



Obituaries

John E. Speer

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John E. Speer, 75, of Hot Springs Village, Ark., died Aug. 10, 2015 at St. Vincent Infirmary in Little Rock, Ark.

He was a charter member of the Arkansas Society of the General Society War of 1812; president of DeSoto Trace Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and vice president of the State SAR; a member of Sons of the Confederate Veterans, the El Mina Shrine, Galveston, Texas, and South Park Masonic Lodge, Beaumont, Texas.

He was very active in these groups' programs to bring American history alive for high school students, as well as programs to help the wounded veterans of Arkansas.

He was a graduate of South Park High School, Beaumont, Texas (Class of 1957) and attended University of The Ozarks before joining the U.S. Marines.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marguerite Green Speer and Loice Brian of Beaumont, Texas; his wife, Jean A. Speer of Hot Springs Village and one grandson, Brian Marshal Colby of Hot Springs Village.

He is survived by one son, Aaron Speer (Lee Lee) of Silsbee, Texas; two daughters, Kimberly Arch (Mike) of Boerne, Texas, and Dana Kisel (Jeff) of Rockport, Texas; a stepdaughter Linda Ann Cockrell (Fletcher) of Hot Springs Village; nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speer will be cremated and interred in a private family cemetery in South Carolina. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice





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John Edgar Speer

BIRTH	25 Aug 1939 Jefferson County, Texas, USA
DEATH	10 Aug 2015 (aged 75) Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, USA
BURIAL	Unknown
MEMORIAL ID	152351936 · View Source

Family Members


Parents

-  Loice Elmer Brian
1921–1956
-  Marguerite Martha *Green* Speer
1920–1995


Spouses

-  Rita *McGee* Okervall
1940–2001 (m. (marriage) 1959)
-  *Jean Atkinson* **Speer**
1929–2014 (m. (marriage) 1974)

Siblings

-  Infant Daughter Brian
1942–1942

Half Siblings

-  Herbert Allen Brian
1951–1981

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Rita *McGee* Okervall

BIRTH	3 Apr 1940 Huntsville, Walker County, Texas, USA
DEATH	28 Dec 2001 (aged 61) Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, USA
BURIAL	Forest Lawn Memorial Park and Funeral Home Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, USA
MEMORIAL ID	95713707 · View Source

Rita married John Edgar Speer about 1959 and divorced sometime before 1961. She then married Harley Valentine Bowen (date unknown) until his death in 1962. Finally she married John Edward Okervall in 1964

Family Members

Spouses

-  Harley Valentine Bowen
1912–1962
-  John Edgar Speer
1939–2015 (m. (marriage) 1959)
-  John Edward Okervall
1931–1987 (m. (marriage) 1964)

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Find A Grave Memorial **95713707**

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Jean Atkinson Speer

BIRTH	4 Oct 1929 Louisiana, USA
DEATH	9 Nov 2014 (aged 85) Hot Springs Village, Garland County, Arkansas, USA
BURIAL	Unknown
MEMORIAL ID	138736948 · View Source

Mrs. Jean Atkinson Speer, 85, died at her home in Hot Springs Village, AR on Sunday November 9, 2014. She was born in Melder, LA on October 4, 1929.


She was a graduate of Northwestern Louisiana State University and taught home economics in Jefferson and Orange Counties, Texas for 41 years. She was a certified home economist. She was a member of the Akansa Chapter of NSDAR; U.S. Daughters of the War of 1812; and Docencia and Garland County Extension Homemakers.

She is survived by her husband, John Speer of Hot Springs Village, AR; one daughter, Linda Marshall Cockrell and husband Fletcher of Hot Springs Village; one granddaughter, Lane Dickey and husband Major Christopher Dickey of Columbia, South Carolina and three great grandchildren, Joel and Hannah Dickey of Columbia, South Carolina and Blake Colby of Vass, North Carolina; and a number of nieces and nephews, one great niece and two great-great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Janie Sanders and Willie Gulf Atkinson of Forest Hill, LA; one sister, Es Atkinson Tilley and husband Clyde “Buddy” of Alexandria, LA; two brothers, H. Loyd Atkinson and wife Willie Mae and Cecil F Atkinson and wife Gladys all of Forest Hill, LA: one grandson, Brian Colby of Hot Springs Village, AR; and one nephew.

Family Members

Spouse



John Edgar Speer

1939–2015 (m. (marriage) 1974)

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Find A Grave Memorial **138736948**

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Marguerite Martha *Green* Speer

BIRTH	26 Jan 1920 Texas, USA
DEATH	19 Feb 1995 (aged 75) Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, USA
BURIAL	Wilkinson Cemetery Orange, Orange County, Texas, USA
MEMORIAL ID	70268281 · View Source



Marguerite was first married to Loice Elmer "Bill" Brian in March 11, 1938. They divorced in the early 40's and she remarried to Alton Speer. Marguerite and Bill had 2 children, John Edgar Speer born in 1939 was later adopted by her second husband, Alton. The second was a baby girl who was either stillborn or died shortly after birth and was never named.

Family Members

Spouses

-  Alton Aaron Speer
1904–1963
-  Loice Elmer Brian
1921–1956

Children

-  John Edgar Speer
1939–2015
-  Infant Daughter Brian
1942–1942

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Find A Grave Memorial **70268281**

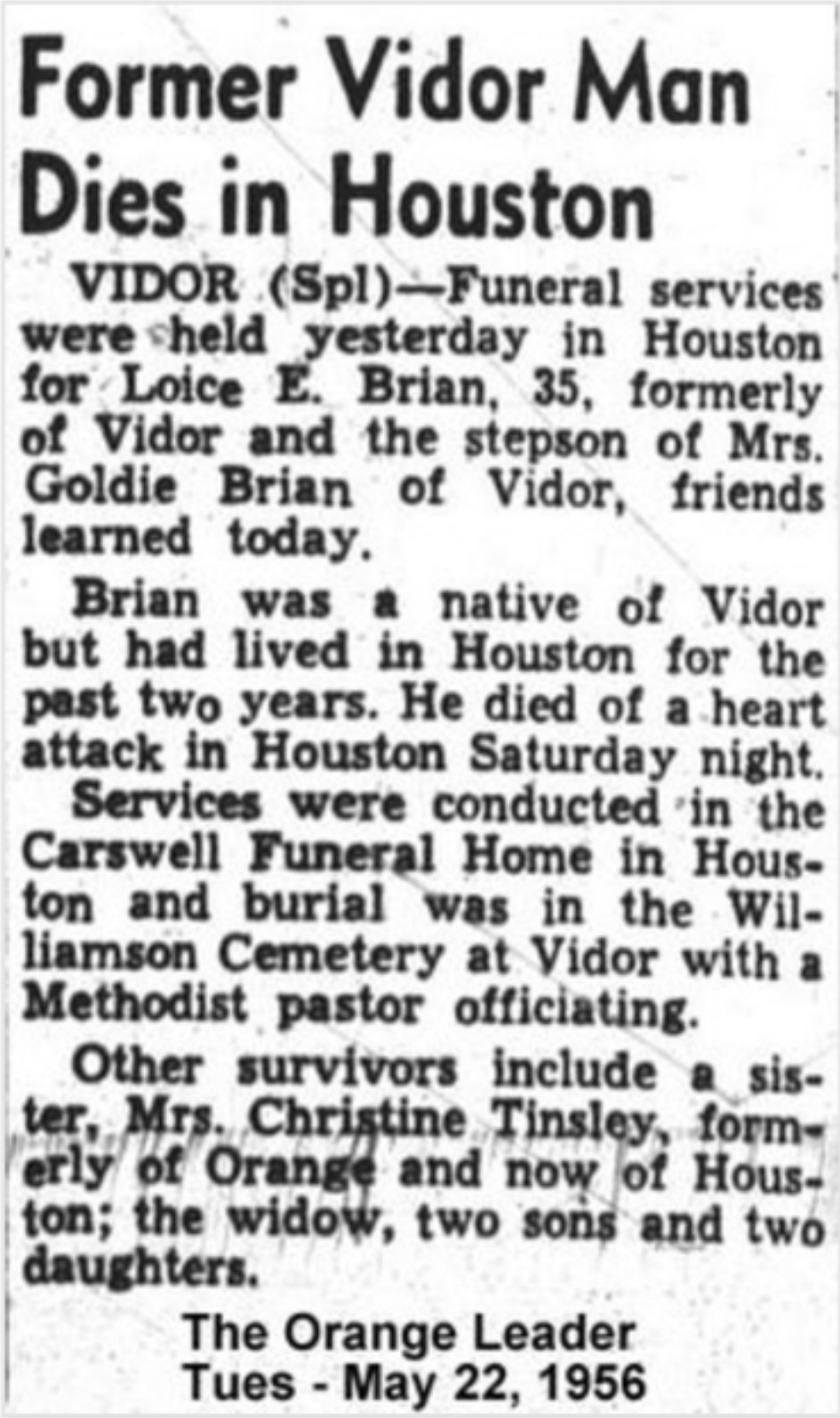
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Loice Elmer “Bill” Brian

BIRTH	12 Mar 1921 Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, USA
DEATH	19 May 1956 (aged 35) Houston, Harris County, Texas, USA
BURIAL	Williamson Cemetery Vidor, Orange County, Texas, USA
PLOT	South side plot S0983 with a marker
MEMORIAL ID	33381403 · View Source

Loice Elmer Brian was born in Dallas, Texas and was the 1st child of John Talmage Brian and Achsah (Axie) Elizabeth Maxey. The timing of the family’s movements after his birth are unclear but they first moved to Port Arthur, Texas, then Phoenix, Arizona, Beaumont, Texas and finally Vidor, Texas. Loice had red, curly hair and would often wear a skull cap in an effort to straighten his hair. He disliked his name and decided to become known as Bill. Bill was 7 years older than his only surviving sibling and enjoyed teasing his little sister.

Bill married Marguerite Martha Green on March 11, 1938, 1 day before his 17th birthday. Their first child, John Edgar Brian, was born 1-1/2 years later in August, 1939. In November, 1942 Marguerite delivered their second child; a daughter. It is unknown if the daughter was stillborn or if she died shortly after birth but she was never named and neither a birth or death certificate can be located. Information concerning her birth and death were provided by Bill’s younger sister, Christene, who was 13 at the time.

Following in the family tradition he became a carpenter but May 21, 1943 in the midst of WWII he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was in officers school but ultimately was discharged somewhere between 1944-1945. It is also during this time that he and Marguerite divorced.



In 1947 he married Doris Lea Peveto. Little is known about their marriage or divorce other than they were living in Shreveport, Louisiana in 1948 and Bill was working as a cleaner for a dry cleaning company.

In June, 1950 he married Martha Jean McJunkin in Little Rock, AR. Martha had 2 daughters from her previous marriage and together Bill and Martha had a son, Herbert Allen Brian.


Bills father, John Brian, moved in with Bill and Martha at some point during their marriage and lived with them until his death in 1954. After his fathers death Bill and Martha moved to Houston, Texas and lived in the Greens Bayou area. Shortly after their move to Houston, Bill suffered his 1st heart attack. After recovery the family moved to the Montrose area and Bill became the manager of a cleaning plant in Rice Village. In 1956 Bill suffered a massive heart attack and died at the age of 35 and was brought back to Vidor to be buried next to his infant daughter and his beloved mother.

Family Members



Parents

-  John Talmage Brian
1887–1954
-  Achsa Elizabeth *Maxey* Brian
1903–1936

Siblings

-  Christene Elizabeth *Brian* Tinsley
1928–2016

Spouses

-  Marguerite Martha *Green* Speer
1920–1995
-  Martha Jean *McJunkin* Harvey
1929–1995

Children

-  John Edgar Speer
1939–2015
-  Infant Daughter Brian
1942–1942
-  Herbert Allen Brian
1951–1981

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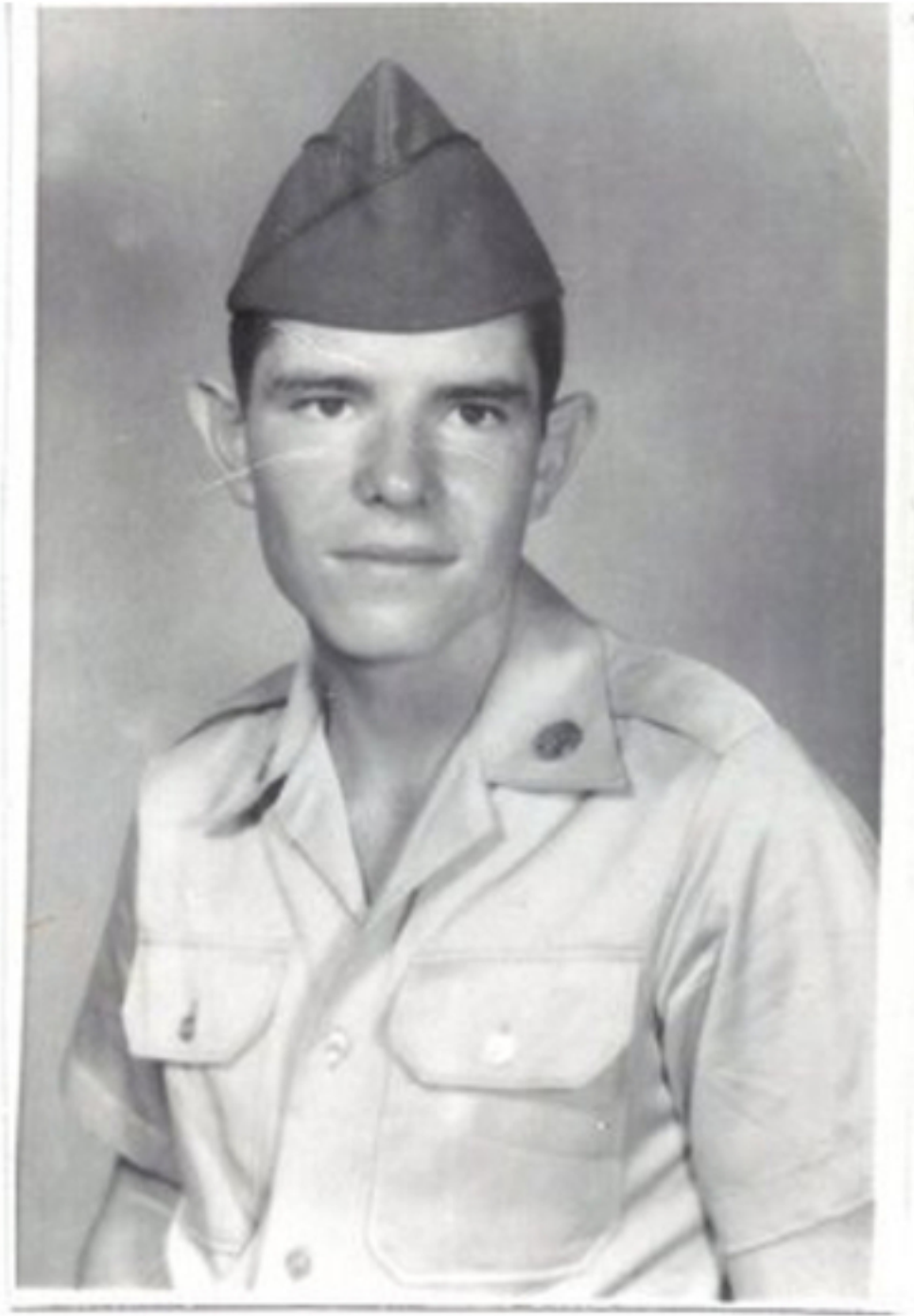


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Added by Prepared By Collin County Research Team

Herbert Allen Brian


BIRTH	16 May 1951 Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, USA
DEATH	31 Aug 1981 (aged 30) Collin County, Texas, USA
BURIAL	Blue Ridge Cemetery Blue Ridge, Collin County, Texas, USA
PLOT	Section 60
MEMORIAL ID	93727228 · View Source

Family Members

Parents

-  **Loice Elmer Brian**
1921–1956
-  **Martha Jean *McJunkin* Harvey**
1929–1995

Half Siblings

-  **John Edgar Speer**
1939–2015
-  **Infant Daughter Brian**
1942–1942

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Thornton Dudley Perry Jr., 181281,
Barnard Timmerman
Lum Duke Searcy, 181731, Nicholas Hobson
Charles Edward Slocumb Jr, 181730, Levi Harrell
Nicholas Eugene Steen II, 180980,
Stephen D. Mullins
Bobby Gilbert Thompson III, 181409,
William Cauthen
★ David Reynolds Thrasher, 181494,
John Thrasher
★ Joe David Thrasher, 181495, John Thrasher
Alan Keron Vickers, 180985, Elijah Pugh
Marvin Keron Vickers III, 180984, Elijah Pugh
Benjamin Evan Willis, 181405, Burwell Kendrick
Horace Al Willis, 181403, Burwell Kendrick
Zachary Allen Willis, 181404, Burwell Kendrick

Alaska (1)

Brent Stanfield English, 180986, Dennis Getchell

Arizona (12)

★ Kirk John Aurand, 181780, Johannes Aurand
★ Karl Bryce Aurand, 181779, Johannes Aurand
Robert Samuel Bartoszek, 181234, Nathan Livezey
David Brett Benedict, 181781, John Cooper
Jason Michael Crews, 181183, David Williams
Jeremy Matthew Crews, 181184, David Williams
Kurt Tyler Ehrenberg, 181574, Samuel Pease
Varnum Bowers Irvine, 180858, Samuel Lufkin
★ Karl Morgan Johnson, 181499, Fenn Johnson
Darrell Keith Mills, 181410, Michael Coleman
★ Henry Allen Nash, 181778, Abraham Nash
★ Michael Don Riggs, 181282, James Riggs

Arkansas (6)

★ Warren Keith Bogy, 181782, Joseph Bogy
Timothy David Cruise, 180857, John Crumpler
Oscar Eve Jones III, 180856, Richard Taylor
Alexander Avery Ross, 181411, William Hudson
John Edgar Speer, 181500, James Brain
★ Marion Clark Tener, 180987, John Tener

California (76)

David Wilford Allen Jr., 181112, Jacob Seltzer
Andrew Martin Allen, 181187, Benjamin Mays
Robert Anthony Aquaro, 181668, Michel Cantrell
Bobby Adkins Bartlett, 180864, Elisha Ford
Dirk Samuel Bauman, 181350, Thomas McKee
Cameron John Baxley, 180991, Daniel Davis
William Samuel Bradley, 180859,
Samuel Champlain
Kenneth Clare Briggs, 181412, Joseph Cody
Kevin Robert Coyne, 180861, Noah Day
Paul Gary Crocker, 181185, Jonathan Clower
Donn Alan Dancer, 181596,
William Reddick/Riddick
Paul Dean Davis, 181501, Stephen Osborn
★ Michael Dennis Dismukes II, 181186,
Paul Dismukes
Robert Lewis Fagaly, 181308, Isaac Bogart
Jerald Michael Ferrell, 180862, Osborne Trail
James Robert Gill, 181590, Henry Allshouse
John Michael Green, 181597, John Rockefeller
William Erman Gunn, 181735, Stephen Westbrook
Wesley Lawrence Harrigan, 181309, William Cocke
Cole Charles Harrigan, 181310, William Cocke
Jeffrey Adam Harrison, 180989, Seth Ewer
Jason Martin Hayden, 181734, Nathaniel Stevens
★ John Lawrence Hollis, 181621, James Hollis Sr.
★ Ronald Joseph Hollis, 181618, James Hollis Sr.
★ Michael Andrew Hollis, 181622, James Hollis Sr.
★ Daniel Joseph Hollis, 181619, James Hollis Sr.
★ David Ronald Hollis, 181620, James Hollis Sr.
★ Ronald Irwin Hollis, 181617, James Hollis Sr.
Michael Lynn Howell, 181307, Adam Saam

Richard Lewis Humphrey, 181283, Lemuel Bolles
Richard Hamilton Humphrey, 181284,
Lemuel Bolles
Harry Grant Jacoby Jr, 181599, John Campbell
Frank Louis Keelman III, 181502,
Holland Middleton
Byron Durff Kelly, 180988, Josiah Boone
Gary Gale Kern, 181306, Thomas Vestal
Daniel Raymond Lambing, 181666, Ulrich Schleppi
Colin David Lambing, 181667, Ulrich Schleppi
David Daniel Lambing, 181665, Ulrich Schleppi
Mark Roy Loftus, 180990, John Stone
★ Leonard Ellis Lyon, 181616, Moses Lyon
Patrick James Lyons, 181413, William Steed
Carey Peabody Mack, 180869, Richard Peabody
Jake Cooper Mack, 180872, Richard Peabody
Luke Alexander Mack, 180871, Richard Peabody
Peter Paul Malaznik III, 180994, John Talbott
Barry Alan Mancebo, 181591,
John Combs/Coombs Jr.
Roger Stephenson Marsh, 181414, John Farrington
John Anthony Martino, 181589, John Hipple
★ Joseph Smith McGuire III, 181878,
William McGuire
★ Jerry Paul McMillan, 181503, John McMillan
★ Thomas Richard Moore, 181733, John Moore
Robert Thompson Nelson, 181664, Joseph Vernon
Gale Allan Nelson, 181736, William Cowen
★ James Kenneth Nester, 180863, Frederick Nester
Robert Kent Pearce, 181595, Caleb Churchill Sr.
Garrett Stelio Peirce, 181349, Thomas McKee
Eric Wilson Peirce, 181348, Thomas McKee
★ Carlisle James Percival, 180860,
Jeremiah Percival
Daniel Fred Piedlow, 181593, John White
Robert Francis Preston, 180865, Michael Sisler
Joseph Raymond Raser, 181115, Simon Fobes/Forbes
Joshua Harold Raser, 181114, Simon Fobes/Forbes
Isaac Ted Rex, 180993, Samuel Hoard
★ Nathan Lawrence Sawyer, 180868,
Ephraim Sawyer Sr.
★ Jason Alexander Sawyer, 180867,
Ephraim Sawyer Sr.
★ Gary Donald Sawyer, 180866,
Ephraim Sawyer Sr.
★ James Frederic Steelman Jr, 181592,
James Steelman
Brian Richard Stephens, 181594, Stephen Loomis
Judd Brian Strong, 181783, John Willey
Michael Donald Stys, 181113, David Balcom
Michael Stephen Trimberger, 181116, Asa Hutchins
★ Henry Maze Troxell, 181669,
Johan (John) Peter Troxell
Cristian Vives, 180992, George Boone
Robert Charles Welham, 181598, James Reed
Calvin Uridge Whiffen III, 181504, Thomas Reed
William Macgregor Woolman, 180870,
Nathan White

Colorado (18)

Nicholas Alan Abbott, 181268, Edmund Taylor
Christopher Gordon Abbott, 181267,
Edmund Taylor
Kim Douglas Christianson, 181351,
Clark Burlingame
Stanley Ray Coker, 181670, Benjamin Abbott
Reed James Coker, 181671, Benjamin Abbott
James Charles Durnil Jr., 180873, George Holt
James Charles Durnil III, 180874, George Holt
★ William Allen Easterling, 181672,
Thomas Easterling
Don Allen Farrell, 181188, William Cloud
Stephen Wayne Gordon, 181265, Edmund Taylor
Kenneth Wayne Gordon, 181263, Edmund Taylor
David Matthew Gordon, 181266, Edmund Taylor

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Thomas Harlow Holmes, 181673, Jonathan Rawson
Colin James Means, 181674, William Langston
Sean Brandon Means, 181675, William Langston
Chess Wayne Neff, 181117, Daniel Harmon
David Moyer Watts, 181262, James Yocum

Connecticut (8)

Anthony Francis DiMeco, 180996, Samuel Hawes
Jonathan Greeley Dumaine, 180876,
Elias Hoisington
Roger Enrico Dumaine, 180877, Elias Hoisington
★ William Paul Fenn, 180997, Jason Fenn
Thomas McKay Francis, 180875, Joseph Matson
Douglas Alfred Grove, 180995, Timothy Stanley
Gabriel Sebastian Guerrero, 180999, Ezra Goff
Richard Thomas Reilly, 180998, Nathan Ellis

Dakota (2)

Thomas Paul Harden, 180878, Samuel Thrall Sr.
★ Bruce Eugene Scribner, 181415,
Benjamin Scribner

Delaware (12)

★ Carson Hyland Axtell, 181353, Daniel Axtell
★ Matthew Ian Axtell, 181352, Daniel Axtell
Kenneth Jeffrey Bewick, 181002, Richard Arters
John Arters Bewick, 181001, Richard Arters
Robert Dixon Bewick Jr., 181000, Richard Arters
Robert Malone Detwiler Jr., 181808,
Benaiah Fleming
★ John Owen Gardiner Jr., 181505,
Nicholas Gardiner
★ William Joseph Gardiner, 181506,
Nicholas Gardiner
Brian Jonathan Roberts, 181354, Samuel Severance
Christopher Brody Roberts, 181355,
Samuel Severance
Ian Scott Roberts, 181356, Samuel Severance
James Thomas Walton, 181737, Thomas Nichols

District of Columbia (1)

John DeWitt Stonesifer Jr., 181416,
John Cunningham

Florida (66)

★ Terry Michael Anderson, 181190,
William Anderson
Stephen Sheldon Atwood II, 181363, Henry Wilson
Robert Hale Birkenstock, 181005, Barnard Haile
John Michael Brady, 181359, Daniel Halsey
Edward Wilson Clark III, 181739, John Kinard
Larry Gene Coats, 181516, Jonathan Guersney
David Aaron Cole, 181510, John Robb
John Charles Cooper, 180889, Spence Grayson
John Richard Culpepper, 181676, Abishai Horne
★ Robert Stanley Cundiff, 181512, Isaac Cundiff
Thomas Ralph DeVoe, 181362, Eliphaz Warner
★ Robert Allyn Dray, 181389, Edward Dray
Charles Lester Evers, 181417, Micajah Paulk
Carl William Foust, 180890, Cottrell Lively
Mark Andrew Friden, 181009,
David Philips/Phillips
James Austin Gazaway, 181604, John Biffle
Noah Christopher Goslin, 181199, John Platt
Julius Pepper Platt Goslin Jr., 181191, John Platt
Julius Pepper Platt Goslin III, 181192, John Platt
Andrew Josiah Goslin, 181193, John Platt
Josiah Pierce Goslin, 181195, John Platt
Nicholas Christian Goslin, 181197, John Platt
Jude Preston Goslin, 181198, John Platt
Justus Parker Goslin, 181201, John Platt
Joel Padrig Goslin, 181200, John Platt
Thomas Maxwell Guilford Jr., 181311,
William Sparkman

The Last Roll

E. A. O'Neal 478
Florence, AL
Robert Wilson Bentley

Fort Blakeley 1864
Baldwin County, AL
Jay C. Doster
William Oscar Rowe

The Tallassee Armory Guards 1921
Tallassee, AL
Enos Tilton Roberts
Clifford Otis Black

Capt. William R. McAdory 2114
Pleasant Grove, AL
Gordon Herbert McMurry

David O. Dodd 619
Benton, AR
David D. Sparks
John Edgar Speer

James M. Keller 648
Hot Springs, AR
Dr. Dewey Edward Allen

Stephen Russell Mallory 1315
Pensacola, FL
William Emmett Brooks
Charles W. Coe

Capt. J. J. Dickison 1387
Melbourne, FL
Robert L. Weaver

Battle Of Olustee 1463
Lake City, FL
Wiley Emmett Koon
Howard R. Buckles

Jacob Summerlin 1516
Kissimmee, FL
Charles David Custer

Brig. Gen. E. Porter Alexander 158
Augusta, GA
William E. Paschal

Gen. William J. Hardee 1397
Dallas, GA
M. J. Jennings

Col. Joseph McConnell 1859
Ringgold, GA
Andy Carl Johnson

Pine Barrens Volunteers 2039
Eastman, GA
Albert Lewis Holt

Camp Davis 2073
Guyton, GA
James T. Miller

Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade 2102
Millen, GA
Byron L. Newton

Bowens Mounted Rifles 1759
Des Moines, IA
Jimmie L. Schmidt

Col. Harry W. Gilmor 1388
Baltimore, MD
Frederic Habicht

Major General Arnold Elzey 1940
Salisbury, MD
Andrew Silas Ratcliffe

Lt. Col. Robert H. Archer 2013
Havre De Grace, MD
Samuel F. Dupont

Col. John T. Coffee 1934
Osceola, MO
Lee Cooper

7th Miss. Infantry Batt 1490
Purvis, MS
Robert Dewitt Gray

Calhoun Avengers 1969
Calhoun City, MS
Charles Earl Smith

Col. Leonidas Lafayette Polk 1486
Garner, NC
Adam Michael Poindexter

Brig. Gen. William W. Kirkland 1692
Chapel Hill, NC
Nicholas B. Ladd



Mingo 1717
Spivey's Corner, NC
Herman L. Best
Paul D. Fann

Quantrill's Raiders 2087
Mayfield Heights, OH
Allen Edward James

Lt. William H. Mayes 2078
Pryor, OK
Cecil L. Kirksey

Secession 4
Charleston, SC
Allen L. Gentry

Marion 24
Marion, SC
Ronald Lee Shooter

John Thomas Ashley 43
Honea Path, SC
Ronald Ellis Coleman

Gen. Wade Hampton 273
Columbia, SC
William Dee Chisolm

River's Bridge 842
Fairfax, SC
Barry Chandler Sheetz
Derriel Causey Champagne

Palmetto Sharp Shooters 1428
Anderson, SC
Dr. Lyman A. Ducworth

Sgt. Berry Benson 1672
North Augusta, SC
Ocie Gregory Wood

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Col. William Bratton Chapter marks grave of Patriot James Brian Sr.

By Greg Greenawalt

CLOVER — The Col. William Bratton Chapter honored Revolutionary War Patriot James Brian Sr. with an SAR grave-marking ceremony Nov. 9 at the Mill Creek Cemetery (431 Harper Davis Rd., Clover SC 29710, GPS: n35 08.100, w81 05.233).

James Brian Sr. was an Irish immigrant who migrated to York County, South Carolina, and served in the

Revolutionary War under Col. William Hill. The ceremony was a joint effort between the Col. William Bratton Chapter and the Desoto Trace Chapter SAR in Hot Springs, Arkansas. John Speer, a Desoto Trace member, is a direct descendent of Patriot Brian.

The grave-marking was attended by SAR state officers Mark Anthony, Dan Woodruff and Greg Greenawalt,

as well as members of area chapters of the DAR, CAR and the Fort Mill VFW Chapter. Military Honors were rendered by Post 43, The American Legion, Fort Mill, with a 21 gun salute and a cannon volley. Benny Patterson was in charge.

The event was coordinated by Col. William Bratton Chapter President Murray White.

All men having power ought to be distrusted to a certain degree.

**James Madison
Constitutional Convention**



John Speer

Invocation for Private James Brian Sr. Marker Dedication with the Col. William Bratton Chapter at Mill Creek Cemetery

Lord on this Divinely inspired day, you have led us each here, to this time and place by different roads, from distance places and we have all come together by the Holy Spirit, to stand together in Patriotism, in honor of those who served this great country from its founding, and birth, to the men and women who this day are fighting terrorism, standing against oppression, and keeping our right alive (to not only worship you Lord) but to be your light of Hope, Faith and Love that your Son Jesus Christ, and all the generations that have followed his example have died for.

Lord, this day we have gathered to stand in solidarity, to stand proud but also underneath your protection and we pray for you continued blessings on those gathered, the families they represent and the country that we all love. May we as one people do your will Lord, nothing more and nothing less, in Christ's name we pray. AMEN.

Prayer of Dedication

"I will begin the Prayer of Dedication with the very words that might have been said over the grave of Pvt. James Brian Sr. so many years ago when he was laid to rest"

A Reading of the 23rd Psalm:

1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
3. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod
and thy staff they comfort me.
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Lord on this Veterans weekend, we remember the reason why we came to this great land. We remember that we came to escape the class wars and religious oppression of Europe, that we came to the New World for opportunity. What you blessed us with, Heavenly and Divine Father, was the opportunity to grow, to prosper and the freedom to worship and to know you great God.

Today Lord, this weekend, we remember that freedom, opportunity and faith sometimes have great costs, sometimes must be defended, and that loyalty, patriotism toward country and the God that it resides under is worth defending. Lord we are gathered here in remembrance of one Veteran of the American Revolution, Pvt. James Brian Sr., who when the time demanded answered the call to service in a time of uncertainty. In a season of chaos, Pvt. Brian stepped forward to support the great cause of Liberty for a land oppressed, to bring freedom where bondage had ruled and to allow America to grow, develop into the strongest nation this world as ever seen.

Lord, this day we ask for your blessings on this marker commemorating our respect for Pvt. James Brian Sr.'s example of service during the Revolutionary War that granted us the ability to prosper in wealth, justice and in greater service of your Son, the divine servant that we all must follow. Lord, when this marker is viewed let us remember that where God is present, service is required and so it is in Christ's name that we pray. AMEN.

**The Rev. Neill McKay
Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church**



Murray White, president of the Col. William Bratton Chapter, conducts the SAR grave-marking ceremony for Patriot James Brian Sr.



Grave of Patriot James Brian Sr.