



Major Charles Bradford Vanderlip

December 14, 1929 - April 1, 2023

Charles Bradford Vanderlip, a retired US Army Major, passed away on April 1, 2023, at the age of 93. He was born in Savannah, Georgia, on December 14, 1929, to Henry and Rebecca Vanderlip. But he spent the majority of his life with family and friends in Apex, NC, where he was an active member of Olive Chapel Baptist Church for many years.

Major Vanderlip served his country with honor and distinction in the US Army from 1948 through 1968. He was a Master Paratrooper and non-commissioned officer before being selected to attend Infantry Officer Candidate School where he graduated in 1957. In 1960, he entered aviation training. Upon graduation, he served in multiple assignments including tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam as well as being a flight instructor in Arizona. He received numerous awards and commendations and retired in 1968 as a Major and Senior Aviator.

Upon his retirement, Major Vanderlip worked in various manufacturing positions. He also operated an airport in Tennessee and ran a charter flight service. Along with his wife, Ida, they also owned and operated their own manufacturing business in Apex, Misida Lighting. His post military experience includes livestock and crop farming.

Charles is survived by his wife Ida Fell Vanderlip, his son David Bradford

Vanderlip and his wife Sharon, his daughter Wanda Vanderlip Abbott and her husband Andy, his son-in law James Warren Townsend, his friend Colonel James David Canfield, 6 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and 1 great, great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Gail Vanderlip Townsend and his brother, Henry Nelson Vanderlip.

The family will receive friends at Olive Chapel Baptist Church on Monday, April 10, 2023, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, with funeral services to follow at 3:00 PM at Olive Chapel Baptist Church. Reverend Ronald Murray will officiate the service, and Charles will be laid to rest at the Olive Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with Military Honors.

Cemetery Details

Olive Baptist Church Cemetery

600 New Hill Olive Chapel Rd
Apex, NC 27502

Previous Events

Receive Friends

APR 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Olive Chapel Baptist Church
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Funeral Service

APR 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Major Charles Bradford Vanderlip.*



April 09, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Angie and Ken purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Major Charles Bradford Vanderlip.*



Angie and Ken - April 09, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Major Charles Bradford Vanderlip.*



April 08, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Major Charles Bradford Vanderlip.*



April 05, 2023 at 09:05 PM