



# Louis S. Butterworth

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**L**ouis S. Butterworth, 91, of Baldwin, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 22, 2023. Louis was born on July 6, 1932, in Talladega, AL, the oldest of nine children to parents Virgil and Pauline (Sexton) Butterworth.

Born and raised on a farm in Talladega, Alabama, Louis exhibited an early determination and resilience that would define his life. He was the first in his family to attend college, graduating from Jacksonville State College in Alabama with a degree in Chemistry and minor in Mathematics. His education and upbringing provided a foundation for a distinguished career marked by hard work and dedication.

After college, Louis was commissioned out of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) into the United States Army in the Chemical Corps stationed at Fort McClellan, AL. As part of his duties, he was ordered to Nevada, where he monitored nuclear tests in Frenchman's Flat during the 1950s. His service to our country culminated in his retirement from the Army Reserves as a Colonel.

Following his time on active duty, Louis embarked on a successful industrial career. He worked for Goodyear Atomic at the Piketon Gaseous Diffusion Plant and then Bettis Westinghouse, where he retired as a respected nuclear scientist.

Away from his professional life, Louis was a man of deep faith. He was a longtime member of Pittsburgh Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school and served as a deacon for many years, sharing his faith and wisdom with others and serving on various church committees and boards.

Louis enjoyed the outdoors. He had a special love for his garden and “mom’s flowers” and helping his neighbors. But above all, he loved his family, who were a constant source of joy and pride for him.



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Louis was the loving father of Steven L. (Judith McGill) Butterworth and T. Lynn (John Rendinaro) Butterworth; the grandfather of Philip (Crystal), Timothy (Swathi), Christina, Joanna, Nathaniel (Dawn) and Andrew; and the great grandfather to Steven, Larissa, Scarlet, Eliana, Gwen, Aoife, and Misha. Louis also leaves his siblings, Virgil Butterworth, Jr., Betty Barnwell, Willard Butterworth, Phillip Butterworth and Frank Butterworth; and many nieces and nephews.

Louis was predeceased by his beloved wife, Mary C. Butterworth, and siblings, Bessy Nell Johnson, Billy R. Butterworth, and Polly Jo Wingo.

Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for visitation on Thursday, September 28, 2023 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. A service in celebration of Louis will be held in the funeral home's chapel at 7:00 pm. Burial will be held at a later date in Alabama.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in honor of Louis may be made to Big Oak Ranch, 250 Jake Mintz Road, Gadsden AL 35905.

To leave online condolences please visit [www.jeffersonmemorial.com](http://www.jeffersonmemorial.com)



## Tribute Wall

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**Scott Carey** posted:

I worked with Lou at the Bettis Laboratory (a long time ago). I was a young kid back in those days, and I quickly learned that he had the kind of deep competence I wanted to emulate. He was kind, warm, funny, and he had a great accent. My condolences to his friends and family, and I look forward to seeing him again.

September 28 at 5:53 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

September 26 at 6:18 AM



**Mike Sting** posted:

To my dearest mentor and great friend I will miss you. Waxing philosophical at the top of the US Steel Tower. we contemplated life's blessings at Lynn's wedding celebration. Deepest condolences to the family. It was Jeanne's and my pleasure and privilege to have shared a few moments of life with you all.

September 25 at 2:45 PM



**Mike And Jeanne Sting** posted:

Lou, a rare and special friend always treasured. Condolences to the family with love and sympathy.

September 25 at 2:41 PM



**Carl Benson** posted:

I worked with Lou many years at Bettis and all my memories of him is being a wonderful human being, and a careful and exacting engineer. I never met a more down to earth human being, as well as a great story teller. Godspeed Lou, Carl Benson

September 25 at 1:11 PM



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JB

**Jeff Bowman** posted:

I had the pleasure of Lou working in my group at the Bettis Laboratory for many years. He was an outstanding employee and the quality of his work was always excellent. If Lou said it, it was so. He was a true gentleman and treated everyone with respect. I am glad to see he lived a long life, but still it is sad to hear of the passing of such a fine man.

September 25 at 12:01 PM

DB

**Dave Butterworth** posted:

Uncle Louis was a wonderful man who loved God and family. I will always remember my trips to Pittsburgh as a child spending time with Uncle Lou and Aunt Mary. He really opened up a bigger world for me and I always respected his accomplishments and his strong commitment to family. Rest in Peace.

September 25 at 6:45 AM

WS

**Ware Standard** posted:

Lou was a wonderful man who, as the obituary says, showed his faith in all he did. His smile, his accent, and his love for everyone were a few things that made him who he was. I was fortunate enough to know Lou for many years as a fellow member of Pittsburgh Baptist church. One thing I remember was that he always had peppermints in his pocket and gave them to anyone. It was just something about him. We will miss him but do know that although it was a sad day on earth it was a glorious day in Heaven as Lou was welcomed home.

September 25 at 5:43 AM

KC

**Kim Chafee** posted:

Uncle Lou was an incredibly compassionate and wise man of faith. Sending our love and prayers of grace and peace to cousins Steve and Lynn and the entire family. -KimScott & Kim (Wingo) ChafeeVirginia Beach, Virginia

September 24 at 1:45 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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