



Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.

March 5, 1923 - March 3, 2017

A memorial service to honor the life of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius, Jr. who died peacefully on Friday March 3, 2017, two days before his 94th birthday, will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville at 11 o'clock on Monday, March 6, 2017. The Rev. Dr. Dan Sansbury will officiate with a reception following the service at the church. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in his honor to the Nazareth Children's Home, PO Box 1438, 725 Crescent Road, Rockwell, NC 28138 or the First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville, 213 West Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Flynn had a big heart for his family and for the town of Hartsville. Over many years as an unmarried father, he adopted four older children and was a foster father to fifteen other children who lived in his home from several months to several years. He was actively involved with the Nazareth Children's Home in Rockville, N.C., which was an orphanage founded by his great grandfather.

He was a tireless volunteer and recognized civic leader for Hartsville, named Rotary's Citizen of the Year in 1960. He was a volunteer firefighter and named to the S.C. Fire Fighters Hall of Fame in 1995. During his long career with Sonoco in Hartsville as an electrical engineer, he was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, with a strong faith and belief in Christ.

During World War II, 1st Lt. Menius, Jr. served as Adjutant of the 3160th Signal Service Battalion, the largest battalion in the European Theater of Operation, attached to General Eisenhower's Headquarters Command. The 3160th received the distinguished unit award and Lt. Menius received combat medals for participation in the Rhineland and central Europe campaigns.

Flynn was born in New Bern, N.C., the son of Espie Flynn Menius and Sudie Lyerly Menius. He graduated with a degree in electrical engineering from N.C. State and received an MBA from the University of South Carolina. Two of his children, Reuben Menius and James Benfield Menius, and a granddaughter, Amber Menius, pre-deceased him, while two sons, William James Menius and Steve W. Menius, and numerous grandchildren survive him. His brother James L. Menius and his sister Mary Gail Bentz preceded him in death, and his brother, Jack A. Menius of Cary, N.C, survives him.

Funeral arrangements are with the Brown Pennington Atkins Funeral Home. Memorial gifts can be sent to the Nazareth Children's Home or the First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville. The family expresses gratitude for the compassionate care and assistance of the Morningside Assisted Living Facility and Agape' Hospice.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
213 West Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC

Visitation

MAR 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
213 West Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

BH

“ *I thought Mr. Menius was a very nice man. Always super nice to me. Thinking of his family.* ”



Beth Haley - March 08, 2017 at 08:39 AM

SB

“ *Sheila J. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.* ”



Sheila J. Brown - March 07, 2017 at 04:39 PM

DW

“ *Danny Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.* ”



Danny Weaver - March 07, 2017 at 03:17 PM

VB

“ *Vernon Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.* ”



vernon Boyd - March 06, 2017 at 09:15 PM

VB

He was a good neighbor and worked consistently keeping the circle clean of debris.

vernon Boyd - March 06, 2017 at 09:19 PM



“ *So sad to hear this. What a precious gentleman he was. Always looked forward to seeing his sweet face. I am positive he holds a special place in heaven.*

Cindi Christensen - March 06, 2017 at 02:45 PM

KH

“ *Karen Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.*



Karen Harrison - March 05, 2017 at 11:41 PM



“ *Crystal Minnehan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.*



Crystal Minnehan - March 05, 2017 at 08:36 PM

CR

“ Flynn was also my Scoutmaster of Troop 512 during the 60's. Along with being our neighbor on Richardson Circle growing up. There were 6 to 8 of us boys within 3 to 4 years of each other and the majority joined the Boy Scouts in Flynn's troop. 512 was one of the largest troops in Hartsville at that time and it always excelled as the best at Camp Coker and camporees. Flynn would load up his car and take us to and from scout meetings on Monday nights. He was a caring and kind man who took pride in seeing his scouts grow into successful men in the community and world. He was extremely proud of Hartsville and the Hartsville Fire Department.

Charlie Rambo - March 05, 2017 at 01:26 PM

PM

“ Perribeth And Bob McKorell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.



Perribeth and Bob McKorell - March 05, 2017 at 07:54 AM

KW

“ Kathy Langston Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.



Kathy Langston Walker - March 05, 2017 at 06:40 AM

GL

“ Ginny Lyles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.



Ginny Lyles - March 05, 2017 at 12:52 AM

GO

“ Steve, James I am sorry to hear of the Passing of Mr Flynn. He was a legacy to the City of Hartsville In sure. He will be missed by all who knew him and loved him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you face the days ahead of you.

Grady O'Neal - March 04, 2017 at 06:12 PM

GG

“ Gene And Teresa Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.



Gene and Teresa Gibson - March 04, 2017 at 02:29 PM



“ Amy Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.



Amy Bell - March 04, 2017 at 02:25 PM

PD

“ PAMELA DAVIS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.



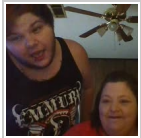
PAMELA DAVIS - March 04, 2017 at 01:42 PM



“ Rest In Paradise



Michelle Gainey - March 04, 2017 at 11:44 AM



“ Tammy Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.



Tammy Brown - March 04, 2017 at 11:41 AM

AB

“ Flynn was my Scoutmaster at Troop 512 back in the 50's. He was one of the finest men that I have ever known. So many wonderful memories come flooding back as I think of those days. I have always said that Flynn Menius is one of the three or four most influential men in making me who I am today. Rest in Peace my friend.

Archie Biggs - March 04, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ *James Lankford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.*



James Lankford - March 04, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ *Fletcher Biggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.*



Fletcher Biggs - March 04, 2017 at 10:51 AM



“ *Linda Warren Coates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.*



Linda Warren Coates - March 04, 2017 at 10:39 AM



“ *Debby Hemby-Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.*



Debby Hemby-Smith - March 04, 2017 at 09:55 AM

SP

“ Sara Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.



Sara Purvis - March 04, 2017 at 08:54 AM

GB

“ I wish to extend deep sympathy to the family. God Bless You!

Gerald Brock - March 04, 2017 at 08:29 AM

DT

“ Darlene Tyner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Espie Flynn Menius Jr.



Darlene Tyner - March 04, 2017 at 01:36 AM

HI

Flynn was my scoutmaster and friend. He took us scouts on many camping trips, some in very cold weather. We had a rule in troop 512. If we planned a camping trip, bad weather was not a factor. We had to be prepared for whatever we encountered. This training has helped me throughout my life. Thanks for all the good memories. Hank Irvin

Hank Irvin - March 06, 2017 at 09:06 AM