



Howard "Bryant" Austin

August 30, 1933 - April 8, 2025

Howard "Bryant" Austin, 91, of Siloam Springs AR, passed away on Tuesday April 8, 2025. He was born on August 30, 1933, in Maysville, Arkansas, to Thomas "Orville" Austin and Verda Athel (Jenkins) Austin.

Bryant was raised on the Ozark Springs Farm during the Great Depression and accepted Christ as his Savior at a young age. He studied engineering at the University of Arkansas and participated in a student exchange program in Turkey.

He served as a U.S. Marine Corps officer and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He went on to a 40-year global career with Caterpillar Inc. He rededicated his faith in the Jordan River during a trip to Israel in 2010.

In 1963, Bryant married Janet Schleper. They shared more than 62 years of marriage and raised three children in a home filled with faith and love.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dean (Jo) Austin; and sister, Verlene (Bill) Couch.

Bryant is survived by his wife, Janet; daughter Beth and John Schmidt of Chicago; son Will and Annette of Indianapolis; and son Craig and Louise of Austin, Texas. He was a proud grandfather to Eric, Kevin, and Amy Schmidt,

and Faith, Jonah, and Andrew Austin. He was also a loving uncle to the nieces and nephews of both his sister and brother.

A visitation is scheduled from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 11, 2025, at Wasson Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Covenant Church in Siloam Springs, Arkansas with a committal service to follow at Maysville, Arkansas.

Donations in honor of Bryant may be made to Gideons International or Circle of Life Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

APR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Covenant Church
760 S. Lincoln St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Committal

APR 12 (CT)

Maysville Cemetery
Maysville Cemetery
Maysville, AR 72747

Tribute Wall



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Howard "Bryant" Austin.*



April 11, 2025 at 08:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Howard "Bryant" Austin.

April 11, 2025 at 08:33 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. He was such a joy to visit with, when Bryant and Dean were together you were always in for a laugh. You are all in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this time. Let the happy memories flood your hearts and know he is at peace and reunited with those who have gone before him. You know him and Dean are having a great reunion as they wait for us all !*

Steve Smith - April 11, 2025 at 08:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Howard "Bryant" Austin.

April 11, 2025 at 06:58 AM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Howard "Bryant" Austin.*



April 11, 2025 at 06:58 AM



“ *I met Bryant after his retirement we enjoyed many visits and conversations the past several years. I considered him a great friend. Diane and I express our prayers and condolences with the family. Art & Diane Morris*

Art Morris - April 10, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Howard "Bryant" Austin.*



April 10, 2025 at 03:44 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Howard "Bryant" Austin.*

April 10, 2025 at 03:44 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Howard "Bryant" Austin.



April 10, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Howard "Bryant" Austin.

April 10, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ *Lavender & White Standing Spray* was purchased for the family of Howard "Bryant" Austin.



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