



## Byron Scott Chambliss

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Mr. Byron Scott Chambliss of Montgomery, Alabama, was welcomed into heaven's gates on the morning of May 22nd, 2020, at the age of 95. Mr. Chambliss was living at the Colonel Robert L. Howard State Veterans Home in Pell City at the time of his passing.

Byron was born in 1924 in Prattville, Alabama, where he lived until his family moved to Birmingham. He grew up during the Great Depression and was introduced to football on the sandlots of Ensley, where his father, a Navy Veteran of World War I, worked in the steel mills. Byron became an All-State football player at Woodlawn High School. He graduated in 1943 and married Ann Dickas of Birmingham.

Not long after, Byron enlisted in the army. He served in Germany and the Philippines during World War II as a combat infantryman, a member of an anti-tank crew, and as a physical fitness instructor. He served with the 86th Infantry Division in Germany and earned the American Campaign Medal, the European-Asian-Middle East Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Pacific Theatre Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

After completing his service, he was recruited to play football for the University of Alabama, where he played from 1946-1948 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education in 1949. He played his last year of eligibility at Livingston State College, where he earned first-team All-Conference and second-team All-American honors. Following college, he played semi-pro baseball and coached football at Livingston and Thompson high schools for seven years before beginning a highly successful career in insurance and real estate in Birmingham with his growing family.

Byron was active in civic affairs in Birmingham, serving as a founding member and president of the Sertoma Club, helping to organize and raise funds for the Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch and helping to establish St. John's Methodist Church, which began

meeting in one of his properties until the church was built.

Chambliss retired to Montgomery, where he lived near his children and grandchildren until 2019. In 2008, he was invited on an Honor Flight to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., a memorable trip he was proud to be a part of. Byron was an avid runner, a horse enthusiast and loved gospel music, ice cream, and sharing stories about Jesus with his children and grandchildren. Byron loved his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and left a rich legacy full of love for family, faith, and country.

Byron is preceded in death by his father, Jessie Allen Chambliss, his mother, Irene Scott Chambliss, his brother Jack Lee Chambliss, and grandson Hunter Alan Chambliss. He is survived by his brother Bobby Allen Chambliss (Melanie) and seven children: Dan Chambliss (Marcia), Sam Chambliss (Renee), Gordon Chambliss (Lisa), Dave Chambliss (Sherrie), Terry Ann Chambliss Beers (Ron), Matthew Chambliss (Kari), and Anna Rhea Chambliss Reid (Jonathan). His seventeen surviving grandchildren include Jen Wallace Yarbrough-Lapke, Amie Smith Teske, Casey Chambliss, Ameer Shea Morgan Calloway, Webb Chastain, Rachel Beers Fisher, Emily Chambliss Merrick, Rebecca Beers Frederick, Jessica Chambliss, Nathan Chambliss, Samuel Chambliss, Peyton Chambliss, Grant Chambliss, Sarah Dalton Chambliss, Wyatt Chambliss, Whitney Chambliss, and Tallulah Reid.

A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, May 29th at 11 o'clock for family only at Prattville Memorial Chapel with a graveside service to follow at Prattville Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in his honor to the Alabama Boys and Girls Ranches or the charity of your choice.

# Comments

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“ A deep mixture of emotions fill my heart for each of you in Mr. Chambliss' family of loved ones!

May HOLY SPIRIT help each of you this day in celebrating his full life & may you be comforted in knowing the many promises LORD JESUS shares throughout HIS WORD; promises to keep you focused & for you to CLING to in this temporary separation & through all your grieving!

The Obituary was wonderful! Thank you for sharing all you wrote! Memories take me back to meeting Mr. Chambliss right after my family uprooted & moved to Lawrence, KS the summer prior to first year of high school! GOD, in HIS plans, brought Terry Ann & I together in a Brunch, Meet & Greet . . . we quickly became Forever Friends & life woven with the Chambliss family began as a gift from the LORD!!!

Mr. Chambliss' deep Southern accent was fascinating & a challenge for these Midwest ears, his love & dedication to teaching & care to his family was fervent, his devotion to GOD & our United States of America was strong, his expectations of respect, honor, attitude & gratefulness were clear & commitment to physical fitness & to his children's sports activities were constant & focused highlights!! Memories of riding with Mr./Mrs. Chambliss & Terry Ann to watch Gordon with the K-State Wildcats, and then following Gordon & Dave playing & Sam assistant coaching KSU football were special Fall events!

I can see clearly, even now, Mr. Chambliss' eyes light up with pure joy & delight when catching sight of his children & engaging with their close friends!

The Obituary sparked memories of some history shared & then broadened more of his past that really warmed my heart. Thank you much for sharing! Getting to meet most all of the Chambliss Family these past few years has been nothing short of pure joy. "Y'all" have been instrumental in helping me through these past few hardest years of life & I am grateful! Mr. Chambliss was so proud of & enjoyed his grandchildren, great-grandchildren & all his family!

Grief is not easy but JESUS is faithfully right there with you & promises to never leave you!!! Seek & Cling to HIM, HE loves you all & HE cares!!!

Mr. Chambliss is now in AWE, in the PRESENCE of the LORD, he is in praise of JESUS and is fully enjoying all of GOD's best!

Please know Dan, Sam, Gordon, Dave, Terry Ann and entire Chambliss Family my prayers are pouring out to LORD JESUS for each of you & trusting HOLY SPIRIT's comfort, with help, into each of your hearts!!!

With sympathy & love,  
Michele Cowger



“ Michele, Thank You my Sweet Friend. Your kind words and Prayers mean so much.

**Terry Ann Chambliss Beers** - May 31, 2020 at 03:18 AM

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“ My sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Byron. At this time of loss, recall fond memories that bring a smile or laughter. We look forward to the day when God will swallow up death forever. - Isaiah 25:8

**BW Hunter** - May 28, 2020 at 03:28 PM

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“ As members of the old Camellia Rd. clan, I wanted to extend the condolences of the Wilkey family. We will pray for your family at this time of loss.

Wayne Wilkey

**Wayne Wilkey** - May 27, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ Thank you Wayne. Lots of fond memories growing up on Camellia.

**Terry Ann Chambliss Beers** - May 31, 2020 at 03:16 AM