



Arthur H. Baiden, III MG AUS (RET)

February 21, 1940 - March 5, 2021

Arthur Hamilton Baiden III MG AUS (Ret.) died peacefully at home on March 8, 2021. Born in Laurens, South Carolina, he was the son of Clemiegene Teague and Arthur Hamilton Baiden Jr. A 1958 graduate of Myrtle Beach High School, Art followed in his father's footsteps to attend the Citadel. As a cadet, he was second honor graduate for the Class of 1962, the first recipient of the LeTellier Award, a member of the Summerall Guards, a member of The Round Table and Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. He was also a member of Tau Beta Pi and Phi Beta Phi. In addition, he was a Distinguished Military Graduate.

Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army and assigned as a Combat Engineer officer to the 82nd Airborne Division. A Ranger and master parachutist, Art held numerous command assignments on active duty and in the Army Reserves in the states and overseas including combat tours in both the Dominican Republic and Vietnam. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. In 1994 he received the Order of The Palmetto, South Carolina's highest honor, for his service as Commanding General of the 120th Army Reserve Command and in support of Operation Desert Storm. He subsequently served as the Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Reserve Command and the first Commanding General of the U.S. Army Reserve Readiness Command. He also served as a member of the

Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee at the Pentagon in Washington. He retired from military service in 1997 with the rank of Major General after 35 years of service.

In addition to his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from The Citadel, Art received his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University, and in 2009 he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Military Science from The Citadel. He is also a graduate of the US Army War College.

Art enjoyed a civilian career as well as his military service. After 32 years, he retired in 2005 as President and CEO of Potter Shackelford Construction Company in Greenville. He was committed to community service as well and served as President of the Speech, Hearing and Learning Center; President of the Wade Hampton Sertoma Club; and Chairman of the Board of Carolinas AGC, the largest construction trades organization in the Carolinas. He was former Board Chair and Board Member Emeritus for Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County, was a longtime member of the Poinsett Club, and held a lifelong love and respect for his alma mater, contributing to the college in several capacities. He has served the college as Chairman of the Board of Visitors, Vice Chairman of the Board and as President of The Citadel Alumni Association. Throughout his lifetime, Art was an active member of two church congregations in the Greenville area. As a 34-year member of Taylors First Baptist, he was a member of the choir and led senior high school youth groups. For the past 12 years, Art has been an active member of John Knox Presbyterian and has served as an elder, member of the Property and Operations Committee, and sang in both the Chalice and Chancel choirs. Most recently he was President Elect of Kiwanis of Greenville.

Art is survived by his daughter Annalynn Baiden Barnett, his son A. Hamilton Baiden IV (Dawn), his sisters Tina Baiden Harper and Billie Baiden Hudson

(Phillip). He cherished his three “grandgirls”: Skylar Serge, Mia Serge, and Lili Baiden as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife of 54 years Jean Parsons Baiden, son-in-law, James Earle Barnett Jr., brother-in-law John C. Harper, and nephew J. Christopher Harper.

A Memorial Service will be held on August 27, 2021 at 3 PM at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC with Full Military Honors.

Memorials may be made in his name to the Cancer Survivors Park Alliance; P. O. Box 9428; Greenville, SC; 29604 or to the Art Baiden, '62, and Jean Baiden Scholarship at The Citadel Foundation, 171 Moultrie Street, Charleston, SC 29409 or online at foundation.citadel.edu.

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of arrangements. (864) 834-8051

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **27**. 3:00 PM (ET)

John Knox Presbyterian Church
35 Shannon Dr.
Greenville, SC 29615

Tribute Wall

ML

“ I had the honor to serve in the Reserves with Art and during night maneuvers at Ft. Stewart, we realized that our fathers were the same class at The Citadel, that we both had served in the 307th Cbt. Engr. Bn assigned to the 82nd Airborne Div, and he grew up in Rock Hill, where I lived. He was a legend in the 307th and I was asked many times if I knew him. I served with him on the Board of Visitors and he with John Rosa, redefined The Citadel. I just found out about his passing. He was a great friend and I will miss him. Mac Leitner Class of 69 also a CE Grad.

Mac Leitner - August 18, 2021 at 11:17 AM

JS

“ By any and all measures, Art was truly a LEADER and the "picture of his life" proves it beyond any doubt. With all his accomplishments and successes, Art was simply a "great guy and great friend". I will truly miss being with him at the Class of '62 reunions. If The Citadel ever decides to pick graduates to be "Model Graduates", Art will certainly be among them. To Art's family.....please know that there are "multitudes" who share in your loss!!!!!!
Jon L. Shebel

Jon Shebel - March 16, 2021 at 12:32 AM

SJ

“ Having being in O Company at the Citadel for 4 years I had the privilege of serving with Art. He was always an outstanding cadet in every way. Art was a very dedicated cadet who was admired by all. My condolence to his family.

Sincerely,

Stanley Jenkins, CDR Ret. USN

Stanley Jenkins - March 15, 2021 at 12:53 PM

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Stanley Jenkins - March 15, 2021 at 12:49 PM

RS

“ I happened to look on Facebook and read the notice posted by his son....and was saddened by his death.
Art was a classmate and one who always had time for those around him...
I enjoyed his friendship through our 4 years followed by our class reunions, football games... and Citadel events....
He certainly made our world richer for His presence.
I offered prayers if thanksgiving for his life at our family Service today and for his family..
Thank you all for sharing him with us..
Rt. Rev. William j Skilton ('62)

Rt. Rev. William J Skilton - March 14, 2021 at 05:08 PM

JL

“ Art was a fine gentleman and will be greatly missed, from his involvement at The Citadel and it alumni groups to SC Colonels group. A delight to be and work with. Those who knew him are better for it! John South and Jan Lewis

john South Lewis - March 11, 2021 at 09:15 PM

LM

“ Just found out about Art's passing. Quite a shock. He and I served together in the US Army Reserve for many years. I worked as the senior civilian Supervisory Administrative Supervisor with the 415th Chemical Brigade during the time he was assigned there. He was the best officer I have ever had the honor to serve with, bar none. He was a soldier's soldier. Please accept my condolences for your loss. His passing is a loss to every one that knew him.

Lee Ray McElroy - March 11, 2021 at 06:33 PM

HS

“ I was privileged to serve with him in the 120th ARCOM. He was a principled leader and the embodiment of A Citadel Man.

Henry I Siegling - March 11, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ Art was a friend, the kind you maybe don't see as often as you'd wish, but when you thought of him or met someone who knew him, you were reminded of what a quality person he was and how you missed having him in you life. My bad. More heart goes out to his children.

Howard Harris - March 10, 2021 at 08:21 PM

DN

“ Art and his wife Jean , who regretrfully passed a few months ago, have been good friends of my family for a number of years having had sons who entered and graduated from The Citadel at the same time . Also, our families were long-time members at Taylors First Baptist for a number of years as well. Knowing Art has been a privilege, an honor and a blessing to me and my family over this period of time. He was a gentleman, a Christian man and a family man unsurpassed, not to mention the many honors and accolades that he has received over the years. I will miss him like so many others will but but find great comfort in the fact that he has re-joined both Jean and his Lord in a better place. Well done Art. You were a good and faithful servant who lived a great and fulfilled life, both privately and professionally and you leave behind a legacy that both Hamilton and Annalynn will be forever proud.

David Nelson

David Nelson - March 10, 2021 at 06:54 PM

GD

“ *Mr. Baiden and his wife were great examples to all of the kids who grew up in the neighborhood with his children. They were true role models who lived a good Christian life. I will always have great memories of the times spent around the Baiden family growing up.*

Gene Donohue - March 10, 2021 at 03:41 PM

JB

“ *Art Baiden was a man freely giving of his time to help a wayward young man struggling to get through Algebra, not to mention high school. God puts people in your life when you need them most.*

Jeff Bennett - March 10, 2021 at 09:15 AM