



# **DR. CURTIS J. BORNE**

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**P**ERRY –

Dr. Curtis Borne, age 74, passed away on Saturday, May 10, 2025. Funeral Services are Private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Curtis' name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Dr. Borne received his B.S. in Agricultural Education in 1974 with a minor in Science from the University of Southwestern Louisiana. He received his M.S in Agriculture Education with a minor in Vocational Guidance from Louisiana State University in 1981. He received his Ph.D. in Agricultural Education with a minor in Animal Science (Equine Reproductive Physiology) from Louisiana State University in 1988.

Curtis taught high school agriculture education in Louisiana for 15 years. He was Professor of Agriculture Education at Fort Valley State University and taught there for 34 years.

Dr. Borne was Fort Valley State University, Regents' Distinguished Professor of Technology and Learning, May 1997 to June 1999. The professorship was funded by the Board of Regents to recognize excellence in teaching and learning. Curtis was one of the first Agriculture teachers in Georgia to use technology in the classroom. He taught faculty and staff training sessions on the use of multimedia software and GSAMS instruction. He also taught Connecting Teachers with Technology Faculty Development Workshops.

Curtis was Fort Valley State University's TITLE III Distinguished Professor of Technology, May 1997 to October 1999. He set up a model technology classroom at FVSU. He was FVSU Institutional Distance Education Administrative Representative for Southern Region Electronic Campus in 1997 – The office of Information and Instructional Technology.

Dr. Borne was named the John W. Davison Outstanding Faculty Member for 2004-2005. He established the FVSU Equine Center in 1992 and served as Director. Curtis,



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an expert horseman, taught students, faculty, and the community how to ride horses safely and how to care for them. He conducted “Saddle Up for St. Jude Children’s Hospital Benefit Trail Ride” annually from 1997 to 2007 and FVSU “Horseback Relay for Life Benefit Trail Ride” annually from 2003 to 2007.

Dr. Borne loved teaching students to become Agriculture teachers and in 2003, six of his students won \$500 for being the best student teachers in the state of Georgia from the Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association.

Curtis developed and maintained the FVSU Southern Region Electronic Campus Website from 1997 to 1999. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the FVSU Community Development Corporation. He served as a mentor for Upward Bound students beginning in 2003. Curtis was presented with the Technology Mentor Award by faculty attending the Online Learning Communities Training Project.

Dr. Borne conducted AgriScience Day Camps for over 600 students from public schools annually since 1995. He had many grants funded for FVSU during his tenure there. He made many presentations at conferences in Georgia and out of state.

Curtis was named Outstanding Agriculture Teacher in the State of Georgia by the Georgia FFA Alumni Association in 2009.

Dr. Borne developed the mini tractor pull competition with the help of his students for high school agriculture students. The competition took place at the Georgia National Fair each year. Curtis hosted the competition until his retirement from FVSU.

Dr. Curtis Borne was inducted into the Georgia Agricultural Education Hall of Fame in April 2025. This award was presented by the Georgia FFA Alumni and Supporters for Dedicated Service to the Agricultural Education Profession.

Curtis loved his students and was always so proud of their success and accomplishments in life. He was always willing and happy to help them long after they graduated from FVSU.

Dr. Borne is survived by his sisters, Elaine Dove (Gordon), Elizabeth LeBlue (John), and his brother, Christopher Borne.

Left to cherish his memory forever is his wife of 53 years, Brunella “Nell”, and their adorable cat, Ringo. Curtis found his soulmate in Nell who was his best friend’s



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cousin. In Nell, he found someone who loved animals, even more than he did. They attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana together where Nell was his tutor in Geometry. Besides a love of animals, they both shared the same sense of humor and a love of fishing, woodworking, camping, traveling, horseback riding, and western movies.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



# Events

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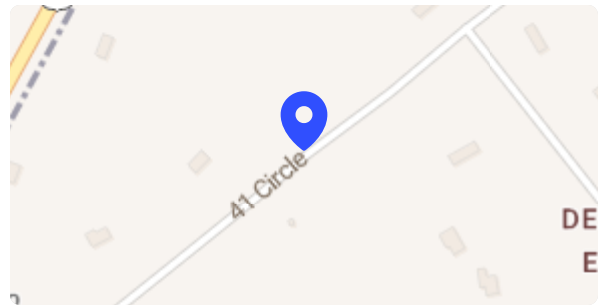
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## Cemetery Details



**Perry Memorial Gardens**

2106 Highway 41 North, Perry GA 31069





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TE

**Tessa** posted:

Dr Curtis Borne served as my advisor from 2017-2021. He was so loving and passionate about agriculture and FFA. He encouraged me to do my best and to work hard on overcoming my challenges. I loved to facilitate his students so that they could learn and be a better version of themselves. He will be truly missed. He lives on through all this students' memories. Rest in paradise Dr Borne.

May 21 at 6:00 PM

PT

**Peggy Tupper** lit a candle in honor of CURTIS.

Brunella, I'm truly sorry about Curtis. (Or CJ as we called as kids) I'm very proud of the accomplishments that he made in his life. He truly was a remarkable man. Thank you for being the friend and wife that he needed and especially for your care in his last days. I'm Curtis' first cousin. My mom, Hilda and Aunt B, were sisters. Take care of yourself and best wishes especially in the coming days and months ahead. ❤️❤️



May 19 at 5:20 PM

LN

**Linda Guidry Nelson** May 20 at 7:51 PM

My name is Linda Guidry Nelson and Dr. Borne was my Ag teacher at Rayne High School(Rayne, La). He was such a patient and caring teacher to his students. Though some of us didn't deserve his kindness, he always managed to give us a little grace. He is definitely fondly remembered. As a member of the class of 83' I pray God renders you peace, grace and mercy during your time of bereavement.

FF

**Frank Flanders** posted:

Dr. Borne was a beloved professor of Agricultural Education at Fort Valley State University, where he devoted his career to preparing high school and middle school AgEd teachers. He was also a supporter of Agricultural Education at the state and national levels. I had the privilege of working with Curtis occasionally during his years in teacher education. Curtis deeply understood the importance of education in agriculture, especially the leadership skills cultivated through the FFA. His commitment and passion for shaping future educators left a lasting impact. His legacy lives on in the hearts of his students, who continue to pass on his wisdom and passion to their students. Farewell, my friend. Your contributions to Agricultural Education will not be forgotten.

May 17 at 4:31 PM



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EC

**Eurella Cahanin** posted:

On behalf of the Rayne High School Class of 1969, I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the family of Curtis Borne. My husband Keith and I were not only 1969 classmates of Curtis, but we were also colleagues at Rayne High School for 15 years. He was a wonderful Ag Teacher and mentored many students in Rayne during that time. May his soul rest in peace and may his family be comforted in God's gracious love. Eurella DeRouen Cahanin

May 17 at 3:57 PM

ET

**Evans Thibodeaux** posted:

Congratulations Curtis on a life Well Lived

May 16 at 5:49 PM

AG

**Annette Gossen** posted:

I remember him as a young boy growing up in the shadow of his beloved father who was so incredibly proud of him ! God rest his soul and bless his loved ones. ☐☐☐☐

May 16 at 12:25 PM

MR

**Mary Reed** posted:

I'm so sorry for the passing of Mr. Borne. He was my home room teacher at RHS in the 70's. He was a very kind man who always has a big smile on his face. Sending big hugs and prayers to his dear family.

May 16 at 2:37 AM

LQ

**Lr Quebodeaux** posted:

Mr. Borne was always one of my favorite teachers. I learned so much about plants and soils by serving on his FFA judging teams. CSM (R) LR Quebodeaux

May 15 at 6:17 PM



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TC

**Theresa Hebert Cronan** posted:

Dear Brunella, my grade school friend. I'm so very sorry to learn of the passing of Curtis. What a remarkable life you've lived together. And what a remarkable legacy Curtis is leaving as a teacher, mentor, and leader in his position at the university. I have fond memories of you both from our days at USL. I was not aware that you were in Georgia. I have searched for you both now and then over the years but somehow could not find you til now. (I've lived away from Louisiana since the early '70s.) I'm glad I found you though I'm sorry for the reason you've been found. Prayers & Blessings, Friend. Theresa Hebert Cronan

May 15 at 6:10 PM

PM

**Pat Hulin Murray** posted:

Deepest condolences to the family. Nell and I grew up across the street from each other and Elaine and I were good friends.

May 15 at 12:52 PM

IS

**Iris Savoy** May 15 at 2:46 PM

My deepest condolences, Elaine and Elizabeth and your entire family. Truly sorry your great loss. Iris Savoy ❤️ Sarah Savoy Hinson

GH

**Gia Haynes** posted:

Sending love and light to his family. This wonderful man touched so many lives at Fort Valley State University. He taught me everything about agriculture. My college experience would be the same if he was not my professor. His laughter, knowledge, and sense of humor will forever live in my heart. I will cherish the memories of hot afternoons in the woodworking shop, being excited about welding, and showing me how to put engines back together. You will be truly missed. - Gia Hayes FVSU alum 12'-2016

May 15 at 7:09 AM

EW

**Emma Willis** posted:

Mrs. Borne, our prayers are with you in the passing of Dr. Borne. He was loved by so many students, Faculty and Staff and will be missed. Arthur and Jean Willis-Fort Valley State University Cooperative Extension Program.

May 14 at 2:32 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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