



Mr. Dallas Edward Manis

September 3, 1933 - April 18, 2019

Dallas Edward Manis went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, April 18, 2019. Mr. Manis was born on September 3, 1933. He was a son of Thomas Manis and Annie Snapp Manis of Pacolet Mills, South Carolina. He excelled in athletics and graduated from Pacolet High School in 1951. He married Merle Marie Allie Manis, the love of his life, on July 4, 1953.

After high school graduation, Dallas entered military service in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserves, serving from 1952 to 1960. He remained a proud veteran and was active in the VFW throughout his life. Upon completion of active duty during the Korean War, he entered Clemson University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1960.

He eventually returned to Clemson to obtain a Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering as a member of Clemson's inaugural 1966 class of this program.

An avid supporter of Clemson athletics after graduation, Dallas was a 50-Year Member of IPTAY, the Lexington County Clemson Club and a scholarship donor season ticket holder for most of the past half century. He loved attending Clemson Football games and made tailgating a special opportunity to entertain friends and family. He attended regular season games, as well as many away games, including the 1981 Orange Bowl to witness Clemson's first National Championship. The Clemson Family has lost a fiercely dedicated supporter, a true Clemson Gentleman, known to all for his wardrobe of 'all orange, all the time.'

Dallas' engineering career spanned 55 years from 1961 to 2015, beginning with Cogburn Engineering in Hendersonville, NC, then S.C. Health and Environmental Control in Columbia, SC and two decades as partner with B.P. Barber and Associates prior to joining the national firm of Post Buckley Schuh & Jernigan. In 1992, Dallas formed his own firm, Manis Design Management, which he operated for the remainder of his career.

Committed to community activities and service, Dallas especially loved the past 30 years

of Lake Murray living at his beloved Dallas Pointe in Chapin, SC. He served faithfully with the American Legion Post 193, Chapin Rotary, Chapin Chamber of Commerce, and Woodman of the World. He was generous and caring beyond measure to those in need and supported numerous charities, often anonymously. He treasured his support and service with the Honor Flights program to the WWII memorial in Washington, DC for his veteran brothers from an older generation.

Dallas had a lifelong, passionate commitment to God and his church and forever exhibited the love of Jesus to the world. He always had an unabashed zeal for proclaiming the path of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, whether to family or stranger. A joy and priority involved fellowship events and personal service with his church. Over the years, he served as a deacon and leader of the church while attending Main Street Baptist in Hendersonville, Colonial Heights Baptist and New Heights in Columbia, and finally Chapin Baptist.

Dallas cherished his entire family, hosting annual family reunions at his home on Lake Murray. His leadership, care and love of family will be dearly missed. Dallas was viewed as the best grandparent in the world by both grands- and great-grands alike, always willing to drop whatever he was doing to make them feel special. He never missed a single birthday or anniversary for any one of them. The kids will cherish their memories of him and the time they had together.

Mr. Manis is survived by younger brother T.J. Manis, his children; Michael Manis (Charlotte), Mitchell Manis (Sharon), Mickey Manis (Debbie) and Melanie Manis Leonard (Randy). Grandchildren; Karin Strickland Champion (Matt), Zachary Manis (Corrie), Lauren Manis Lane (Donald), Corey Manis, Dylan Leonard, Jade Leonard Brown (Michael), Caleb Leonard (Merideth), and ten great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, his two sisters Ruby and Odell, his beloved wife Merle and granddaughter, Hannah Elizabeth Strickland.

Visitation will be held at Chapin Baptist Church, 950 Old Lexington Hwy, Chapin, from 5pm until 7pm, on Thursday, April 25th. A Celebration of Life service will be held at the church at 11am on Friday, April 26th with Rev. Michael Hull officiating. Graveside service with military honors will follow at 1 pm at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Road, Columbia. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family. All events are open to the public.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Chapin Baptist Senior Adult Building Fund or a charity of your choice.

Events

APR **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Chapin Baptist Church

950 Old Lexington Hwy, Chapin, SC, US, 29036

APR **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Growing up in Colonial Heights Church, I was exposed to many Godly men. Dallas was one of them. I'm grateful to have had an upbringing being around men like Dallas. He and Merle meant a lot to me and I won't forget their kindness. No doubt they have touched many lives.

Jeffrey Rinehart - April 25, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Dallas Edward Manis.



April 24, 2019 at 05:55 AM



“ We are saddened we cannot be there to show our love and support to you, Manis family. I only had the pleasure of meeting Dallas and Merle once upon invitation to use their boat with their grandson, Corey, and his best friend (my husband, Brock). Of course he was wearing orange and I had to have a tour of the Clemson room. Even in the brief time we show them, they both oozed hospitality and Jesus' love. I feel as if I knew Mr. Dallas well by how many times Brock and Corey would mention him and what an amazing role model he was for them. He is certainly celebrating a life well lived with his savior right now!

Allie Douglas - April 23, 2019 at 10:08 PM



“ Dear Mitch and all the Manis family,
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss; I didn't have the honor of knowing your dad but what an exceptional person he was! I know his absence will leave a hole in your hearts and I pray for consolation and peace. You will be in my thoughts and prayers,
Rausa McManus

Rausa McManus - April 23, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ I am saddened & shocked to learn of his homegoing. He will be sorely missed. RIP
my brother.

morgan hill - April 23, 2019 at 06:36 PM



“ Going to miss you bunches. You where a great father, husband, and grandfather. Always made me feel welcome in your home. Now you and Merl are back together. Tell Bobby we said Hi. My prayers are with your family.

Kathy Rish - April 22, 2019 at 09:10 PM



“ Dallas (and Merle) were such special people to so many. They exemplified God's love with open arms, loving smiles and humble hearts. Ours thoughts and prayers for you!
Brad and Mitzi Bessent

Mitzi Bessent - April 22, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ Dallas and Merle were special people to us, as well! We have fond memories of them, and are thankful to have known them! They are together again in Christ! Our thoughts and prayers are with you, the family!
Pat & Steve Blackwell

Pat Blackwell - April 22, 2019 at 07:36 AM



“ Dallas was a wonderful man of God, who always had a smile and a hug for everyone! He Loved Jesus, Ms. Merle, his family, All of his friends, and his beloved Clemson Tigers:-) Love you & Miss you Dallas, Cami

Cami Coulter - April 20, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ He was a dear sweet gentleman. Always shares a sweet smile and "morning morning"with so many. Condolences and prayers are with this precious family at this time

Don and Terri Connor - April 20, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ It was an honor and a privilege to get to meet Mr. Manis. He loved the Lord, his wife Merle, his family and those Clemson Tigers.
His promotion has reunited this precious couple...loved by so many and dearly missed by those on earth until we meet again.
Ken and Katie Baldwin

Ken Baldwin - April 22, 2019 at 06:26 PM



“ I was introduced to Dallas over a decade ago when we were both in Chapin Rotary. Later I was Operations Manager for Honor Flight SC and Dallas was not only on a flight but advocated for his military brothers and sisters to go as well.. Running into him around Chapin frequently we always had a pleasant chat. He was a true gent and Christian.

Ronald Saxton - April 22, 2019 at 08:02 PM



“ Dear Manis family,
Janna and I are so sad to hear of Dallas' passing.
We have great memories of time spent with your family during our Colonial Heights days.
We will always remember his tiger paw glasses and his phone calls to our house on Christmas morning. We are praying for you.
Julie Huggins Wilkerson

Julie - April 23, 2019 at 08:44 AM



“ Shocked and saddened to hear of Dallas' passing. Joe and Dallas were in Chapin Rotary where we would meet early on Thursday mornings. Will miss you my friend. Joe Herndon

I will miss seeing you Dallas in the sanctuary and activities at CBC. A true friend and my brother in Christ. RIP Sheila

Joe & Sheila Herndon - April 24, 2019 at 02:07 AM