



Clarence August Bauer Jr

January 1, 1938 - September 15, 2025

Clarence A. Bauer, Jr., 87, of Summerville, SC, passed away peacefully on September 15, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on January 1, 1938, in Washington, D.C., Hank was the beloved son of the late Clarence A. Bauer, Sr. and Bertha Bauer. A proud and dedicated patriot, Hank served honorably in the United States Air Force for over 21 years.

Hank married the love of his life, Martha Bauer, for 63 wonderful years. Their bond was one of enduring love, support, and shared joy. Together, they built a life grounded in hard work, family values, and mutual respect.

A man of strong will, Hank was a great example of a "do-it-yourself" spirit. He found joy in working with his hands. Whether it was gardening, tinkering with his tractor, or completing projects around the house, he was never one to sit still when there was work to be done.

Hank also enjoyed the simple pleasures of life: watching football, fishing now and again, and most importantly, spending cherished time with his grandchildren, who he loved deeply.

He leaves behind a legacy of service, strength, and love that will live on in the

hearts of all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Martha Bauer; his children: Anne Driggers (Daryl) and Rhonda Burbage (Greg); his grandchildren: Billy Joe Pavlovich, Patrick Pavlovich, Taylor Burbage, and Landen Burbage; his great grandchildren: Brooke Boatwright (James) and Ashton Pavlovich; his great great grandchild, Trey; his siblings: Marge Brothers, Ted Bauer, Janet Delp, and Michael Bauer; as well as numerous beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his children, Leo L. Pavlovich, Jr. and Bonnie Sue Bauer; his parents; as well as his sister, Susie Hill.

A visitation of family and friends will be held on Friday, September 19, 2025, from 6pm to 8pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Dorchester Memory Gardens-Oakbrook Chapel, beginning at 10:30am. Burial will immediately follow.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

SEP **20**. 10:30 AM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Oakbrook Chapel
11000 Dorchester Rd.
Summerville, SC 29485

Burial

SEP **20** (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

“ Memories of an Eldest Brother – Part 1

Whether you knew our brother by his given name: Clarence August Bauer Jr., or by Buddy or Hank, or as a father or grandfather, as a Master Sargent, or as a friend or neighbor; he was someone I know you will miss and will feel as a loss today. But that loss will lessen with time because the feeling of loss brings with it the memories that are who he was to you. So, whenever you do think of him seek out those memories and they will help to heal the wound and fill the void he leaves.

Buddy had many dimensions and facets to his being, and each of us I am sure knew a lot of them in common. He was a gregarious sort that made him fit in and comfortable with others and able to be at ease around them and have them be at ease with him. This affability is one of the threads that pulls forth those memories which will lighten the heart and lift the spirit. Buddy would want you to remember those moments and occasions that you enjoyed together.

It's not hard to have experienced such things with him, he was always about and doing something. From his youth he was off with his friends staying out of or getting into trouble, or working with them at a garage fixing cars, rebuilding a small airplane engine in his own in the backyard, and eventually setting off on his own by enlisting in the air force. Even as his life followed a course familiar to us: marriage, raising a family, retiring from the military, finding a new career, and eventually retiring to a life of still staying busy; Buddy was both working at life and enjoying it with others.

To help each of us deal with his passing, I know what Buddy would do in our situation. He would tell us to recall some of those unique and special moments that you had with or know about Buddy and tell you to share it with one another.

From the perspective of his youngest sibling, Buddy memories come more through the stories by and about him and things he did

then me being part of them myself; but there are still those personal moments which always come to mind when thinking about him.

I heard about our mother tying Buddy to one of the trees in our front yard when he was little, because he was always running off when told not to leave the yard. So, I have been told. Buddy had other ideas and would just go. So, our mother put a harness on him and tied a rope (aka, a leash) to he could not run off. Nonetheless, Buddy worked his way out of the harness and off he went. This was an early indication of Buddy's independent streak.

My youngest sister also learned stories about Buddy that she could never have experienced directly either. Janet recalled that she had been told that Buddy often came home with some injury that required our mother to attend to him, and after some numerous first-aid interventions Mom told him that the next time he got hurt to take care of it himself. So, when he had a nail go through his foot and he went alone to the local hospital and our mother got a call from the hospital about him coming to them to get his foot treated and why she didn't come with him, she was a bit annoyed. When he returned from the hospital their discussion concluded with Mom throwing a Pepsi bottle at him which he ducked so that it left an indentation in the wall So, we are told.

Thomas Bauer - September 21, 2025 at 08:12 PM

“ Memories of an Eldest Brother – Part 2

Now, I also do have my own stories with Buddy. I can think of our shared interest in science, like when he wanted to see how high a firecracker would lift a brick on top of a tin can. Though I suppose it may have only been educationally instructive to me. Then there is that small airplane engine he was restoring. I remember standing around watching him working on it. And at some point he asked me to hold the spark-plug wire which I was very eager to do. He then turn the crankshaft and I learned a shocking lesson. If you don't know how something works, lacking that understanding can literally shock you. Buddy also introduced me to my first beer during a visit home when I was around 10 to 12. This may be been much more to my benefit than I know, as beer was not the unknown mystery that it might have been as a teenager. Who wanted to drink something that put you to sleep!

Many of the most memorable of my memories are stories that Buddy told me when he returned on visits to my parents' house or my other brother's or my sisters' houses; or stories that were shared with me by my siblings. I learned more about Buddy through the substance of those stories than through my own direct experiences. I regret that I never got to experience one of Buddy's big barbecues, but just hearing about them was something that offered a future opportunity to look forward to. While it is now gone, the memory remains; and that is its own reward.

Buddy was able to succeed in life because he was knowledgeable and talented, and he was sought out to help solve problems in work and I am sure in life. His grandsons will no doubt benefit in their lives from being around him. Our brother was a good man who dearly loved his family and whom he was very proud of. So, while we are all sad today, let your memories help in the coming days to find solace in his passing and that tomorrow's thoughts will bring comfort and peace. I believe Buddy would say he lived a well-lived life.

Thomas Bauer - September 21, 2025 at 08:12 PM

SH

“ *Hank, I will miss talking to you and seeing your sweet smile. Living next door to you on base you were either sitting out side or taking care of your yard. I specifically remember the day you planted beautiful hedges between our 2 yards. God has called you to Heaven and now has a very special Angel, RIP Hank, Fly high with the angels and I know you and David will have alot to talk about.*

Shirley Hill - September 19, 2025 at 05:22 PM

SL

“ *I will dearly miss you Hank, many thanks for your knowledge and teaching me about plaster and stucco, but most of all the blessings of your friendship.. until we meet again, “Sunshine” Sheridan Perrow -Lemon*



Sheridan Lemon - September 19, 2025 at 04:34 PM

RH

He is truly a man with integrity. It's a very good man. Much respect.

Riley Hiers - September 20, 2025 at 09:52 PM



“ 146 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - September 18, 2025 at 05:02 PM



“ Joseph Cuozzo purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Clarence August Bauer Jr.

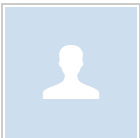


Joseph Cuozzo - September 18, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ Joseph Cuozzo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clarence August Bauer Jr.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clarence August Bauer Jr.

September 18, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Clarence August Bauer Jr.*



September 18, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clarence August Bauer Jr.

September 18, 2025 at 07:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clarence August Bauer Jr.*



September 18, 2025 at 07:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clarence August Bauer Jr.

September 17, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Clarence August Bauer Jr.*



September 17, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clarence August Bauer Jr.

September 17, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Clarence August Bauer Jr.



September 17, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ Shirley Hill purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Clarence August Bauer Jr.



Shirley Hill - September 16, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ Kirk, Dee, Lance, Lauren, Kirstie Dillon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clarence August Bauer Jr.

Kirk, Dee, Lance, Lauren, Kirstie Dillon - September 16, 2025 at 02:18 PM

KD

“ Kirk, Dee, Lance, Lauren, Kirstie Dillon purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Clarence August Bauer Jr.



Kirk, Dee, Lance, Lauren, Kirstie Dillon - September 16, 2025
at 02:18 PM

JH

“ John H. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Clarence August Bauer Jr.



John H. - September 16, 2025 at 02:07 PM

JH

“ John H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clarence August Bauer Jr.

John H. - September 16, 2025 at 02:07 PM