



Granville Worth Broome Jr.

June 10, 1944 - June 9, 2019

A beloved husband and faithful spiritual father and brother to many, Granville Worth Broome, Jr. left his earthly body Sunday, June 9, 2019 and is now with the Lord, Jesus Christ whom he loved and served. Granville lived by the verse in Philippians, “For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” He was born June 9, 1944 in Monroe, North Carolina to Worth and Edith Broome and made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ at the age of 13. Granville was baptized and joined Bethlehem United Methodist Church near Monroe. In 1967, he graduated from North Carolina State with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, and in 1970 earned his Master’s Degree in Naval Architecture from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. By the time college was behind him thoughts of the Lord were also.

Granville’s professional career allowed him to be near the water serving in the Civil Service with the Department of Defense as a Naval Architect with the Naval Sea Systems Command for 27 years where he engaged in Early Stage Ship Design. He closed out this chapter serving on the design team for the Aegis Ticonderoga-Class Cruiser. Granville’s love of the water was personally and professionally satisfying. He enjoyed watching big ships and sailing dinghies on the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. He was a capable, professional sailor with The Catamaran Racing Association of the Chesapeake, Pro Sail, Team Annapolis and the Canadian Olympic Regatta at Kingston, during the 1970’s through 1991. On free Saturdays he would sail around Bloody Point Lighthouse in Maryland.

Before Granville came to know Christ as Savior, he would say that his life was dedicated to making himself happy. He described this path as leading to misery after misery until, by God’s grace, he opened a Bible in 1979 and cried: “God, what’s wrong with me; show me what’s wrong with me!” Then, the words he read were: “I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no God. I will strengthen you though you have not acknowledged me . . .” Isaiah 45:5. This response shocked Granville to tears and then he asked “Why do I do these things?” and read in Romans 7: “For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but do the very thing I hate.” Then, Granville

shared that the Lord mercifully revealed His wonderful answer: “What a wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord.” From that moment on, Granville was a new man; delivered from sin, shame, death and made into a new man alive in Christ.

In 1991, Granville and wife Toni married in Annapolis, Maryland and were members of Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Annapolis where he faithfully served as: Bible Study leader; on the New Vistas Leadership Team; and as Deacon. He and Toni gathered with close friends in 1994 and prayed for God to lead each of them to a special work in ministry. They made eternal bonds with brothers and sisters in Christ in Annapolis and beyond. The couple sensed the Lord’s call to serve in missions and in September, 1994, when Granville took an early retirement from the Defense Department and from the water he dearly loved, and they relocated near Waxhaw, North Carolina, to follow his passion for the Word of God by reinvesting his time and experience at JAARS – the support arm for Wycliffe Bible Translators. At JAARS, he helped further the work of Bible translation as an Aviation Research and Development Engineer through reverse-engineering, designing FAA approved parts and other special projects. He counted it a privilege to serve God at JAARS and experienced deep joy and fulfillment exercising his God-given gifts and abilities while developing a deep love for the men he worked with from 1995 until his diagnosis with pancreatic cancer in May 2019. He never thought he would return to Union County but the Lord he predestined his path in life.

Granville and Toni joined Christ Covenant Church in Matthews, North Carolina in 1999 where he vigorously loved Christ and His church and served as a ruling elder from 2001 – 2019. With a true servants’ heart he worked with other elders to: shepherd the Senior Adults; assist as a Worship Department Committee member; and as a member of the Central Carolina Presbytery Examinations Committee and Shepherding Committee. Granville was diagnosed Wednesday, May 22, 2019 with an aggressive pancreatic cancer and instantly Toni remembered a conversation with a friend at church who was recently diagnosed with cancer. She quoted a phrase in John Piper’s booklet, ‘Don’t Waste Your Cancer’, “We waste our cancer if we spend too much time reading about cancer and not enough time reading about God,” And Granville and Toni prayed they would spend their days reading about God. From that day from then until his home-going Sunday, June 9, he overflowed with love for Jesus and Toni. The Lord drew him very near. His last days on earth were filled with peace and unimaginable joy as he yearned to go to his eternal home. Three nights before his home-going, Granville shared with Toni: “As long as I’ve lived I couldn’t have had a more wonderful last two weeks. This has been the best two weeks of my life. We won’t be sorry” and then recited John 3:16 – 21:

“For God So Loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

Granville continued, “For thirty-five years I wouldn’t come into the light. I denied him for thirty-five years – all these tears of mine are tears of joy. The hero is Jesus Christ and we are only here to proclaim Him and His truth; we know the victory over death has been won by Him.. This is the one thing He’s teaching us and we’ll learn this for all time.” He then quoted, Psalm 116:15 “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.”

Granville is survived by wife Toni, of 28 years, and his siblings: Geddis Hope Elmore and Forbis Broome of Monroe, North Carolina; and Marty Carpenter (Bill) of Ft. Mill, South Carolina. His nieces and nephews are: Lisa Elmore Armour (Steven); Amy Elmore Starnes (Ben); Brent Carpenter (Nina); Tamara Carpenter; Kimberly Broome; and Angela Broome Crook (Jason); brother-in-law James D. D’Amico (Theresa) of Hallettsville, Texas.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on June 13 at Christ Covenant Church located at 800 Fullwood Lane, Matthews, North Carolina; followed by a graveside service at Historic Matthews Cemetery, Pleasant Hill Drive, Matthews, North Carolina where Granville’s body will be laid to rest.

Granville’s infectious smile and wise, encouraging words are seared in our hearts. His greatest joy was knowing, loving and serving the Lord and others. Through the Lord’s strength and saving faith, Granville walked by faith but now hears the words that all believers and followers of Christ long to hear: “Well done, thy good and faithful servant . . . enter into the joy of your master.”

In lieu of flowers Toni asks that donations in his memory may be made to JAARS noting Aviation Research and Development, P.O. Box 248, Waxhaw, North Carolina, 28173 or online at www.jaars.org/give/ and designate your gift to Aviation and then at the bottom of the page note Research and Development in the comments section, or to Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, noting Student Scholarship Support, 2101 Carmel Road,

Charlotte, North Carolina, 28226, or online at www.rts.edu/development/give/

Cemetery

Historic Matthews Cemetery

Pleasant Hill Drive
Matthews, NC, 28105

Events

JUN 13 **Receive Friends/Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

Christ Covenant Church
800 Fullwood Lane, Matthews, NC, US, 28105

JUN 13 **Celebration of life** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ It was a privilege to work with 'Granny' in the Preliminary Design Division at NAVSEA. He was an outstanding mentor and a good friend. The U.S. Navy was blessed to have had his dedicated support for our country's defense over many years.

Mark Bebar

Mark Bebar - June 19 at 10:05 AM



“ He was such a great friend, mentor at work and sailing buddy. He was a pleasure to be with and was always one of God's own beloved.

Our condolences and prayers for you Toni and family.

Rob and Nancy Beadling

Robert Beadling - June 17 at 07:54 PM



“ I have very fond memories of working with “Granny” as a young naval architect at NAVSEA in the '80s. He was a wonderful mentor and an engaging soul, fun to work with and get to know. Prayers to all

Jack Templeton - June 17 at 02:02 PM



“ He was a "professional's professional".....we worked together on a Navy special project in the late '80s.....great loss to American Christian morals and values.....RIP Grannie!!

Art Spero
Shenandoah Valley, Virginia

art spero - June 17 at 12:06 PM



“ I am truly heartbroken at this news. I have very fond memories of Granny as he was my first boss when I came to work for NAVSEA in 1987. He took me under his wing to show this very "green" rookie the ropes. He was always very patient and kind even when I messed up in major ways, and he always had a smile. My prayers are with

you and your family. v/r Theresa (Terry) Taylor

Theresa Taylor - June 17 at 09:40 AM



“ What a beautiful testimony! I wish I had known him! Warm hugs and prayers for you, Toni! Your neighbors, Anne and Ken

Anne Haugh - June 13 at 06:28 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Granville Worth Broome Jr..



June 12 at 06:55 PM



“ Typically, when you get to know a person, they take on the ordinary. My years with Granville showed me his professionalism, commitment to Christ, and gentlemanliness was anything but ordinary. Every encounter left me feeling that Granville was a man to be emulated.

Glenn Grubb - June 12 at 10:02 AM



“ Granville was a great classmate and friend. I am praying for the family. William Nash. Parkwood High School class of 1962.

William Nash - June 12 at 08:17 AM



“ We will always remember Granville for his passion for the Lord and his welcoming smile. Our prayers to Toni and family.

Bob and Lu Waas, Ocala Florida

Bob Waas - June 12 at 08:07 AM



“ Jean, Mom and I are praying for y'all, Toni. We thank God for His grace so beautifully expressed through Granville's life. Del, for Jean and Joyce Archer

Del Archer - June 11 at 06:57 PM



“ I remember when we were brand new neighbors still trying to figure out how to care for a yard surrounded by woods and full of rocks! It was half dark already, but Granville watched me trying to handle a large bucket full of diluted muriatic acid, and he just swept in and asked me where I wanted it! He then brought me an old steel brush for scrubbing the acid onto the huge rocks on our berm. He was kind, compassionate, and generous - despite the fact that our moving in meant a big loss of privacy to the Broomes! We look forward to seeing Granville again!

Leila Schroeder - June 11 at 06:40 PM



“ I, Janet, never really had the privilege of meeting Granville. I do know that he loved the Lord. I do remember that every time I saw him we had a smile that was contagious. My husband, Carman respected Granville and felt highly of him. Toni, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

In Him,
Janet and for Carman Frith

Janet Frith - June 11 at 05:46 PM



“ God bless all of you. Prayers

Sandra Deese - June 11 at 08:47 AM



“ My sincere condolences to your family. God promises to fortify you and hold your hand during this difficult time Isaiah 41:10,13. Continue to rely on Him for comfort and strength.



