



Hugh Stanley Branyon

March 9, 1939 - March 6, 2016

On Sunday, March 6, 2016, Hugh Stanley Branyon passed from this life into the loving arms of Jesus. Hugh was born on March 9, 1939 to loving parents Max Hammond Branyon, Sr. and Madge Stanley Davidson Branyon. The youngest of four boys, Hugh and his brothers experienced an idyllic childhood in Fayette, Alabama. He graduated from Fayette County High School in 1957 and attended Auburn University and the University of Alabama.

His remarkable career with the Alabama State Park System began in 1957 and spanned 50 years of honorable service. A kind and humble person, Hugh led by steadfast example. He was a dedicated environmentalist and loyal steward of Alabama's natural resources. He retired in December, 2009 as the Southwest District Chief for the Conservation Department's State Parks Division, overseeing the Gulf State Park and five other area parks. The Hugh S.Branyon Back Country Trail in Gulf State Park was named in his honor.

A member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Hugh was also active in many local civic clubs and organizations and received the highest awards given by Rotary and Lions Club International. He was a dedicated member of Friendship Baptist Church in Bon Secour, AL where he served as a loving and caring deacon.

Hugh is preceded in death by his parents and his three brothers, James

Curtis, Max Hammond, Jr., and William Monroe Branyon. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Carol Wenzel Branyon, daughters Allyson Branyon Clarke (Ken), Bethany Branyon Jollie, and grandchildren Branyon, Raygen and Cason Clarke, and Genesis and Bryce Jollie. He is also survived by numerous other relatives and friends who loved him dearly.

Hugh loved to fish and he enjoyed nature. He and Carol treasured the time they spent observing God's magnificent creation during their afternoon rides. He was a wonderful cook and enjoyed preparing meals for his family. He was our extended family's beloved patriarch, who led every meal in a prayer of thanksgiving. He was a gentle soul, devoted to his family and friends. His every interaction honored our Lord. Hugh will be greatly missed.

The family wishes to express our sincere and deepest gratitude to his pastor, the Reverend Randy Johnson, and the Reverends George Myers and Jerry Peebles. God bless his caretakers at Robertsdale HealthCare Center and Springhill Hospice for providing tender and compassionate end-of-life care.

The visitation will be held at the First Baptist of Gulf Shores on Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 12:00 to 2:00 P.M. The funeral service will follow at 2:00.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Friendship Baptist Church Building and Grounds Committee, P.O. Box 65, Bon Secour, AL 36511.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores

Service

MAR 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores

Tribute Wall



“ *Hugh Stanley Branyon*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Hugh Stanley Branyon*

November 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Lowell Hicks lit a candle in memory of Hugh Stanley Branyon*



Lowell Hicks - April 26, 2016 at 10:52 PM



“ *We loved Hugh and Carol. He would have been so proud of his beautiful family on Thursday. It was wonderful to see his girls again and the grandchildren, even on such a sad occasion. We will miss you, Mr. B!*
Allison Simpson

Allison Simpson - March 13, 2016 at 08:58 AM

MH

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Mary Beth Howell - March 10, 2016 at 08:38 AM

MW

“ Mary C Wheeler purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hugh Stanley Branyon.



Mary C Wheeler - March 10, 2016 at 01:23 AM



“ Mr. B was my friend and mentor for many years. We will not soon forget his leadership in the park system and his stewardship of our resources. My prayers and condolences to his family.

Talmadge Butler - March 09, 2016 at 08:08 PM

AD

“ Mr Branyon took great pleasure in helping my scout troop 49 of Gulf Shores. From cub scouts to boy scouts from Mobile, Baldwin and Washington county enjoyed the stories and adventures of the State Park ; My scouts and family will never forget Mr. Hugh

Anthony Salvador Diliberto - March 09, 2016 at 07:03 PM

CH

“ *Mr. Hugh was my supervisor years ago. He was just an all around great guy and he was a leader. He will be missed.*

*Chris Jones
Park Manager
Frank Jackson State Park*

chris - March 09, 2016 at 05:31 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Hugh Stanley Branyon.*



March 09, 2016 at 02:59 PM

DC

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Don Cooley - March 09, 2016 at 01:34 PM

BP

“ *Breta & Byron Branyon and Angelo Pillitteri purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Hugh Stanley Branyon.*



Breta & Byron Branyon and Angelo Pillitteri - March 09, 2016 at 01:22 PM

LG

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of my friend Hugh. I had the pleasure to work with Hugh and Carol for many years in the state park system, I knew that I could always count on him when I needed his expertise and experience. I can't remember a time when I saw him that he wasn't smiling or had a friendly comment to make. I know his family will miss him dearly and I just pray God will comfort them during this time of sorrow.

*Lindell Graham
retired 1998 Superintendent Cheaha State Park*

Lindell Graham - March 09, 2016 at 01:18 PM

LN

“ what a wonderful Christian man Mr. Hugh was! He set the bar high for all of us blessed to know him. He will be greatly missed. We were honored to know him. We love you Carol.
Lola and Bill

Lola Newsom - March 09, 2016 at 10:23 AM

TF

I did my internship in Leisure Studies under the guidance of Mr B. He was a true inspiration to me- a great leader and truly gentle soul. Mrs. Carol my thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls during this difficult time. May he and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

T.Rose Higgins Fulford - March 09, 2016 at 01:20 PM

DH

“ My first boss. I enjoyed working for Mr. B as a teenager at the Gulf State Park. I learned a lot from him and the job. He always had a smile and a chuckle for me. He did not have to demand respect, it was freely given because he deserved it. I was also fortunate enough to know his family. Carol kept me on my toes! There is not a stronger woman. Allison and Beth, I love you guys and have MANY great memories from our youth group days. May God carry you all and be your rock. I love you,

DeeAnn (Blakemore) Hennis

DeeAnn Hennis - March 09, 2016 at 09:28 AM

JM

“ We were incredibly blessed to have known and been loved by Uncle Hugh . He was so much of what we all should strive to emulate! He loved people , animals, and nature so genuinely and deeply. He recognized everyones' value , our responsibility to lead upstanding lives , and most importantly, to love and nurture each other along the way. I never heard him utter an unproductive or unjust word about anyone. He unfailingly followed The Golden Rule, was incredibly kind, and was most intolerant of negativity and nonsense. By unwavering example, he cherished family, friends, neighbors and strangers alike, and he utilized every life experience to draw himself and others closer to God and to each other. He truly was an outstanding and inspirational role model, and we were all made better people by his remarkable influence. He really was an angel in our midst! I know we will miss him dearly! God Bless Uncle Hugh and help us to better follow in his footsteps! John Massey

John Massey - March 08, 2016 at 03:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Hugh Stanley Branyon.



March 08, 2016 at 01:47 PM