

**William Jennings “Bill” Briers, Jr.  
December 13, 1934 – June 22, 2000**

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William Jennings Briers Jr., 65, of Hinton died Thursday evening, June 22, 2000, at Summers County Regional Hospital, Hinton, following a long illness.

Born Dec. 13, 1934, in Hinton, he was the son of the late William Jennings and Mildred Cheetham Briers Sr.

Mr. Briers was a member of the First Baptist Church, Hinton and a Korean Conflict veteran, having served with the U.S. Navy Seabees. He was an aero-space engineer and mechanical stress analyst, having worked with NASA, Boeing Lockheed, Martin Marietta and Gulf Stream Aerospace.

He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, an accomplished musician, composer and writer of humorous short stories.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Barton Briers; three sons, Zach Briers and his wife, Madeline, of Charlotte, NC, Greg Briers and his wife Melissa, of Charlotte and Bill Briers III of Hinton; two daughters, Jennifer Briers Guthrie and her husband, Phil, of Charlotte and Becki Briers and her fiancé, Mark Booras, of Baton Rouge, LA; a stepdaughter, Karen Bradberry Donovan and her husband, John of Denver; an Iranian foster son, Khosro Yoosefi of Houston; two brothers, Tom Briers and his wife, Martha of Hinton and David Briers and his wife, Raquel, of Huntington; a sister Joan Briers Woodrum of Hinton; seven grandchildren, Sunnie Leigh Hancock, Zachary Briers, Courtney Briers, Suzanne Guthrie and stepgrandson John Donovan III.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church, Hinton, with Pastors D.D. Elwell and Lawrence Bennett officiating. Burial followed in Restwood Memorial Gardens, Hinton.

Pallbearers were Charles Steward, John Charlton Briers, David G. Briers, Mark Booras, Jack David and Joseph Woodrum

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Hinton Gospel Tabernacle, The First Baptist Church of Hinton, The National Cancer Institute, The Director Building 31, Room 11A-16, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Arrangements by Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors, Hinton.