



## Mr. Harry Oscar Bodiford

August 28, 1923 - October 18, 2016

Harry Oscar Bodiford, Jr. died Tuesday, October 18, 2016. Son of Harry Oscar Bodiford and Francis Shelton Bodiford he was born at Clemson College, South Carolina on August 28, 1923. He was a graduate of Clemson-Calhoun High School and attended Clemson College. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1943 and was in the third wave of the invasion of Okinawa on April 1, 1945. He served in the occupation of Peking (Beijing) China until his discharge from the Marines in late 1946. Upon his return to Clemson he helped organize Battery C of the 263rd Air Defense Artillery Brigade of the South Carolina National Guard. He was sworn in as the first enlisted man of Battery C by Captain George Dunkleburg in 1947. He retired from the SCNG in 1985 as Command Sergeant Major, the highest ranking enlisted man in the SCNG. He was retired from J.P. Stevens Co. in 1988. He was married to the late Evelyn Abbott Bodiford and is survived by three children: Mary Abbott Hecko of Walhalla, S.C. and husband Sam, John Bodiford of Walhalla, S.C. and wife Kim, and Harry E. Bodiford of Clemson, S.C., and four grandchildren: Amy Barret, Matthew Hecko, Keegan and Logan Bodiford. He was also married a second time to the late Edna Sanders Bodiford.

A graveside memorial will be held at Ocone Memorial Park at 11:00 am Saturday, October 22. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to the Marine Corps League, Lewis G. Watkins Detachment in Seneca, S.C.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Harry Oscar Bodiford*

October 23, 2023 at 05:07 AM



“ *I have often wondered about Harry and other relatives. As a child we always went back to aunt fan's house at Christmas, summer any time. I'll never forget my good times at aunt fans house. I loved that house, playing with Harry's toy soldiers. I loved those soldiers. Walking downtown to the few stores, cleaners. I wished so many times over the years some one in the family had contacted Cecilia and I. I tried to contact Harry last year to no avail wondering where he was living. I would love to have seen him one more time. Edwina cohen*

**edwina cohen** - November 12, 2016 at 05:42 PM



*Edwina, we just saw your post. My name is Kim Bodiford and I married John in 1988. Throughout my married life I have always heard about Edwina and Cecelia.. What lovely folks. John was named after both uncles... John Edward. We live in Walhalla with two grown sons. Punk is still living at the family home in Clemson. Hope you are in good health.*

**Kim Bodiford** - September 27, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ *Harry aka "Poppy" was a wonderful grandfather, father-figure, and my first friend. I was his grandson through his marriage to Edna (aka "Nanny") and trust me, through the two I was one spoiled and loved grandchild. The earliest memories of my life were of him taking me through Clemson, teaching me how to ride my bicycle at the track, and sharing stories of his youth with me. These are memories so deeply enriched in my mind I can't help but pass along my experiences with Poppy every time I'm with a loved or friend and the subject comes up. My girlfriend is a junior at the university and I can't describe the nostalgia I'm filled with these days when we walked around campus. I'm truly grateful to God and the world for giving us such an amazing man. I hope to one day pass along to my grandson, what he passed to me.*

*-Powell James Willimon (Sanders)*

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**Powell Willimon** - October 21, 2016 at 11:04 AM



“ *The staff of Unit 602 at Richard Campbell Veterans Nursing Home offers their thoughts and prayers for Mr. Bodiford's family during this time of loss. He was always a joy to take care of and visit with. If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.*

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**Frances Ward** - October 20, 2016 at 10:46 AM