (Donna) and Bob (Sarah), four grandchildren, Matt, Clay, Zoe, and Sam. Predeceased were three children: Stuart, Becky, and Charles.

Cemetery Details

Georgia Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

2617 Vinson Hwy
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Previous Events

Graveside Services

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I am sad to learn of the passing of Dr. Ray Brewster. He was my professor when I was a freshman at Mercer University back in 1991. He and Mrs. Brewster welcome me not only as a new student to the area but into their family. During my last year at Mercer, they invited over to their home. We had dinner and made egg rolls together. When I didn't go home for Thanksgiving one year, they invited me to share Thanksgiving with their children and grandchildren. After lunch we went to the visit Macon Indian Mound and I had an opportunity to spend the day with their family. They made an impression on my life during my early college years. I will always treasure those memories and I will miss his sweet and kind-hearted nature. Thank you Dr. Brewster for showing how you care to a young college kid like me. You had made a difference in my life. Ruth I love you and I am thinking about you. I hope we stay in touch.

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“ Ray Brewster was a serious Christian who loved to teach, to think critically, and to inspire Mercer students. He loved Mercer as much as anyone I have known at Mercer over my 35 years at the university. He embodied as well as promoted the Mercer Tradition in Baptist life.

*Walter B. Shurden
Minister at Large
Mercer University*

Walter B Shurden - September 10, 2018 at 07:10 AM

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“ We greatly appreciated getting to know Ray and Ruth during the years we attended St. James Episcopal Church in Macon. We have great admiration and respect for Professor Brewster, and always appreciated his thoughts, hearing of his experiences and his insights on life. We are saddened to learn of his passing.

Jean and Mark Stafford

Jean E Stafford - September 09, 2018 at 12:23 PM

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“ Charles Brown lit a candle in memory of Ray Brewster



charles brown - September 08, 2018 at 11:11 AM