



## Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.

January 1, 1925 - November 13, 2016

Mr. Richard (Dick) Lucas Baird, Sr. died peacefully on November 13, 2016, after living 91 vigorous and happy years. He was born Jan. 25, 1925 in Darlington county, S. C. His grandfather, Dr. Andrew Tazewell Baird introduced the Baird name to the Pee Dee when he moved from Louisiana to open a medical practice in Darlington county and to marry Carie McIver Williams, granddaughter of S.C. Governor David Rogerson Williams in the late 1800's. They had 2 children, Andrew, Jr, and Lucas.

Dick was predeceased by his parents Andrew Tazewell Baird, Jr. and Daisy Bryant Baird and two brothers, Andrew Tazewell Baird III and Edward Williams Baird.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Michal Millen; their children Richard (Dick) Jr. and his wife Diane; Michal and husband Jim Brown; Susan and husband David Poulnot; and David and his wife, Becky, and eleven grandchildren: Luke, Taz and Rosemary Baird; Baker Brown; David, James and Hannah Poulnot; and Wills, Janie, Becca and Henry "Boo" Baird, as well as numerous special nieces and nephews.

Dick grew up in Darlington. He graduated from St. John's High School and then attended Clemson College. His studies in agronomy were interrupted by World War II, where he served in the Army Air Corps. Upon completion of his

service, Dick returned to Clemson and graduated in 1949. The Clemson football team was undefeated in his senior year.

He loved his God, his family, the soil and his Clemson Tigers. He also loved to entertain listeners with his stories of Darlington's past and the colorful characters that inhabited it. He was also known for his wit and directness. Dick and his wife Michal enjoyed hosting the Taste of Society Hill at their home, Japonica Hall, for many years.

The family welcomes visitors to Japonica Hall at 548 S. Main St. in Society Hill on Friday, November 18, 2016, at 4pm (until) to celebrate Dick's wonderful life. Funeral services will be held at St. David's Anglican Church in Cheraw on Saturday, November 19, 2016, at 11am with internment to follow at Black Creek Cemetery. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the Baird family.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Clemson University Foundation for the Richard L. Baird, '49 College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences Student Enrichment Endowment to P.O. Box 1889, Clemson, South Carolina 29633.

# Cemetery Details

## Black Creek Cemetery

299 Creek Crossing Road  
Dovesville, SC 29532

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Japonica Hall  
538 South Main Street  
Society Hill, SC 29593

## Service

NOV 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. David's Anglican Church  
420 Market Street  
Cheraw, SC 29520

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ My sincere condolences to Mrs. Baird and family on the passing of Mr. Baird. Dick loved Society Hill and he made it a point in our conversations to recommend things that he thought would be of benefit the town. He served the town well as municipal judge for a number of years and we will forever remember with great memories the Taste Of Society Hill that he so graciously hosted at his beautiful Japonica Hall. May God bless.

*Tommy Bradshaw*

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**Tommy Bradshaw, Mayor** - November 18, 2016 at 08:01 PM

DH

“ Dawson And Judy Hemby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.



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**Dawson and Judy Hemby** - November 18, 2016 at 05:27 PM

JF

“ Jean Funderburk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.



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**Jean Funderburk** - November 18, 2016 at 04:34 PM

JF

*I always enjoyed seeing Mr. Baird or Michal. Was invited many times to go with them to Coker College musical. He will be missed by all of us.*

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**Jean Funderburk** - November 18, 2016 at 04:35 PM

HS

“ *Helen Sherrill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.*



Helen Sherrill - November 18, 2016 at 04:25 PM

JK

“ *JoFrieda Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.*



JoFrieda Kelley - November 17, 2016 at 04:24 AM

DW

“ *Debbie Brown Wynne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.*



Debbie Brown Wynne - November 16, 2016 at 12:33 PM

MH

“ *Martin Hans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.*



Martin Hans - November 16, 2016 at 05:50 AM

JM

“ Jane Millen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.



Jane Millen - November 15, 2016 at 07:46 PM

JN

“ Joe And Brenda Nettles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.



Joe and Brenda Nettles - November 15, 2016 at 07:07 PM

JM

“ Janet Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.



Janet Moore - November 15, 2016 at 06:18 PM

TM

“ Tanya And Ronnie McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.



Tanya and Ronnie McDonald - November 15, 2016 at 12:49 PM

GE

“Gina Millen Easterling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.



Gina Millen Easterling - November 15, 2016 at 12:34 PM

JH

“Jennifer Millen Hatchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.



Jennifer Millen Hatchell - November 15, 2016 at 09:04 AM

HG

“Harden Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.



Harden Gainey - November 15, 2016 at 05:00 AM

HG

Dick/Sis  
Thinking of you and your family during this time.

Harden

Harden Gainey - November 15, 2016 at 05:00 AM

CW

“ I am so sorry to hear of my dear friends passing. We worked many years and shared many laughs over Clemson and my USC He will be truly missed We love you all and may God bring comfort to you during these difficult days.

*Carl and Susan Watkins*



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**Carl and Susan Watkins** - November 15, 2016 at 04:09 AM

KM

“ Kathy And Rodney McFarland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Lucas Baird Sr.



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**Kathy and Rodney McFarland** - November 14, 2016 at 11:01 PM

KM

*Dick, Sis, Susan and David-I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Dick. I have such good memories of all of us cousins growing up together, visiting you on the farm. Prayers for Aunt Michal and all of you. Love you all!  
Kathy*

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**Kathy and Rodney McFarland** - November 14, 2016 at 11:06 PM



*I have more memories and good times than can say here. I was with him on the farm every summer after 12 years old until 17.*

*THIS I WILL NEVER FORGET !!!*

*Fred*

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**Joann Britt Millen** - November 15, 2016 at 12:11 PM

AL

“ My favorite uncle..I had 3 of the very best uncles.Loved spending time with Michal and Uncle Dick especially around Christmas time when we would take Mama up to Society Hill and sit and talk about all the "good ole times" no the sun porch they loved so much. Always looked forward to my birthday.He never forgot to call me. You will surely be missed..I love you to all the children and grandchildren.. our thoughts and prayers.love you all  
Martha & Allen



Allen&Martha - November 14, 2016 at 11:29 AM

FJ

Dear Ms Michal, David, Susan, Sis and Dick , my thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your Families with the passing of Mr Dickie. He was a very special man with a terrific wit and tremendous sense of humor. He had such an overwhelming pride and love for his Family. He always showed his adoration for his Southern heritage, his Clemson Tigers and his beloved Country. I will always cherish the wonderful memories and events shared by the Baird/ Flowers families as we were growing up ..... the Flowers and Baird Kids were truly blessed with amazing Parents. I regret that I will not be able to be with you for the service to celebrate Mr Dickie's amazing life... I will be with you in spirit . Please give Mrs Michal a kiss for me. My love to you all . Sincerely,  
Frank M Flowers Jr.

Frank Flowers Jr - November 15, 2016 at 10:39 PM

PS

Dear Michal and family, please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear husband and Dad. I remember your family as a young girl in Black Creek Baptist Church and thought you two were the most beautiful couple I had ever seen in my young life. May God Bless you all. Sincerely, Patsy Boyette Summer

Patsy Boyette Summer - November 18, 2016 at 09:26 PM