



Dr. Rusell F. Briner

February 19, 1939 - August 19, 2007

Dr. Russell F. Briner passed away on Sunday, August 19, 2007. Russell will be missed by each person he touched, especially his survivors: wife, Virginia, sister, Sue, both from San Antonio; daughter and her husband, Shavonne and Basil Conroy and grandson, Sean, of Dobbs Ferry, New York; and granddaughter, Alexandra Conroy, of San Antonio. Russell was always devoted to all of his many roles in life: husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, friend, mentor, teacher, leader and even sports enthusiast.

Born in Piqua, Ohio, on February 19, 1939 to Melvin W. and Dorothy Chambers Briner, Rusell and his family moved to Alvin, Texas in 1949 where he graduated from high school. He is a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He received his PhD from Oklahoma State University, MBA from Texas A&M and undergraduate degree from Texas Tech. Dr. Briner was Director of the Division of Accounting and Information Systems for 11 of his 19 years as a Professor of Accounting at University of Texas at San Antonio. Dr. Briner has also visited and lectured in China at Shanghai, Beijing, and Guangzhou universities. Prior to his UTSA career, he taught at Sam Houston State and University of Mississippi. A CPA and a CMA, he was a published author of textbooks and articles for accounting publications during his 40 years in the accounting profession. Dr. Briner was an active member and officer of the Institute of Management Accountants at local, state and national levels.

Arrangements are being handled by Mission Park North, 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, Texas, where visitation will be from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, August 23. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM at Mission Park North on Friday, August 24 with military honors and prayer service following at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. The family requests in lieu of flowers or food, please send donations to Rusell F. Briner Endowed Scholarship Fund at the University of Texas at San Antonio, Attn: Dr. James Groff, Chair Accounting Department, One UTSA Circle, San Antonio, TX 78249-0632.

Tribute Wall

AC

“ I am deeply saddened by Dr. Briner's passing. He was a great inspiration to myself and many others. He made a great impact on my life. I am thankful to have known such an amazing person.

Alicia Cortez - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Dear Mrs. Briner,

You have been in my thoughts and prayers during your time of loss. I have so many fond memories as your student at Lafayette High School in Oxford, MS. You were always a shining example to everyone you came in contact with as a mentor

Tami Croisant Arbuckle - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ To Virginia, I am not sure you will remember me, but I knew you when you lived in Oxford MS. My name then was Donna Holliday, we met while you were painting the mural at Hurricane Landing. I remember what a wonderful relationship you and Russell had, it

Donna Hiland - September 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Dearest Virginia & Family,

Words fail me when I try to express our deepest sympathy in the deep loss of your loved one, Russell. We were deepened with sorrow while reading it in the Oxford Eagle. We will never forget you for the love you had for our

Pat Croisant - August 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Virginia,

We were sad to read Russell's name in the obituary section of THE OXFORD EAGLE. Please accept our condolences at your and Shavonne's loss.

*Sincerely,
Leah and Jim Shollenberger*

Leah and Jim Shollenberger - August 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *I have known Dr. Briner through my involvement with the IMA these last ten years. I always had the utmost admiration and respect for him. As current President of the SA Chapter, I will miss his gentle, strong guidance and his friendship. My thoughts an*

Jane E. Briggs, MBA - August 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *Mrs. Briner, we were very sadden to hear about Mr. Briner. We want you to know that you have all of our prayers and deepest sympathy. Mr. Briner was a very sweet man who we knew loved his family with all of his soul. He will be greatly missed. If you shal*

Priscilla Aragon-Hernandez - August 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Dearest Virginia,
We were saddened to hear about Russell's passing. He was a wonderful person who left the world a better place. He will always be respected and remembered by the many people whose lives he touched. Now, all too soon, he is cradled i*

Diana and Kenneth Kolb - August 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Virginia...please accept my heartfelt thoughts and prayers. I was an honor and privilege to have known Russell, especially on the cruise. I will always keep the "alligator" demonstration as a special remembrance. Please give me a call 210.680.9988 when you

Rich Braune - August 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ To the family of Dr. Briner,

My heart and prayers go out to you. I worked for Dr. Briner during the 90's when I was an adjunct professor. He was honest, direct, and respected by both the students and professors. He was a wonderful professor and me

Susan Avenell - August 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ We were saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Russell Briner. We came to know Russell when I worked at UT San Antonio, and he was a true gentleman, a scholar and a person of integrity. We know he will be missed and our thoughts and prayers are with his w

Dan and Jo Williams - August 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I worked with Russel Briner over the past year and got to know him as both a colleague and a friend. He shared his thoughts about his family with me, and he was fond of them. I even had the pleasure to visit his daughter's web site. He was very proud of h

Sean Ward - August 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I had the pleasure of taking two classes with Dr. Briner, the last one being this summer session.

As a current student at UTSA I know I speak for many when I say that Dr. Briner was a great teacher. Not only did his unique sense of humor lighten the c

Rebekkah Gurkin - August 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I liked Russell from the first day I met him. He exuded quiet confidence and a hint of humor that made dealing with him professionally and personally a pleasure. His contribution to UTSA has been a major one and his students will not forget him. Nor will

Jim and Elaine Wagener - August 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Dr. Briner was one of the most respected professors on campus. He was not only a teacher but a friend. I can remember so many events that he and his wife attended in support of the students. To this day, we have kept in touch Class of 1995 and I will al

Amber Rudolph - August 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Virginia: God bless you and your family. Russell is missed--such a good and honorable man.

Dr. & Mrs. Karen Bennie J. Wilson III, Colonel, USAF Ret. - August 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

T1

“ Dr. Briner was a wonderful professor and a very kind man. I was lucky to be in his Auditing class back in 1990. I had previously received an MBA but was taking additional accounting classes so I could sit for the CPA exam. When I finished the course, D

Tom Koch, CPA, UTSA 1997 - August 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Briner Family, we will cherish the memories of Russell, a wonderful friend and an outstanding teacher. How fortunate we are to have known him and to have been the beneficiaries of his warmth and wit. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and praye

Jane Findling Burton - August 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Dearest Virginia,
We were so saddened to hear about Russell. Not too long ago we saw each other at El Chaparral, do you remember? I think it was Father's Day weekend. It was so good to have seen you both and our memories of him will linger from having

Norm and Gaby Holstein - August 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Russell was pleasure to work with and loved by all who knew him in the CPE and Executive MBA.

Cindy Teske - August 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Virginia,

We will all miss Russell. He was a fine man and an excellent educator. He was on my dissertation committee at Ole Miss and I took a class under him, also. I will never forget the kind hospitality you and he showed when you invited us as docto

Dr. Floyd Carpenter - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ We were very saddened to learn of Russ' passing. Regretfully, we will be unable to attend the viewing or funeral because of a previous family commitment. We will miss him and the delightful conversations we had in the halls of the COB through the years. I

Warner and Joann Fassnidge - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ To the family of Russell Briner,
All my thoughts and prayers are with you all. It was wonderful seeing my classmate, Russell, at the 50th Class Reunion this year.

ClaudiaHolloway Kelly - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Virginia,
I saw Russell only a few minutes, maybe twice, and I was impressed with his warmth and easy ways.
I regret that previous commitments will keep me from sharing this week with you, and I look forward to being together soon. My prayers are with

Sally Jennings - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NU

“ I am a UTSA Alumni who majored in accounting. I have the deepest respect for Dr. Briner and am saddened to learn of his death. My sincere sympathy to you and his family.

Nancy Uecker - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ What a legacy of knowledge Russell leaves to those who were honored to meet him. My heart and prayers are with you Virginia and family. He will always be with you and continue to love you from above until you meet again. God Bless you and hold you close

Barrie Hogue - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ It was so nice to see you at our class reunion. No one will forget your alligator dance. Say Hello to God for us.

Charles & Ann Orsak - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Russell was a classmate and friend at Alvin High School. When I think of him the words scholar and gentleman infused with much good spirit and humor come to my mind. To Russell's wife Virginia, my wife Julia and I extend our deepest condolences. And to S

Robert Mize - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Virginia:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. You and Russell have been true friends to my family for years, and my parents always thought the world of both of you. Please know you still have a lot of friends at your "home" i

Lee Ragland - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Dear Family,
Our most sincere condolences and prayers for you during this difficult time. Many good memories from AHS remain.

Ted & Millie Edwards - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

V'

“ Dr. Briner, you have rocked our world with your kindness and professionalism. You are an amazing mentor, friend, and teacher. Thank you!
May God comfort you as you did for all of us.

Van Le-Vo, Class of '95 - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Virginia,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time. The Ol' Shavano Chapter DAR will be informed of your loss.

God's love and blessings to you and your family.

Judith Boeckner, Regent

Judith Boeckner - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Virginia and Family,

Russell was a friend and mentor to me. He is responsible, in large part, for my career path. I will never forget his advice and encouragement while at Ole Miss. We shared time in the classroom, dining room, and in sports.

Joe Morris - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Russell made such a big impact on the IMA. There is no one else like him. Condolences to the family for their loss.*

Randy Hutchison - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Thank you for the guidance that you provided to many students, including myself. You will always be remembered by many UTSA Alumni.*

Sean Tullos - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *Good job Dr. Briner. Your students will miss you. The COB a little worse for your leaving.*
Ric

Richard D. Pina Jr. - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Family,
It was my pleasure to have been a classmate of Russell's at Alvin High School. This was enhanced, after many years, to have gotten reacquainted with Russell and Virginia. He will be missed. His "Allegator Dance" was the highlight of our 50

Bettie Jo Hanley - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

P1

“ Dr. Briner was a wonderful man and great professor at UTSA. He was a positive influence in so many of our lives. His legacy will live forever at UTSA.

Patrick Clynes, UTSA 1989 - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I'm so sorry you are having to go through this time. Russell was one of those "good guys" we have all searched for and couldn't find. How lucky you have been to have shared the time you had together. Hold fast to

Suzanne Bowersmith - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ My condolences to Dr. Briner's family. He will be greatly missed.

Pat Zimmerman, CMA - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dr Briner was such a kind person and a great credit to the field of accounting. He always had time for everyone. He will be truly missed by everyone who knew him.

Jan Williams - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PG

“*RUSSELL I WILL MISS YOUR FELLOWSHIP TALKING SPORTS AT MCDONALDS.*

PAT GOODWIN - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RH

“*My Sweet Virginia and Family,Russell was such a sweet and devotedman to his family, friends and students. I will miss his sweet friendship and wit, and feel so honored to have been one of his friends.May God hold you in His loving armsduring this sadness*

Rae Ellyn Hughes - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“*Dr. Russell Briner, You will truly be missed as a friend, colleague, and a great leader in education. Everybody you touched in your life loved you and admired you. I just know that right now you are dancing with all the Angels and Saints in Heaven. May*

Martha A. Fasci - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“*Dr. Briner was a wonderful professor and mentor. He truly cared about his students, and we cared for him in return. He will be dearly missed.*

Meredith Borrego - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PR

“*May God rest his soul, and his memories be in our hearts forever. Dr. Briner was a great professor, and will be missed.*

Patricia Ramos - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VV

“ Dr. Briner was a great professor always willing to help and encourage everyone, he will truly be missed by all his students.

Veronica Villarreal - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

L2

“ Dr. Briner made many valuable contributions to UTSA and was a great mentor. He will truly be missed.

Laurie Flores, UTSA Class of 2007 - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ Thank you for everything Professor.

*Richard Santoyo III
Class of 2003*

Richard Santoyo III - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dr. Briner was a great teacher and mentor. He taught me so much about accounting and even helped me get my first job by writing a letter of recommendation. He will be missed by so many students.

Sarah McLaughlin - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM