



## Marion Bartlett

September 30, 1934 - January 25, 2026

Marion Bartlett, 91, of Mt. Juliet, TN, passed away January 25, 2026 of natural causes.

Born and raised in rural Alabama, Mr. Bartlett grew up on his family's farm before serving four years in the United States Air Force, where he taught radar. During his time in the Air Force, he married Donna Beth Eldridge. After his military service, he graduated from the University of Florida with a master's degree in Electrical Engineering.

He went on to work as an electrical engineer specializing in radar and communication theory, including university research at the University of Florida in Gainesville, as well as positions in government research. He retired in 1997. Donna preceded him in death in January 1997.

Following his retirement, he moved to Thomasville, Alabama, where he tended a small farm and maintained a lifelong connection to agriculture.

In 1998, he married Melba Smith Bagley, with whom he shared many happy years. Melba preceded him in death in April 2024.

Mr. Bartlett is remembered for his dedication to family, his engineering accomplishments, his gift for storytelling, his sense of humor, and his deep

appreciation for rural life and the outdoors.

He is survived by his great-granddaughter, Fiona; two grandchildren, Monica and Sara; his daughter, Julie; and his son, Brian as well as step grandson Colby Brunson /Lorene and their children, Atticus, Cecilia, Brianna, Ryker and Gwendolyn.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to PBS or Wikipedia, resources he found invaluable during his lifetime.