

The Family of Silas and O'neil Brannon Pruitt

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Silas and O'neil Pruitt

(There are already articles about the Pruitt family on this Glendale website. They were written by [Rev. Clarence Crocker](#). You can read them at [James and Susan Pruitt](#) and [Amos Pruitt](#).)

How My Life Intertwines with Glendale, South Carolina

My father, Harold Jerome Pruitt was born on July 20, 1935 to Silas Columbus and O'neil (Brannon) Pruitt. He was known to many as "Buddy". Dad told me that "Buddy" came from big sister, Virginia Earlene, when asked if she wanted a brother or sister, she replied "I just want a buddy". Later Buddy got shortened to "Bud". Later there were two other siblings Susan Rebecca (Becky) and Daniel Barry (Danny).

Virginia (Aunt Ginny) has seven children, Rebecca (Aunt Becky) has four children. Dad has two children (me, Cindy, and my brother Ric. Daniel (Uncle Danny) had one son.

At the age of 18 (November 23, 1953) Dad enlisted in the United States Air Force as a Jet Engine Mechanic. He trained at Chanute AFB IL, Lackland AFB TX, Sheppard AFB TX, Amarillo AFB TX, Wethersfield CT and Farmingdale NY during his career.

During his 22.5 years in the Air Force he spent many of those years in foreign countries (without his family). Some of those countries: Goose Bay Labrador (1954), Aviano Italy (1957), Guantanamo Bay Cuba (1962), Moron Spain (1963), Turkey (1964), Takhli Thailand (1965), Yokota Japan (1965), Thailand (Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam) (1966-1967), Kunsan Korea (1968), Guang Ju Korea (1969), Kunsan Korea (1969) and Ubon Thailand (1972).

He did get to visit a few other countries like Philippines, Hawaii, Germany, and I'm sure a lot of others I don't know about.

On July 20, 1956, he took a wonderful woman for his bride, Jan Carole Linder, from the Cannon Campgrounds area in Spartanburg, SC. Her parents were Roland and Guyula Linder. She was a very strong woman having to be both mother and father many of the years that my father was serving his country. I (Cynthia "Cindy" Pruitt) was born in November 1957 at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base SC. Dad was transferred to Florida (Hulburt Field and then Eglin AFB) where my only sibling was born at Eglin AFB, FL on October 1960. (Richard L. Pruitt).

Mom was the "mother" of the neighborhood, you'd think she had a 100 different children, all our friends called her "mom". She loved everyone and never met a stranger. She worked really hard at being the mom and dad when dad was serving his country. She went to every baseball, softball, football, basketball, tumbling class, ballet class, parents meeting and PTA, all the girl and boy scout stuff you can imagine. If Ric or I was doing something – she was there (and taking pictures of course). Pictures were her hobby – I'm glad it was these days. There's a picture of everything! Mom lost her battle with Cancer on Jan 30, 1985. She was my best friend, go to person and sounding board – I miss her tremendously.

Dad loved camping, fishing, gardening, wood working, building things and cooking. He was well known for his hushpuppies and barbeque pig. He also was the man that never met a stranger, always willing to help anyone that needed it and would give you the shirt off his back. He was never one to give unwanted advice, but when you asked it was time for you to listen! He never led me the wrong way. He was 110% committed to the USAF...he contacted the Air Force recruiters when 9/11 happened in 2001. He told them he'd do anything they needed to help, if it was nothing but peeling potatoes! (he was 66 then) - Now that is dedication. On December 13, 2001 we lost him to heart failure. He was my inspiration, teacher and friend. I miss his laugh, smile and warm hugs.

I enjoyed sharing my family with you... I hope you enjoyed it as well.

Cindy Pruitt, Daughter of Harold "Bud" Pruitt

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The children of Silas and O'neil (around 1958). From left are Danny, Becky Harold and Virginia.



Adult children of Silas and O'neil. In front - Silas. Back row , from the left, Danny, Virginia, Becky and Harold. (This was probably their last picture together.)



Silas and son, Harold (Buddy) at about 2 months old in 1935 .



Silas and son, Harold, in 1982 .



O'neil and son, Harold, in April, 1954.

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Memorial Obituary



Entered Into Eternal Rest
Monday, June 17, 1968

Mrs S. C. Pruitt

SPARTANBURG — Mrs. O'Neil Brannon Pruitt, 56, wife of Silas Columbus Pruitt of 136 Broadway St., Glendale, died Monday at 4 p.m. at her home.

She was a native of Spartanburg County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Matilde Jerome Brannon, and was a member of Glendale Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Susan Rebecca Loftis of Germany and Mrs. Virginia Earline Williams of Glendale; two sons, Harold Jerome Pruitt of Japan and Daniel Barry Pruitt of the Philippines; four sisters, Mrs. Arvinia Loftis of Taiwan, Mrs. Ruth Turner of Duncan, Mrs. Margaret McLeod of Gastonia, N. C., and Mrs. Elsie Cothran of Inman; a brother, Willie C. Brannon of Inman; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by M. W. Bobo Funeral Chapel.

The body is at the chapel.

Memorial Obituary



Entered Into Eternal Rest
Wednesday, May 23, 1984

Silas C. Pruitt

GLENDAL — Silas Columbus Pruitt, 81, widower of O'Neil B. Pruitt, died Wednesday, 5:30 a.m., May 23, 1984, after a brief illness in General Hospital.

Native of Dutchman, S.C. and 50 year resident of Glendale, S.C., Mr. Pruitt resided at Route 4, Glenn Springs at the time of his death.

He was a retired loom-fixer from Arkwright Mills and Glendale Mills. He was a member of Glendale Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Virginia Williams of Glendale, Becky Loftis of the home; two sons, Harold J. Pruitt of Goldsboro, N.C. and Daniel B. Pruitt of Sacramento, Calif.; two brothers, Jerry Pruitt of Glendale and Toy Pruitt of Whitney; one sister, Daisy Williams of Spartanburg; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Glendale Baptist Church, Rev. Timothy L. Hottel officiating, with burial in Glendale Cemetery.

Pallbearers are grandsons: Donald Ingram, Winfield Ingram, David Williams, Timothy Williams, Dana Loftis, Billy Loftis and Barry Pruitt.

Visitation: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at M. W. BoBo Funeral Chapel.



Harold and Jan Pruitt with daughter, Cindy, aged 2 months, in January, 1958.



**Harold J. and Jan Linder Pruitt in 1983.
They are the parents of Cindy Pruitt.**



Grandsons of Harold and Jan Pruitt. Their father is Richard Pruitt. (Dec.18, 2001)



Children and in law of Harold and Jan Pruitt ; from left, son-in-law Jessie Jones, Daughter, Cindy, and son, Richard (Ric) .



Children of James and Susan Horn Pruitt, Parents of Silas

Silas Columbus Pruitt, the grandfather of Cindy Pruitt, is in the last row, first on left. The other children are Bessie, Amos Wilburn, Joseph Justice, Paul, Isaac E, Jeremiah (Jerry) M, Toy O, James, Annie Mae and Daisy P.

**William Kemper and Isabell (Newman) Pruitt (not shown) were the parents of James Pruitt who was married to Susan Horn. They are the great grandparents of Cindy Pruitt
Jimmie and Sallie McCravy Pruitt (not shown) were the parents of Williams Kemper Pruitt and are the great, great grandparents of Cindy Pruitt.**