



Charles Willard Britnell

February 6, 1931 - June 2, 2022

On June 2, 2022, Charles “Charlie” Britnell, age 91, of Russellville left for his Heavenly Home, to rejoin his beautiful bride Sweet Sue.

He was a Church of Christ minister for 75 plus years.

He was passionate for his God and lived for his Lord. Charlie was also loved as an educator for most of his life, serving as Head Master of Jefferson Christian Academy, President of Northwest Alabama Jr. College & Shoals Community College, Alabama State Legislature with one term in the State Senate and two terms in the House of Representatives. He was a teacher in K-12 all over Franklin County Alabama as well as a prominent leader in 4-H.

Charlie is survived by his children, Charles “Chuck” Britnell Jr., Alan Dale Britnell (Judy), Sharon Sue Britnell Steien (Ottie), Tammie Lynn Britnell Nix (Curtis); grandchildren, Misty Hooper (Bobby Gene), Jessica Beasley (TJ), Alisha Britnell, Ben Britnell, Laura Kee (Ryan), Marie Jenkins, Luke Britnell (Jade), Rachel Giles (Jake), Peter Steien (Ashley), Devin Nix, Ashley Palmer (Brent), Elizabeth Montgomery (Matt); great-grandchildren, Bo and Kaylee Hooper, Alana and Tyler Kee, Lorianna and Jessie Jenkins, Briley and Kendale Palmer, Charlie Sue and Jack Montgomery and Ollie and Addie Nix, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life Sweet Sue Andrews Britnell; parents, Jesse and Alta Britnell; brothers, Elmer and Eugene Britnell; sisters, Annie Patton, Mae Davis; grandson Andrew Nix; great-granddaughters, Katlynn Palmer and Megan Gooch.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 5, 2022 from 1pm – 3pm with the funeral service following at 3pm, in the Chapel of Pinkard Funeral Home of Russellville. Bro. Larry Kilpatrick will officiate. Interment will be in Franklin Memory Gardens.

Pinkard Funeral Home of Russellville assisted the family.

Cemetery Details

Franklin Memory Gardens

2710 Waterloo Road
Russellville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Pinkard Funeral Home
27305 Hwy 24 East
P.O. Box 502
Russellville, AL 35653
(256) 332-7772
<http://www.pinkardfh.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

JUN 5 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pinkard Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Willard Britnell*



Pinkard Funeral Home - June 05, 2022 at 12:32 PM

JP

*The life of a wonderful man remembered through carefully chosen photos.
Dr. Charles Willard Britnell*

Jennie Davis Prince - June 05, 2022 at 10:16 PM

GW

Just now learned of Brother Charlie's passing. Thanks for posting this lovely tribute online. He was respected by all in our community. From Grace Bearden Wells

Grace Bearden Wells - June 24, 2022 at 05:30 PM

Z(

Thanks for the wonderful pictures. His loving smile never changed. And beautiful Sue. They were a blessing to everyone who knew them.

zayne watters (hodge) - December 09, 2023 at 01:24 PM

JB

“ *so sorry to hear of Charlies passing we love Charlie and Sweet Sue at Thornhill Church of Christ in the late 80s and early 90s. our prayer will be with the family during this sad time*

Jeanny Barnett - June 06, 2022 at 08:07 PM

DK

“ Sharon and family,

I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Debbie Kennedy

Debbie Kennedy - June 06, 2022 at 02:12 PM



“ A wonderful Christian man and brother in Christ. May God comfort and bless his family.



Scotty Burleson - June 06, 2022 at 10:11 AM

MD

“ My dad, Lindsay Allen, was also a gospel preacher and also from Russellville. I know he thought a lot of the Britnell brothers. My condolences to the family and friends.

Mary Daily - June 06, 2022 at 01:10 AM

LM

“ I have so many fond memories of Mr. Britnell! First as a counselor at Belgreen High School while I was a student there, then as a dear friend I would visit while attending northwest. We both loved Snoopy and Charlie Brown and I would take him a book cartoon about them. He was the first and only choice to perform our wedding ceremony 43 years ago! His smile and joy of life will never be forgotten!

lisa miller - June 05, 2022 at 10:28 PM

MF

“ *Mary Flippen, Missy And Ben Richey Famil sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Willard Britnell*



Mary Flippen, Missy and Ben Richey famil - June 05, 2022 at 04:51 PM

MH

“ *Mr. Britnell was so loved by his former students. This is Mary Lou Smelser Henry. I was taking my time and checking over an English Test, and he said if you take this long to pick a husband you will pick a good one. He performed the ceremony almost 50 years ago. He taught me at Belgreen and Nortwest Jr. College.*

Mary Loy Smelser Henry - June 05, 2022 at 03:51 PM

TH

“ *He was one of my instructors at Northwest. He would stop by my parents house when he was in Hamilton to say hello and if we were eating he would join us. Great Man. Prayers to his family.*

Tim Holcomb - June 05, 2022 at 01:11 PM

DH

I have fond memories of him and his family as my pastor at Isbell Church of Christ when I was young. He was a wonderful preacher and made so many other accomplishments to be proud of. I'll always remember his sweet smile he always had. My Condolences to the family.

Dana Hargett Hill - June 05, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ 49 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pinkard Funeral Home - June 05, 2022 at 12:13 PM

JC

“ I did not know this gentleman- my knowledge of him comes from his daughter Sharon - a friend of mine from across a wide ocean. I wish I had met him - he sounds remarkable. Sincere condolences to all his family .



Jackie Condon - June 05, 2022 at 11:49 AM

MS

“ Loved Charlie!! He performed our wedding ceremony at Spring Park in Tuscumbia over 30 years ago. One of the few men I have ever known that could do a sermon by simply reciting the Bible from memory verse by verse! Truly a man of God!!

Mark Simpson - June 05, 2022 at 11:38 AM

RD

“ This great Godly man leaves so many good memories. Prayers for the family.

Rebecca Davis - June 05, 2022 at 07:55 AM



“ *I am deeply saddened to learn of Dr. Britnell's passing. My sympathies and condolences are given to the family.* ”



Tony BrakeField - June 04, 2022 at 11:51 PM