



Mr. Dalton "The Button King" Stevens

April 28, 1930 - November 21, 2016

Mr. Dalton J. Stevens, 86, known to all as "The Button King", died peacefully on Monday, November 21, 2016. Funeral services will be held at 12 o'clock on Saturday, November 26, 2016, in the Robert E. Lee Academy Gymnasium. The Rev. Randy Wilson and The Rev. Hazel Mixon will officiate the service with a private burial to follow. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 pm on Friday, November 25, 2016, at Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to The Button Museum, 55 Joe Dority Road, Bishopville, SC 29010.

Dalton Stevens, The Button King, passed away on November 21, 2016 at 4:15 PM. Born on April 28, 1930, he was a son of the late William and Susie Stewart Stevens. Dalton was a wonderful husband and father and a beloved member of the community. Most of his life revolved around music and entertaining. He bought his first banjo in 1962 and played up until his passing. People said he was the best banjo player around. In the 1960's, he played on WIS-TV with Hill Billy John. He taught all of his children to play an instrument and formed a band called The Stevens Family.

In 1983, The Button King was coined. He sewed, glued, and collected buttons from all over the world. This endeavor opened many doors and took him to many places with his wife by his side. In the 1980s, you could see him on national TV shows, such as The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, The David

Letterman Show, Regis and Kathy Lee, and on the road with Charles Kuralt, just to name a few.

He was not only an extraordinary entertainer; he was a generous and giving human being. He could be seen delivering sweet potatoes or peaches throughout the community. He simply loved people and they loved him. He will be missed.

He is survived by his son, JD (Vicki) Stevens of Bishopville, SC; daughters, Mary Frances (Ted) Crolley of Camden, SC, Carolyn (MD) Stevens of Bishopville, SC; grandchildren, Stephanie (Johnford) Murray of Florence, SC, Adrienne (Jeremy) Murphy of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Nikki (Dustin) Thompson of Hanahan, SC; great-grandchildren, Kailee Murray of Florence, SC, Taylor Murphy of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Harrison Murphy of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Sydney Thompson of Hanahan, SC.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Ruby Smith Stevens, and infant daughter, Terry.

Tribute Wall

GS

“ *Just Watched Him On Johnny Carson*

Greg Smith - March 21, 2025 at 11:18 PM

JE

“ *Jeff lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dalton "The Button King" Stevens*



Jeff - August 17, 2019 at 11:50 AM

JE

“ *I met the Button King in 2011. I was out Geocaching, and found the one hidden at his museum. The museum was closed, but Mr. Steven's came out, and opened up the museum for me. We talked for a while and he let me take some pictures. A wonderful man.*

I didn't know he had passed a few years ago. I was telling someone they should go see the museum, and my wife said he had past.

Jeff - August 17, 2019 at 11:49 AM

MB

“ *Mary Benko lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dalton "The Button King" Stevens*



Mary Benko - March 11, 2019 at 10:40 PM

MB

“ I just watched Mr. Buttons on a Johnny Carson rerun. What a funny, nice man . He made us all laugh. I just seen he passed away, and I am so sorry for your loss. Im sure all the Angels are wearing button wings !!!!!

Mary Benko - March 11, 2019 at 10:40 PM

SB

“ Sandy And B.L. Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dalton "The Button King" Stevens



Sandy and B.L. Beasley - November 25, 2016 at 08:52 PM


Susanne
Santagata
Sr

“ Susanne Santagata Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dalton "The Button King" Stevens



Susanne Santagata Sr. - November 25, 2016 at 12:24 PM

GP

“ Gail Peavy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dalton "The Button King" Stevens



gail peavy - November 23, 2016 at 05:29 PM

KL

“ To the family of Dalton J. Stevens,
I am sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that
"Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are
crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) With sympathy,

kelsey lee - November 23, 2016 at 02:23 PM

MJ

“ The Jordan's are think about the Stevens
family mill and Pete jordan...



mill jordan - November 22, 2016 at 08:20 PM

MJ

“ The Jordan's are think about the Stevens
family mill and Pete jordan...



mill jordan - November 22, 2016 at 08:19 PM

WG

“ Wilford & Joanne Griggs lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Dalton "The Button King"
Stevens



Wilford & Joanne Griggs - November 22, 2016 at 12:25 PM

GA

“ Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Mr. Dalton will surely be missed here on this earth. I know he is now entertaining in heaven! May God bring you all a peace that passes all understanding in the coming days.
Love,

Greg and Lisa Alewine

Greg and Lisa Alewine - November 22, 2016 at 11:38 AM

PJ

“ Peggy Boykin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dalton "The Button King" Stevens



Peggy Boykin Johnson - November 22, 2016 at 07:22 AM

RS

“ Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dalton "The Button King" Stevens



Rebecca Skinner - November 22, 2016 at 05:23 AM

SR

“ WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO SING IN JULY AT THE BUTTON KINGS MUSEUM. FAMILY PLEASE KNOW THAT SOUTHERN REDEEMED HOLDS YOU DEARLY IN OUR HEARTS AND ARE PRAYING THAT GOD WILL CONFORT ALL OF YOU IN THE DAYS THAT ARE AHEAD OF YOU. *always* REFLECT BACK ON THE MEMORIES THAT YOU CHERRISHED WITH DALTON, THEY WILL LAST A LIFETIME. FRAN WE ARE HOLDING YOU UP IN OUR PRAYERS. LOVE SOUTHERN REDEEMED FLORENCE SC GRADY, SAM AND EVELYN

SOUTHERN REDEEMED - November 21, 2016 at 07:52 PM