

## **Maynard Leon Davis Bruce**

**August 21, 1924 – February 24, 2008**

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### **Maynard Bruce, 83**

Maynard Leon David Bruce, 83, of Selma, died Sunday, Feb. 24.

Born Aug. 21, 1924, in Anthony Creek, W.Va., Mr. Bruce was the son of the late Charles and Gladys Bruce. He was the widower of Betty Givens Bruce. They were married for 52 years.

A graduate of Hinton High School, Mr. Bruce attended Virginia Tech, where he played football and took part in the 1946 Sun Bowl. Mr. Bruce played semiprofessional football for the Hinton Wildcats and minor league baseball for the Durham Bulls. A U.S. Marines Corps veteran of World War II, Mr. Bruce took part in the assault and occupation of Peleliu Island in the Palau Islands.

In West Virginia, Mr. Bruce worked for C&P Railroad and Blue Stone Dam. He was a lathe operator for Wright's Machinery in Durham and a supervisor for Southern Bell for 25 years. Also, Mr. Bruce was a member of the Selma Fire Department, and he coached youth football in Selma for many years.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Parrish Funeral Home, 1351 S. Pollock St., Selma. The family will receive friends after the service. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Ronceverte, W.Va.

Surviving are two daughters, Betty Jane "BJ" Woodall of Selma and Jeanne Marlow of Smithfield; a son, Robert David "Bobby" Bruce of Selma; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Arthritis Foundation, Carolinas Chapter, Suite 156, 200 E. Woodlawn Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28217.