



## Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon

September 2, 1946 - September 22, 2021

Funeral services for Bobby "Boots" Bragdon will be held Friday, 24 September 2021 at 2:00 PM at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Lydia, S.C. The family will receive friends at 1:00 PM at the Church Fellowship Hall prior to the service. Interment will follow at Westview Memorial Park. The Reverend Becky Lewis Forrest will preside. The family respectfully requests that all guests wear masks.

Mr. Bragdon entered into rest on Wednesday, 22 September 2021. Born in Scranton, SC, on 2 September 1946, he was the son of the late Emma Hannah Bragdon and Melville Robert Bragdon. He attended Florence County schools as well as Clemson College and the University of South Carolina. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was employed in the construction business and also taught building construction at the Hartsville High School Career Center for many years. He was also a member of the Men's Club of Wesley Chapel UMC.

His favorite pastime was playing, jamming, singing, and listening to Blue Grass Music. He participated in many music festivals in several venues.

"Boots" was known for his generosity, his humor, and his big heart. He was always gracious and willing to help anyone who asked. He truly never met a

stranger and could engage anyone in a lively discussion on practically any subject.

Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Violet Newsome Bragdon; sisters, Stella McGee, Becky (Happy) Rogers; several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to SCBGA, 3601 W. Forest Drive, Florence SC 29501 or Wesley Chapel UMC, Box 56, Lydia SC 29079.

# Cemetery Details

## Westview Memorial Park Cemetery

2223 Kelleytown Road  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
info@bpafuneralhome.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

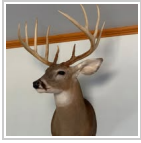
Wesley Chapel Methodist Church of Lydia  
3061 Wesley Chapel Road  
Lamar, SC 29069

## Funeral Service

SEP 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wesley Chapel Methodist Church of Lydia  
3061 Wesley Chapel Road  
Lamar, SC 29069

# Tribute Wall



“ I just learned today I lost a great friend. Mr. Boots gave me guidance , life advice, and countless other blessings. My condolences to all family and friends. Boy could he pick and always knew where to find the best price on a new pickup truck .He is especially missed. Bud Miller

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**South Manners** - October 24, 2021 at 04:20 PM

WM

“ Wanda Rhinehart Matlock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



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**Wanda Rhinehart Matlock** - September 25, 2021 at 10:53 PM

KP

“ Always enjoyed fellowship with Robert. He and I sat at a table in Denton this past spring and had a wonderful time talking about good times. He was always there at the Myrtle Beach festival and many others.  
He will be missed . Most important he Loved The Lord  
Rev. Ken Parsons.

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**Kenneth Parsons** - September 25, 2021 at 04:43 PM

FM

“ Frankie And Sandra Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



Frankie and Sandra Morrison - September 25, 2021 at 08:53 AM

DW

“ Danny Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



Danny Weaver - September 25, 2021 at 08:48 AM

DW

*Rest in peace my friend.*

Danny Weaver - September 25, 2021 at 08:49 AM

DW

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Danny Weaver - September 25, 2021 at 08:49 AM

JB

“ Jeanette S. Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



Jeanette S. Blackmon - September 25, 2021 at 02:04 AM

LC

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing, such a sweet loving person, our prayers goes out to you Violet and family. We met Bob at Hartville Reno Festival good many years ago. Saw him at many Bluegrass Festivals. Just saw him in August in Marion NC . He came over to jam with us, never knew that would be our last good bye. We wished him well with his heart surgery and talked about it after he found out I had open heart surgery a few years ago. The last words I told Bob I hope you have a good Dr. And a good hospital. RIP Bob one day we will meet again. Loved you and your music. Doug and Libby from Simpsonville,SC



libby cantrell - September 24, 2021 at 11:14 PM

TR

“ TobieAnn Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



TobieAnn Reynolds - September 24, 2021 at 09:42 PM

VF

“ Violet, so sorry to hear about Bobby! You will be in our thoughts and prayers in the coming days! 🙏❤️

vickie ferguson - September 24, 2021 at 05:35 PM

BG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort. 🙏❤️

Bess and Don Gore - September 24, 2021 at 04:23 PM

RF

“ Our prayers are with Violet and the family and friends of Bobby. He was a very nice man and always willing to be of service when he could. We are praying the words of God will comfort you in the days to come.

*Rev. Rick and Linda Fountain*

**Rick Fountain** - September 24, 2021 at 03:22 PM

BM

“ *Bubba & Frances Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



**Bubba & Frances Morrison** - September 24, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon.*



September 24, 2021 at 02:41 PM

GC

“ *Violet, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow 🙏*  
*Gail & Maxie Cantley*

**Gail & Maxie Cantley** - September 24, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ *RIP, Uncle Bobby.*



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**Kris McGee** - September 24, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *Bob was a fine man and a valued member of the Hartsville American Legion Post 53. He will be greatly missed. John Benjamin, Post 53*



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**John F Benjamin** - September 24, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ *Gene And Teresa Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*

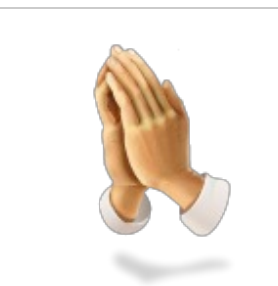


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**Gene and Teresa Gibson** - September 24, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ *Lawrence & Cindy Lowe sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Lawrence & Cindy Lowe** - September 24, 2021 at 08:02 AM

JS

“ Violet, so sorry for your loss. Prayers are with you and your family.

*Janet Mills Sherman*



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**Janet Mills Sherman** - September 24, 2021 at 07:12 AM

“ To all of the Bragdon family: I must say, Bobby was one of the most cordial, friendly and memorable people I’ve ever had the pleasure of meeting and knowing. I met him several years ago at a Back Swamp Bluegrass jam. I’d never played Bluegrass music but read about a Saturday afternoon jam in the newspaper that morning and decided to check it out. Got there early, took a seat in the circle of chairs and introduced myself to a guy sitting across from me and his name was Robert Bragdon. I had no idea, at the time, that he was an accomplished Bluegrass musician. We chatted for awhile before others started coming in. I explained my guitar experience was Country, rock & roll, gospel etc. I told him that I’d never played any Bluegrass music and didn’t know any Bluegrass songs but that I had a good ear and asked him if he thought it would be okay if I sat in. He said a confident “Sure, Sure” and told me that when it came my turn to do a song to just say “pass”. Well I did and every time I’d look over at him and he was smiling giving me a big thumbs up. Within a matter of chatting for 15 minutes or so, I felt like I’d known this guy for years and by this time his name was Bobby or Boots. As people began coming into the room that afternoon, I noticed they would go by his chair and speak so I kind of figured he must know his way around this genre of music pretty well. He made me, a complete Bluegrass neophyte, totally comfortable to sit in this circle of accomplished Bluegrass musicians on a hot & balmy Saturday afternoon. I had to leave that jam session early due to a prior commitment but he nodded to me on the way out and I knew I had met a really good person. As I drove away that afternoon, I knew I should have been sitting in the back of that room listening. But there I was, sitting and playing among the best Bluegrass musicians in the area and feeling right at home. All of that, because of Bobby Bragdon. Subsequently, I came to know him better and my admiration and appreciation for him really grew as we shared so many political points of view and solved ALL of the world’s problems. 🙏

What a wonderful ambassador Bobby was to Bluegrass music but he was an even greater humanitarian and citizen.

Violet and family, you all are in my prayers as you mourn the loss of

*Bobby. Part of the legacy he leaves is truly one of goodwill and I know I'm a better man for the experience of chatting for 15 minutes or so with him on a very hot Saturday afternoon at the old Back Swamp Schoolhouse. In such a short time he left a life lasting impression with me. Prayers, God Bless!*

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**Eddie Blackmon** - September 24, 2021 at 12:20 AM

MN

“ *My condolences go to Violet as well as the rest of her family and to Bobby's Family for their loss. Bobby was Kind and warm to everyone he met, always with a happy smile. He will be missed.*

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**Marilyn V Newsome** - September 23, 2021 at 11:30 PM

CY

“ *Bobby was a kind man who was admired by many. Sid considered him a favorite teacher and friend. Thank you Bobby for your positive influence!*

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**Cyndie** - September 23, 2021 at 09:52 PM

CG

“ *Connee Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Connee Grantham** - September 23, 2021 at 08:02 PM

RM

“ Ronnie And Tanya McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



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**Ronnie and Tanya McDonald** - September 23, 2021 at 04:41 PM

RL

“ Praying for peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. With heartfelt sympathy,  
Randy and Lori



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**Randy and Lori Lowe** - September 23, 2021 at 02:37 PM

EM

“ Bobby was a friend to all and loved his bluegrass. We all at the Southeastern Bluegrass association of SC send our deepest condolences and prayers to his wife Violet and family. He will be greatly missed.

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**Ernie McCormick** - September 23, 2021 at 02:26 PM

GC

“ Boots was one of the kindest most generous person I've ever had the pleasure of knowing!! He will truly be missed!

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**Gil Cagle** - September 23, 2021 at 01:05 PM

BS

“ *Bill & Angela Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Bill & Angela Stokes** - September 23, 2021 at 12:59 PM

CB

“ *Tom and I are so very sorry for your loss. He will be greatly missed. You have our deepest sympathy.*

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**Cecelia Brown** - September 23, 2021 at 12:48 PM

MB

“ *Melinda And Mike Byrd sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Melinda and Mike Byrd** - September 23, 2021 at 12:04 PM

LG

“ *Lou Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Lou Gardner** - September 23, 2021 at 11:42 AM

LG

*My sympathy goes out to the family. I enjoyed teaching at the Hartsville High Career Center with Bob.*

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**Lou Gardner** - September 23, 2021 at 11:44 AM

DW

*VIOLET SORRY TO HERE ABOUT BOOTS , YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS. DON WATFORD*

**DONALD WATFORD** - September 25, 2021 at 12:54 PM

AW

“ *Dear Violet, Prayers and love for you and your family. We love you.*  
**ANNA**

**Anna Williams** - September 23, 2021 at 11:00 AM

TW

“ *Dear Violet, my heart aches for you and your family...Boots was such a fun person to be around and so, so interesting when sharing family history. He was such a talented man who loved his "blue grass" music. Indeed his music will be missed , but more his kind soul.*  
*Sending love and prayers...Terri*

**Terri Northcutt Woodham** - September 23, 2021 at 10:38 AM

JM

“ *Condolences to all.*  
*Much love to you Stella*  
*Prayers and hugs*



**Jo-Ann and Billy Matthews** - September 23, 2021 at 10:29 AM

MN

“ Mike Brenda Northcutt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



Mike Brenda Northcutt - September 23, 2021 at 09:34 AM

CW

“ Carl/Susan Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



Carl/Susan Watkins - September 23, 2021 at 09:17 AM

RT

“ Roberta Driskell Timmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



Roberta Driskell Timmons - September 23, 2021 at 08:55 AM

DG

“ Deborah Gandy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



Deborah Gandy - September 23, 2021 at 08:17 AM

JR

“ Jenny Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



Jenny Rogers - September 23, 2021 at 08:15 AM

LP

“ Linda Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



Linda Parker - September 23, 2021 at 07:33 AM

CH

“ Cindy Harrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



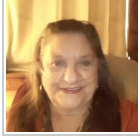
Cindy Harrell - September 23, 2021 at 01:07 AM

SH

“ Sandra And Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



Sandra and Larry Huggins - September 22, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ *Sending thoughts, love and prayers to Robert's family. "Boots" will be truly missed* ”



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**Elaine Carpenter** - September 22, 2021 at 10:41 PM

PF

“ *We are sending our sincere condolences.* ”

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**Pam & Ashley Flowers** - September 22, 2021 at 10:22 PM

JH

“ *June Hyman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon* ”



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**June Hyman** - September 22, 2021 at 10:09 PM

KM

“ *Kathy McFarland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon* ”



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**Kathy McFarland** - September 22, 2021 at 10:01 PM

CC

“ *Carole & Paul Cannarella lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Carole & Paul Cannarella** - September 22, 2021 at 08:24 PM

JW

“ *Violet, we are so sorry for your loss. Bobby was such a nice person and I know he will be greatly missed. You and the family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Rhonda and Jimmy*

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**Jimmy and Rhonda Watkins** - September 22, 2021 at 08:19 PM

PW

“ *Patti Kelley Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Patti Kelley Williams** - September 22, 2021 at 07:47 PM

CH

“ *Charlene Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Charlene Hodges** - September 22, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ *Crystal Minnehan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Crystal Minnehan** - September 22, 2021 at 07:14 PM

JB

“ *Johnny And Suzanne Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Johnny and Suzanne Beasley** - September 22, 2021 at 07:09 PM

MS

“ *Morrell And Marie Springs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Morrell and Marie Springs** - September 22, 2021 at 06:29 PM

KM

“ *Karen Mozingo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Karen Mozingo** - September 22, 2021 at 06:24 PM

JS

“ *Jean Stratton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Jean Stratton** - September 22, 2021 at 06:12 PM

JN

“ *Jack & Ann Newsome lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Jack & Ann Newsome** - September 22, 2021 at 05:57 PM

DB

“ *Dick Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Dick Brown** - September 22, 2021 at 05:39 PM

PJ


“ *Paul Cannarella Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



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**Paul Cannarella Jr** - September 22, 2021 at 05:30 PM

DF

“ We are so heart broken . Prayers that you will find comfort in God's love. We love you.

**Dan and Kathy Newsome and family** - September 22, 2021 at 05:26 PM

JL

“ Jerry And Angela Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



**Jerry and Angela Lane** - September 22, 2021 at 05:10 PM

BI

“ We are heartbroken over this sad news...Sending love and prayers. Tom and Becky Inabinet

**Becky Inabinet** - September 22, 2021 at 04:34 PM

JM

“ Jammie Myers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



**Jammie Myers** - September 22, 2021 at 04:29 PM

RD

“ Rick And Cheri Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



Rick and Cheri Dunlap - September 22, 2021 at 04:23 PM

CG

“ Carrol Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



Carrol Gainey - September 22, 2021 at 04:16 PM

RR

“ Bobby was a fellow teacher and a good friend, I'm going to miss our Tuesday breakfast but I truthfully believe that he is up in heaven and picking with his buddies

Ron Robison - September 22, 2021 at 03:40 PM

DS

“ Our hearts are broken, Violent and family, our thoughts and love are with you, not just now but forever.  
Danny and Phoebe



Danny and Phoebe Stokes - September 22, 2021 at 02:52 PM

JR

“ *THOUGHTS, LOVE and PRAYERS SENT to All. May GOD wrap you in his Cloak of Comfort today and the days coming. May Boots Rest in PARADISE.*



**Jah Stephens Ruple** - September 22, 2021 at 02:44 PM

JO

“ *Joy Newsome Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



**Joy Newsome Owens** - September 22, 2021 at 02:35 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



**Rebecca Skinner** - September 22, 2021 at 02:00 PM

JS

“ *Jackie And Michael Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon*



**Jackie and Michael Stewart** - September 22, 2021 at 01:41 PM

FL

“ Frankie Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



Frankie Lane - September 22, 2021 at 01:33 PM

JM

“ John & Susan Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



John & Susan Martin - September 22, 2021 at 01:31 PM

VN

“ Vickie & David Newsome lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



Vickie & David Newsome - September 22, 2021 at 01:27 PM

CB

“ Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert "Boots" Bragdon



carol bryant - September 22, 2021 at 01:15 PM

CB

*Violet, I am so sorry for your loss. Hugs filled with love and prayers today and In the coming days. Blessings, Carol*

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**carol bryant** - September 22, 2021 at 01:17 PM