
A memorial service was held on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1900 West Market St., Greensboro, NC. Inurnment followed at the church columbarium. Drew was born on March 11, 1949 in Wake County to the late Armstrong and Margaret Cannady.

Drew retired in January, 2004 after nearly 31 years of service with the Greensboro Police Department rising to the rank of Captain. He supervised Field Operations, Tactical Division, Vice Narcotics, Special Operations Division, Records Division and Criminal Investigations Division. He was most proud that he mentored numerous young officers who eventually became Captains, Deputy Chiefs and Chiefs of Police.

He was president of Cannady Associates, a law enforcement consulting firm. Drew was an assessor for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) with numerous assessments across the country. He received his BS in Administration of Justice from Guilford College and Master of Arts from UNC-Greensboro. Drew was also a member of the North Carolina National Guard 1969-1991 where he rose to the rank of Sergeant First Class and trained officer candidates. He was a member of First Christian Church and Summit Rotary Club. Other civic involvement included Greensboro Jaycees where he served as a member of the executive committee of the Greater Greensboro Open and served as President of Jaycee Oldtimers.

Drew was past President of the North Carolina Chapter of the Southern Police Institute's Alumni Association, past President of Greensboro 100 Club, Board of Directors of Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club and served as a Special Olympics volunteer. He was also an active member of the First Christian Men's Fellowship.

Drew cherished his friends both in and outside the law enforcement profession, including his friends from the Jaycees, Rotary, church, Taurus Investment Club and the 100 Club. Certainly his pals at Fisher's will raise a glass in his honor.

He is survived by his wife, Claudia H. Cannady; son, James Andrew Cannady; brother, Cary Bunn Cannady and nephew Grayson Cannady of Zebulon, NC; aunt, Dr. Olena Bunn of Greensboro; and cousin David Bunn and his wife Ellen Birrell of Santa Paula, CA. The family wishes to thank Teresa Arnold, Susan Singer, Randy Ariail and Brenda Bishop for their gracious yet gentle, steadfast care of Drew in his final days. Their friendship and love has meant so much.

Immediately following the service, the family received friends in the fellowship hall at First Christian Church, 1900 West Market St., Greensboro 27403. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church at the address above, The Greensboro Police Foundation, P.O. Box 26140, Greensboro, NC 27402 and Summit Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 930, Greensboro, NC 27402.