



## Alton Benton Huggins

October 5, 1935 - March 21, 2018

Master Sergeant Alton (Al) Benton Huggins (U.S. Air Force, Retired) (82) passed away on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at his residence.

Family and friends are invited to attend his visitation on Sunday, March 25, 2018 from 12 o'clock until hour of service at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. Funeral service will begin at 1 o'clock at James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Dorchester Memory Gardens, 11000 Dorchester Road, Summerville, SC.

Flowers will be accepted.

Alton was born on October 5, 1935 on a sharecropper farm in upper Dillon County, SC, son of the late Henry Benton Huggins and Hattie Humphrey Huggins. Alton is predeceased by his wife Elizabeth Causey Huggins, two brothers Kenneth Huggins and Mike Huggins, one son Allen Benton Huggins of Eutawville, SC, daughter-in-law Ulrika Huggins and one sister Virginia Richbourg of Florence, SC. He is survived by his children Nina Maria (Dan) Matrazzo of Atlanta, Ga; Myra (Wayde) Walker of Summerville, SC; Craig Huggins of Summerville, SC; unbelievable beautiful granddaughters Mia Melody Matrazzo, Ryleigh Elise Walker and Natalie Elizabeth Walker; brother Reverend Henry Huggins of Newport, NC.

Alton attended Amarillo Jr. College, TX, University of Southern Mississippi and Rollins College, FL. Alton completed 81.5 hours, all night school with a 3.57 GPA. He received an Associate of Arts Degree in Accounting from Rollins College. Alton was employed with the Broyhill Furniture Plant in Summerville for 22 years where he was the Production Coordinator, Office Manager, Materials Manager, and Plant Manager. Alton was active in community affairs all his youth and adult years. Alton served as coach, manager, and youth governing board member in Little League baseball. He also served as an umpire in girls youth softball. He worked tirelessly to build a youth baseball complex at Patrick AFB, FL for which he received an Air Force Systems Command special citation. Alton was active in Boy Scouts serving on the troop committee. Alton was a coach with Dixie Youth baseball at Ladson, SC and Tom Connelly Field. While plant manager Alton worked several years with the Dorchester School District Two primary and adult programs. During his tenure as plant manager the Summerville Broyhill plant received a special citation for adult education excellence from the Department of Education in Washington, DC.

Alton served in the U.S. Air Force for twenty years and was a Vietnam veteran. He also served in Dhahran Saudi Arabia, and Frankfurt, Germany. Among his military awards are the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

# Cemetery Details

## Dorchester Memory Gardens

11000 Dorchester Road  
Summerville, SC 29485  
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 25.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

## Service

**MAR 25.** 1:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alton Benton Huggins*

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September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *I am a cousin from the Humphrey side of Alton's family.....My mother was Mayo Humphrey Ford, a aunt of Alton. My family sends all our love to all of you in your time of grief...My mother passed in 2013....Our thoughts and prayers with all. Love, Jimmy Ford.....843-845-2106*

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**Jimmy Ford** - March 28, 2018 at 09:42 PM



“ Dear Huggins Family:

*Alton was a high school classmate and we renewed our friendship long after our graduation in 1953 from Dillon High.....more than 50 years later.*

*That renewed relationship was and remains special for me because we both discovered that we had come through cultural, philosophical, intellectual and societal maturity that brought us closer, including our Vietnam experiences.*

*We were able to visit several times for lunch at IHOP in Summerville, though my impaired vision and his health issues interrupted those meals over the last couple of years. However, we have kept in touch via telephone.*

*Your Father and Grandfather was a man of integrity, principle and heart whose contributions to my life during the winter of our years are important and lasting. Please know that I can never fully understand the impact of Alton's death in your lives, I do share in the great appreciation of a good life well lived by a good man. You are in our thoughts. cermette clardy, jr.*

*(please excuse any mistakes; the use of computer is a challenge)*

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**Cermette Calrdy** - March 26, 2018 at 02:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alton Benton Huggins.*



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March 25, 2018 at 08:47 AM



“ *From my very first memory of him, my Uncle Alton was one of my favorite people in the world. He was my dad's baby brother, and I never saw anything but good in him. About a year ago, Uncle Alton told me about the first time he "met" me when my family came back from Germany in 1960. I was three then. His memory was so sweet and loving; he made me feel really special! I will miss you until we meet again, sweet Uncle Alton!*

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**Patsy Spicer** - March 24, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ *Tequila And The Girls lit a candle in memory of Alton Benton Huggins*



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**Tequila and the girls** - March 23, 2018 at 09:22 PM



“ *Anette Gänslér Andrén & family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Alton Benton Huggins.*



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**Anette Gänslér Andrén & family** - March 23, 2018 at 01:24 PM

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“ *Myra and family, my deepest condolences to you all. Sending loving thoughts and prayers to you as you go through this sad time. May happy memories help you through.*  
*R/ Susanna C Wallace (SSCLANT)*

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**Susanna Wallace** - March 23, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alton Benton Huggins.*



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March 23, 2018 at 10:57 AM

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“ *Anette Gänslér Andrén lit a candle in memory of Alton Benton Huggins*



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**Anette Gänslér Andrén** - March 23, 2018 at 03:15 AM

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“ *You brightened so many people's lives. Rest in peace, Alton.*

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**Anette Gänslér Andrén** - March 23, 2018 at 03:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Alton Benton Huggins*.



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March 22, 2018 at 05:42 PM