



# Norman L. Reynolds

MAY 4, 1926 - JUN 20, 2016



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**F**lorist Note- Please deliver any floral arrangements to the funeral home in Bridgeville on Monday June 27 by 9 AM.

Norman Lee Reynolds, 90, of Bridgeville, died at home early Monday morning. He was retired from the Woodbridge School District, where he taught high school English.

Mr. Reynolds was the son of the late F. Lee and Harriet (Batten) Reynolds. He graduated from Conrad High School, Wilmington, in 1944 and from the University of Delaware in 1948. He had a master's degree in English from Duke University, Durham, N.C.

Mr. Reynolds is survived by his wife, Lou Brock Reynolds, whom he married in 1955, and their three children, Lynn Reynolds Parks (Timothy), Seaford, Ellen Santha Mulshnock (Francis), Wilmington, and Matthew Brock Reynolds (Martha), San Antonio, Texas. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Cristin Barron, San Antonio, James Parks, Berkeley, Calif., Laura Parks, Dover, Patrick Mulshnock, Washington, D.C., and Stephen Mulshnock, Wilmington, and four great grandchildren, Brenden Louis Bartsch, Ayden Elise Bartsch, Brock Henry Parks and Theodore Carl Lesniewski.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Reynolds was predeceased by three brothers, Howard Francis, William Batten and Eugene Mercer, and a sister, Elizabeth Cleaver Reynolds.

A graveside service will be Monday, June 27, at 11 a.m., in Bridgeville Cemetery. The Rev. Al Taylor, Bridgeville, will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Reynolds' memory can be made to the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company, attn. Treasurer, P.O. Box 728, Bridgeville DE 19933.

Please sign the online guestbook at [www.parsellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com)



# Events


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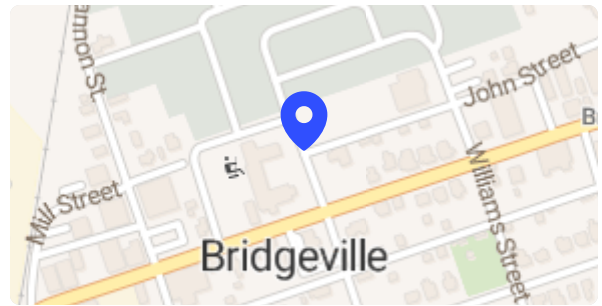
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## Graveside Service

 **Monday**, June 27, 2016

 11:00 AM ET

 **Bridgeville Cemetery**  
North Laws Street, Bridgeville DE





## Tribute Wall

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AL

**Ann Layton** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Reynolds family.



June 24 at 8:46 PM

CC

**Carol Russell Carlisle** posted:

My sincere sympathy to the Reynolds family. I feel blessed to have had Mr. Reynolds as a teacher. He was the best. Carol Russell Carlisle

June 23 at 9:13 AM

ME

**Mary Lou Ewell** posted:

Mr. Reynolds will always remain my favorite teacher at Bridgeville High School. He instilled in me the love of literature, and the power of the written word. I had the utmost respect and admiration for him, and our Class of 1961 invited him and his lovely wife to our 50th reunion to enjoy his companionship outside of the classroom. We were honored and delighted that they attended. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his family at this difficult time. Perhaps Mr. Reynolds is reading an excerpt from Julius Caesar to a choir in heaven. Mary Lou Ewell (nee Willey)

June 23 at 3:44 AM

DC

**Daniel Custer** posted:

Rest In Peace Mr. Reynolds. I was fortunate enough to have you as my English teacher for both my junior and senior years. An experience that I will always remember fondly and treasure. You made freshman college English class as breeze. I hope your family finds peace in your passing. Daniel Custer Woodbridge '76

June 23 at 2:32 AM

BS

**Beth Rider Stone** posted:

Our prayers and thoughts are with you all in this time of sorrow. We will all remember the wonderful times we shared with Mr. Reynolds in class and with you all growing up. Though we are not there for what I know will be a wonderful service, know we are sending you all lots of love from across the states, The Rider Kids - Robin, Beth, Wendy, Terry and Rob

June 22 at 12:50 PM



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**Wendy Rider Heyd** posted:

My condolences to all the family on your loss. Mr. Reynolds was a force in the world of education. I remember fondly, and sometimes not so fondly, weekly Theme papers. And there are specific words that I remember him teaching, obviously in such a way that made them memorable. A fine man and a wonderful teacher.

June 22 at 12:40 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Vivid Recollections to the Reynolds family.



June 22 at 7:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." to the Reynolds family.



June 22 at 7:15 AM



**Larry Stuart** posted:

Mr. Reynolds was the best teacher I ever had during my high school years in Bridgeville. His passion for teaching, knowledge of the subject, the deep booming voice always guaranteed I was listening and learning. My favorite memory of Mr. Reynolds was his response once to my ongoing references to television programs of the day and the relation to whatever we would be discussing at that time. He responded as only he could, "Ahhhh yes, our walking telly--vision Guide!" Goodbye, Normal L. Reynolds and thank you.

June 22 at 1:47 AM



**Elaine Moorer-Craper** posted:

Mr. Reynolds was the person who introduced to to Shakespeare. He always pushed me to be the best that I could be and for that I am forever grateful. Rest in peace Sir. E. Elaine Moorer-Craper

June 21 at 10:46 PM



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EE

**Ernestine Ladii-E** posted:

My deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to the Reynolds Family! Mr. Reynolds was a rare gem that opened minds beyond the ordinary!!! May he forever rest in paradise!!! Respectfully, Ernestine McMillion Thompson

June 21 at 6:11 PM

DB

**Donna Burtelle** posted:

Mr. Reynolds was one of the smartest men I have ever met. His classes were challenging, yet he was preparing us for the rigor of college and real life although we may not have realized it at the time. I learned more from him than I did from many college professors. I appreciate and value the wisdom he shared as well as his sincere interest in making all students ready to face the world. My deepest condolences to his family on the loss of this great man.

June 21 at 4:20 PM

KW

**Karen Walls** sent a virtual gift in honor of Norman.

R.I.P. Mr. Reynolds. You inspired us to be our best and I'll always be grateful. Please accept my sincere sympathy to you and your family, Mrs. Reynolds.

June 21 at 3:33 PM



DG

**Davita Gardner** posted:

In my education You surpassed in playing your part You opened my mind And touched my heart Thank you. Prayers for the family, Davita Gardner

June 21 at 3:30 PM

LH

**Laura Hawkins** lit a candle in honor of Norman.

June 21 at 3:29 PM





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SI

**Sina** posted:

Mr. Reynolds so well prepared me to write that my college English classes were a breeze in comparison. I remember when he would read aloud to us. I thought that was the best part of his classes. He was the best and a true gentleman. My prayer is that your grief may soon fade to wonderful memories. Sina H. Callaway

June 21 at 2:44 PM

KS

**Keith Swain** posted:

My sincere condolences to the Reynolds family. Mr. Reynolds was a rare and gifted teacher. Even more, he had an incredible intellect. For those of us who were his students, we were so very fortunate. In looking back at all of my education - high school, college, and graduate school, Mr. Reynolds is in that very limited category of teachers and professors who had a lifelong impact upon me. He was a truly brilliant man. Peace be with you, Mr. Reynolds. Keith Swain

June 21 at 1:41 PM

TM

**Tina Mowbray** posted:

My condolences to Mrs. Reynolds and the entire Reynolds family. Mr. Reynolds is part of so much of my high school memories and I treasured each time I saw him as an adult. Such a wonderful sense of humor and such compassion for multiple generations of youth. Rest peacefully, Mr. Reynolds.

June 21 at 12:26 PM

RH

**Robert Holloway** posted:

My condolences to the family. He was my English and French teacher. Quite a bright man and an excellent teacher. He will be missed

June 21 at 12:00 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Reynolds family.



June 21 at 11:49 AM



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MY

**Mary Ann Yoder Yutzy** posted:

What an incredible teacher! He assigned those terrible weekly reports that drove most of the eleventh grade class almost crazy. But I liked to write, so I wrote long and detailed reports. And he was merciless with that red pen. He kept handing back my compositions with an A over a D for spelling or punctuation or grammar. He made a public spectacle of me the day I used the wrong spelling of "its" in a composition title. I remember him holding it up and demanding what I thought I was doing with such an insult to the English language. "But it's possessive!" I protested feebly. "English and it's --- (whatever the title was)" "No, no, no, no!!!!" He thundered. "Never, never, NEVER use an apostrophe in the word 'its' unless it is a contraction of the words 'it is!'" He looked like he was tasting bile. Well. Okay, then. That's one thing that I pretty much never forgot! (It's strange how, to this day, it bothers me when other people don't know this principle!) I have so many memories of his class that are far less embarrassing. He read Shakespeare to us in his inimitable style with a British accent. He was quick to decry youthful impulsiveness and he never suffered fools lightly. He wasn't very sympathetic when students got themselves into trouble. He was a "scary" teacher because he was so tough. He was an incredible teacher because he was so tough. He was the one and only Mr. Reynolds and I'm so much better for having him as a teacher. It's been years since I saw him last. Decades. But I'm grateful for the memories and I'm glad that I was able to be in his class for the one year that I was granted. May you rest in peace, Mr. Reynolds. You will not be forgotten.

June 21 at 11:21 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Fruits and Blooms Basket to the Reynolds family.



June 21 at 10:22 AM

BR

**Bryan Parker 84** posted:

My condolences to his friends, family and former students. He was great influence on my young life and continues to be 30 years later.

June 21 at 9:30 AM

BN

**Betty Kefauver-Nichols** June 21 at 1:32 PM

Wow so sorry to hear the news of mr Reynolds passing... God bless the family ...he was a man that most of us really will never forget. I can hear him reading Shakespeare Still today



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JP

**Jeff & Kay Passwaters** posted:

Peace and comfort for the family.

June 21 at 8:56 AM

LW

**Lynch Watts** posted:

Mr. Norman Reynolds, what can I say. When I entered his class in 1982 and he handed out the curriculum, which included 12 book reports that had to be completed by the end of the senior year, I knew this class was going to be a challenge because I did not like to read. Had it been Sports Illustrated or MLB Magazine it would have been different but those readings were not on his list. His list included the likes of Macbeth, Old Man and the Sea, and The Grapes of Wrath to name a few. Needless to say with two weeks left in the senior year I had eleven book reports to do. With the help of classmates, staying after school, extra classes and of course the help of Mr. Reynolds I completed my 12 book reports and his class. Today, I know I am a better person because of him. With deepest condolences to his family and many prayers may God except him with open arms. Rest in Peace my good friend.

June 21 at 8:55 AM

TD

**Tamela Duffy** June 21 at 10:23 AM

A great teacher has passed on. My condolences to the family. I too remember those book reports that pushed us into a world we may never experienced had it not been for Mr.Reynolds.One memory I shall never forget ....it was the last week of school for seniors , while in my mind I knew I was graduating but to hear Mr. Reynolds make the comment..." I don't know why Tamela thinks she passed my class because she too will be peeping through the fence with all the others that have failed my class" man you talking about my heart dropping to my feet I was scared to death., needless to say he was joking a side we did not see often because he was serious about his work and you could tell literature was his passion . Thank you Reynolds family for sharing this gift with the Woodbridge family. May God give you continued strength , peace and comfort during this time.

KC

**Kay Chaffinch** posted:

Condolences to the family.

June 21 at 8:45 AM



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KC

**Kay Chaffinch** posted:

One of those teachers you never forget ! Wish teachers were more like him these days. I didn't feel that way in 1965, but definitely do now.

June 21 at 8:41 AM

VB

**Valerie & Michael Benton** posted:

Wishes for peace and comfort to the family at this time.

June 21 at 7:39 AM

KE

**Kelly Ewing** posted:

When I met Mr. Reynolds in high school over 30 years ago, I knew instantly that I had found a kindred spirit. We had many talks over the years about Shakespeare, a mutual favorite. He was one of a kind. Condolences to the family.

June 21 at 7:12 AM

DS

**Donna Seabrease** posted:

My sincere condolences to the Reynolds family. Mr. Reynolds was an exceptional teacher with a great sense of humor.

June 21 at 6:44 AM

CW

**Cheryl Hall Winters** lit a candle in honor of Norman.

Sending my condolences to the Reynolds family. Rest in Peace. You were a force to be reckoned with as a teacher but had the heart of a lamb.

June 21 at 6:18 AM



TC

**Tina Demott Carter** posted:

Mr. Reynolds was my very favorite teacher. He had a wonderful sense of humor and made us all laugh often. He could bring Shakespeare to life without looking at a book. You will be missed.

June 21 at 6:15 AM



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VS

**Vicki Short** lit a candle in honor of Norman.

My condolences and sympathies to the family of Mr. Reynolds. A wonderful teacher. He use to say I talked funny and corrected me often. My Mom was from NC and I guess I had a mixture of southern and good old Sussex County slang. God bless.Vicki Banning Short, Class of '68



June 21 at 6:00 AM

AL

**Ann Layton** June 24 at 6:50 PM

I have read the wonderful comments and memories about Mr. Reynolds. I can only agree that those of us who were fortunate enough to have had him as a teacher will always be thankful for his teaching and lessons that helped prepare us for life. I feel that he helped instill a love of learning and literature that has enriched my whole life! He will always be my favorite teacher. I want to send my condolences to Mrs. Reynolds and the whole family. Ann Layton

KC

**Kim Baker Christie** June 22 at 4:19 PM

Mr . Reynolds was a teacher that most of us will always remember as having a huge impact on our lives in High school as well as the future . His english class was challenging but very interesting! He had a subtle way of pushing you to do your best, more than you thought was possible. I remember being a bit intimidated by him initially, however learned how gentle he was and how vested he was in his students when he offered to assist me with preparing a Valedictorian speech in 1978. A brilliant man who we all respected, with also a sense of humour side that surprised us, and was welcomed. I also was in the same class with his son Matt Reynolds whom we were friends, and had Mrs. reynolds as an elementary music teacher. Condolences to the Reynolds Family! A great husband and father too remembered!

PK

**Patricia Knotts** June 22 at 11:37 AM

Mr. Reynolds was a gifted teacher and I was fortunate to be one of his students. He instilled a love of reading in me, for which I will always be grateful. He was a tough taskmaster because he truly cared about his students. Thank you Mr. Reynolds. Condolences to his family. Patsy Bryan Knotts, class of 1963.

KM

**Kate Marvel** June 21 at 4:30 PM

Mr. Reynolds." Whose woods these are I think I know. "Always read us beautiful poetry and Shakespeare in class. Taught us to have a love for literature . I am an avid reader today because of him. I LOVE to read. Thank you for instilling that in me . Even though I was not the sharpest tool in the class of 1970 you prepared me well for college. Glad I visited with you in December. Peace be with you and your family.Kate Collins Marvel

DW

**Dale Warner** June 21 at 4:03 PM

A brilliant man with an awesome sense of humor which at times, seemed to be lost upon a lot of kids. Maybe they were just afraid to laugh. I wasn't a big reader at the time but hell, he



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VS

read to us. His style of teaching was all his own that definitely left an impression on everyone. He commanded respect, without a doubt. My condolences to the entire Reynolds family. Rest in peace, Mr. Reynolds. Dale Warner, Class of '78

YA

**Yvonne Anthony** June 21 at 3:14 PM

My condolences to the family. Mr. Reynolds prepared me well for college English, the only classes that I aced. I even majored in English. Yvonne Matthews Anthony, Class of 68

WC

**Wm D. Carr** June 21 at 2:47 PM

R.I.P. MR. Reynolds my condolences to the family. Sincerely, Bill Carr. Class of 1973.

CM

**Connie McDowell** June 21 at 1:48 PM

Mr. Reynolds: "He was a man, take him for all in all. I shall not look upon his like again." Hamlet "Thou know'st 'tis common; all that lives must die, Passing through nature to eternity." Hamlet "For in that sleep of death what dreams may come, When we have shuffled off this mortal coil, Must give us pause." Hamlet Rest in peace, Mr. Reynolds. Pleasant dreams. My deepest condolences to Mrs. Reynolds and to the entire family. Sincerely, Connie McDowell

DK

**Dustin Lorraine Knepper** June 21 at 10:21 AM

our prayers and condolences to family, friends and students..He was a favorite Of my husband along with Ben Sirman...God Bless...Dusty and Lorraine Knepper ...Dusty was class of 1969

HC

**Heath Chasanov** June 21 at 9:05 AM

Being a student at Woodbridge High School in the 70's and 80's it was a given that you were going to have Mr. Reynolds for English senior year. I remember looking forward to this with excitement and fear at the same time. His reputation of being a great teacher was well-known, but the fear came out of worrying that you couldn't live up to his standards. The best leaders that I have worked with in my life were those that made you work harder because you didn't want to disappoint them. That was Mr. Reynolds. Extremely brilliant, but with a great sense of humor and a caring side. He made all of us better scholars and better human beings. Rest in peace Mr. Reynolds.

WD

**Willis G. Dewey** June 21 at 8:36 AM

What a great man. In 1980- 81 he was our English teacher, and I remember being so scared of failing his class. I talked to him about he he told me to try my best and I would be fine. I loved his class and his sense of humor . He is a true icon, a star in so many of our lives, a memory that I and many of us will never, ever forget. R.I.P.

RH

**Rick Heyd** June 21 at 8:09 AM

The photo is perfect. It shows a friendly soul inside the formal style he always presented to his students. I was very fortunate to watch and learn from him as a young teacher. The lessons he taught stay with me still. Mahalo, Mr. Reynolds.



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**Lynn Kefauver-Bennett** June 21 at 7:42 AM

Keeping the family in my prayers. He was an amazing teacher. My favorite. He was full of humor and the desire to bring the best out of his students. I could listen to him read Shakespeare all day. He will be missed



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Norman by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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