



## Mr. Benjamin Lucas Norwood

March 6, 1934 - January 20, 2016

Funeral services for Mr. Benjamin Lucas Norwood, 81, a retired farmer and agricultural researcher from McBee, who died peacefully on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, will be held at 2 o'clock on Saturday, February 6, 2016 in McBee Baptist Church, 115 N. 5th Street, McBee, SC. The family will receive friends following the service. Dr. Richard A. Clark will officiate the services with a burial to follow in McBee Cemetery at 3:30. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to McBee Baptist Church, PO Box 416, McBee, SC 29101, or the McBee Depot Library and Railroad Museum, PO Box 506, McBee, SC 29101. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family.

A son of James Theophilus Norwood and Florence Stone Norwood, he was born in McBee on March 6, 1934, and later became known by many locally simply as Mr. Ben. A graduate of McBee High School and Clemson University, he also did graduate work in agriculture at the University of Maryland after serving in the U.S. Army.

In the aftermath of 1989's Hurricane Hugo, he was featured in The State for his work growing Atlantic Coastal panic grass, or sea grass, to help with dune stabilization along the coast. In addition to traditional row crops, he produced specialty crops for erosion control and wildlife management. He grew sericea for reclaiming mined land and developed an innovative method of transplanting bicolor lespedeza seedlings for bobwhite quail habitat.

Earlier in his career, he was a research agronomist for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in Beltsville, Md. After retiring from farming in McBee, he worked for the federal government's citrus canker eradication program in Florida.

He is survived by a daughter, Robyn Norwood, and her husband Mark Whicker of Long Beach, and a son, Michael Benjamin Norwood and his wife Tina of Camden. He was predeceased by his sons Jeffrey and Daniel and by his brother, James T. Norwood Jr.

He also is survived by seven grandchildren, Eric, Hannah, MaryAnna, Joanna, Olivia and Mary Norwood and Philip Whicker, as well as a great-grandson, James Theophilus Norwood, known as Theo.

# Cemetery Details

## McBee Cemetery

Highway 151  
McBee, SC

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

McBee Baptist Church  
115 North Fifth Street  
McBee, SC 29101

## Visitation

FEB 6. 2:45 PM (ET)

McBee Baptist Church  
115 North Fifth Street  
McBee, SC 29101

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Robyn Norwood** - January 28, 2016 at 11:57 AM



*I've always loved this picture.*

**Mary Anne Norwood** - January 30, 2016 at 11:51 PM

DW

“ *Ben was a great teacher in the farming world and touched many people, I remember running the seed cleaners for him after school , he taught me so much about the farm industries' as well as lessons in life, God bless the family in the time of sorrow for this great man he will always be remembered by me as a great mentor.*

**Davie Walters** - January 25, 2016 at 09:11 AM



*Thank you so much for these thoughtful memories, Davie Walters. -- Mike and Robyn Norwood and family.*

**Robyn Norwood** - January 28, 2016 at 11:49 AM

RK

“ I spent a lot of time at the little white building there across the tracks with him and also work after school with him from time to time! My dad also done a lot of work with him checking on the silos at night to make sure there running and to keep the crews working at the beach after Hugo! He was a very smart man and I learned from him and his generous ways! Rip mr Ben Norwood

robert keller - January 24, 2016 at 07:01 PM



We so appreciate these stories, Robert Keller. Mike Norwood, Robyn Norwood and family.

Robyn Norwood - January 28, 2016 at 11:51 AM

KG

“ Kelly Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Lucas Norwood



kelly gardner - January 24, 2016 at 04:45 PM



Thank you from the Norwoods, Kelly Gardner.

Robyn Norwood - January 28, 2016 at 11:51 AM

RJ

“ R.A JOHNSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Lucas Norwood



R.A JOHNSON - January 24, 2016 at 03:33 PM



*Thank you from our families. Robyn Norwood and Mike Norwood.*

**Robyn Norwood** - January 28, 2016 at 11:52 AM



“ *Polli Seegars Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Lucas Norwood*



**polli seegars vughn** - January 24, 2016 at 01:17 PM



*Thank you so much.*

**Robyn Norwood** - January 28, 2016 at 11:52 AM



“ *Ben was a great man and one of the most influential men in my younger years. I am glad he was part of my life and my memories will always be cherished.*

**Sarah Rogers** - January 24, 2016 at 07:46 AM



*Thank you, Sarah. Those were happy years with a full house. He loved you "youngsters."*

**Robyn Norwood** - January 28, 2016 at 11:53 AM

CK

“ Chris And Kim Blackwell And Kids lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Lucas Norwood



chris and kim blackwell and kids - January 24, 2016 at 07:38 AM



Thank you from Mike and Robyn and our families.

Robyn Norwood - January 28, 2016 at 11:54 AM

DM

“ Doug And Scarlett Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Lucas Norwood



Doug and Scarlett Mason - January 24, 2016 at 05:30 AM



Thank you!

Robyn Norwood - January 28, 2016 at 11:54 AM

LB

“ Lara Beegle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Lucas Norwood



Lara Beegle - January 23, 2016 at 11:43 PM



*Thank you, Lara. As I told Sarah, Dad certainly enjoyed those years with a full house on Lyndale Drive and he loved you kids.*

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**Robyn Norwood** - January 28, 2016 at 11:54 AM

RS

“ *Ronnie Segars lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Lucas Norwood*



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**Ronnie Segars** - January 23, 2016 at 08:57 PM



*Thank you, Ronnie Segars, from Mike and Robyn and our families.*

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**Robyn Norwood** - January 28, 2016 at 11:55 AM

HB

“ *Howard Glenda Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Lucas Norwood*



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**Howard Glenda Blackwell** - January 23, 2016 at 11:25 AM



*Thank you to the Blackwells from Mike and Robyn.*

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**Robyn Norwood** - January 28, 2016 at 11:55 AM