

## Mr. McCleery Beall Cunningham

February 2, 1927 - November 8, 2019

McCleery Beall Cunningham, 92, of Rock Hill, formerly of Hartsville, died peacefully on November 8, 2019, surrounded by his family.

Mac was born on February 2, 1927, in Williston, SC. He was the son of the late William Edgar Cunningham and Elizabeth Pettit Floyd Cunningham. He was raised in his ancestral home in Liberty Hill, SC. After graduation from Camden High School, he served in the U.S. Navy as a signalman on the U.S.S. Beatty destroyer in World War II. After the war, he attended Presbyterian Junior College and graduated with a degree in Chemistry from the University of South Carolina.

Mac worked in Research and Development at Sonoco Products Company in Hartsville, SC for 41 years. He loved new product development and served as manager of Research and Technical Engineering. He was awarded 57 U.S. and foreign patents for his work while at Sonoco.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Hartsville where he served as an Elder, Deacon, and Sunday School teacher. He was a past president of the Hartsville Civitan Club and served on the Coker College Board of Visitors. He spent many years after retirement mentoring young students. He was an avid woodworker and was a charter member of the Hartsville Woodworkers Club. His family and friends cherish the beautiful furniture and handmade

pieces that he made especially for them.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Lillian Watts Cunningham, his son Robert McCleery Cunningham and wife Janis of Denver, NC, his son William Frederick Cunningham and wife Michelle of Rock Hill, SC, his daughter Elizabeth Cunningham Gault and husband David of Rock Hill, SC, and grandchildren William Cunningham, Caroline Cason, Elizabeth Ligon, Maggie Cunningham, Hannah Dunn, Anna Burch, and Bryce Batchelor, and great-grandchildren Claire Cason, Camille Cason, Atticus Dunn, and Cullen Cason.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 11, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church in Hartsville, SC, followed by a brief reception in the church narthex. His burial will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church cemetery in Liberty Hill, SC. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Memorials may be sent to First Presbyterian Church in Hartsville, SC, Liberty Hill Presbyterian Cemetery Association in Liberty Hill, SC, or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church Cemetery

18 Meeting Lane  
Liberty Hill, SC 29074

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
213 West Home Avenue  
Hartsville, SC

## Visitation

NOV 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
213 West Home Avenue  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ Mac was such a wonderful person. He would light up the room when he spoke with us. His good nature, wit and wisdom will be greatly missed.

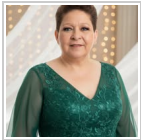
Kathleen Cooper - November 15, 2019 at 02:32 PM

KC

“ Kathleen Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. McCleery Beall Cunningham



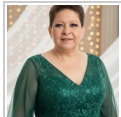
Kathleen Cooper - November 15, 2019 at 02:29 PM



“ Judy Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. McCleery Beall Cunningham



Judy Bryant - November 11, 2019 at 10:58 AM



Thank you Sir. For your service.

Judy Bryant - November 11, 2019 at 10:59 AM

RW

Thank you for your service

Roosevelt wallace - November 12, 2019 at 03:09 PM

RG

“ *Mr. Mac volunteered with the mentor program I coordinated at North Hartsville Elementary School. He loved the children - and loved sharing his woodworking talents with them. I am so glad I had the opportunity to know him. You are in my prayers.*

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**Renee Gainey** - November 11, 2019 at 07:54 AM

PA

“ *We love you and will miss you deeply. You have been the best uncle ever! God will have a very special place for you in heaven.*

*Pamela & Bob Renfroe*



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**Pamela** - November 10, 2019 at 06:32 PM

RC

“ *Richard And Jane Cheshire lit a candle in memory of Mr. McCleery Beall Cunningham*



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**Richard and Jane Cheshire** - November 10, 2019 at 10:35 AM

AB

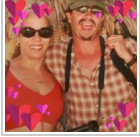
“ *Mac was a wonderful man and friend. I worked with Mac from day one of my Sonoco carrier. he was a very special man. Praying for Lillian and the family.*

*Archie Biggs*



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**Archie Biggs** - November 10, 2019 at 06:52 AM



“ Elizabeth Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. McCleery Beall Cunningham



Elizabeth Moore - November 10, 2019 at 01:01 AM

FT

“ Frank Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. McCleery Beall Cunningham



Frank Thompson - November 09, 2019 at 07:48 PM

MB

“ Forever thankful that i was able to be as close as i was to Mac. Sending love, hugs and prayers to the entire family, especially his wife. I love you Mrs. Lillian.



Marie Burkhart - November 09, 2019 at 07:08 PM

KK

“ Kathy King lit a candle in memory of Mr. McCleery Beall Cunningham



Kathy King - November 09, 2019 at 06:07 PM

BM

“ *Billie McManus lit a candle in memory of Mr. McCleery Beall Cunningham*



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**Billie McManus** - November 09, 2019 at 04:25 PM

CB

“ *Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. McCleery Beall Cunningham*



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**carol bryant** - November 09, 2019 at 03:39 PM

RB

“ *Roy Bowers lit a candle in memory of Mr. McCleery Beall Cunningham*



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**Roy Bowers** - November 09, 2019 at 11:15 AM

JM

“ *My sincere condolences go out to the Cunningham family on the loss of this fine man. He was a true and long-time friend to my father, uncle, and the entire McDonald family. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham were also always so kind to my brothers and I growing up in Hartsville First Presbyterian Church. Mac Cunningham will definitely be missed by all.*

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**John McDonald** - November 09, 2019 at 10:35 AM

PJ

“ Phillip Gandy, Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. McCleery Beall Cunningham



Phillip Gandy, Jr - November 09, 2019 at 07:43 AM

AW

“ Dear Lillian and family, I SO LOVED your Mac. My volunteer working BUDDY..We so loved working together.especially Habitat for Humanity and Christmas in April. We always laughed that we started a project in April and finished in July. I will miss this kind,caring friend. Much love, Anna Williams ❤️

Anna Williams - November 09, 2019 at 07:37 AM

CH

“ Cindy Harrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. McCleery Beall Cunningham



Cindy Harrell - November 08, 2019 at 10:39 PM

BM

“ Mac was such a wonderful, kind, man. Prayers to all the family.

Bob McWatty - November 08, 2019 at 09:57 PM