



Mr. Ernest Gary Sullivan Jr.

January 10, 1923 - January 20, 2014

Funeral services for Ernest Gary Sullivan, Jr., 91, will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, January 23, 2014 at First Baptist Church Chapel.

The Rev. Aubrey Floyd and the Rev. Fran Elrod will officiate with burial in Magnolia Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm on Wednesday at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

Mr. Sullivan died Monday, January 20, 2014. Born in Chesterfield Co., SC, he was a son of the late Ernest Gary and Jettie Blackwell Sullivan.

Ernest was a member of First Baptist Church for 65 years where he served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and usher. He traveled to Trinidad with the mission team to do construction work several times. He was the co-owner and President of Hartsville Furniture Company and Hartsville Furniture Galleries from 1953 until 1988. He was a World War II Veteran, having served in Europe. He has been a member of the American Legion Post 53 since 1946 and was a Past Post Commander. He served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board of Directors for the Pee Dee Area for 48 years, started the Salvation Army Family Thrift Store in Hartsville, and was recognized by the Salvation Army for his service with the Advisory Board of Directors Life Membership Certificate. He was a member of the Civitan Club for 58 years where he served as President and was named Civitan "Man of the Year".

Ernest also served as President of the Hartsville Parking and Beautification Committee, on the Hartsville Community Action Board, Emergency Relief Board and Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He

was also a founding member of the Hartsville Crimestoppers Association, a member of the original Thomas Hart Academy Board of Directors, and a long time volunteer with the Carolina Pines Hospital Auxiliary. Ernest loved his family, spending time with them especially at the lake, and telling stories from his life. He enjoyed helping others and visiting with friends and family.

Surviving are his daughters, Judy S. Thompson of Hartsville, SC, Renee (Kenny) Snelgrove of Columbia, SC; granddaughters, Lindsey Thompson of Charleston, SC, Lauren Thompson of Columbia, SC, Kari Morrison of Columbia, SC, Mary Catherine Morrison of Charleston, SC; brothers, Grady (Brenda) Sullivan of Hartsville, SC, Roy (Mary) Sullivan of Lugoff, SC.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Newsom Sullivan; brother, Jimmy Sullivan, sisters, Kate Kelley and Betty Middleton.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 104 E.. Home Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550 or the Salvation Army, Box 4108, Florence, SC 29502.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 383-3004

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 332-6531
info@bpafuneralhome.com
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

Service

JAN **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Chapel
104 E. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

LE

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you. May the Lord be with you always and especially during this time. May you feel his loving arms around you and know that He will lead you.*

Mrs. Grady Edwards



Linda Edwards - January 30, 2014 at 10:36 AM

CF

“ *Judy, I'm thinking about you and hope you're doing ok. I know you have so many good memories. Your father and mother were good, gracious people. You are like that too. God bless you during this time of change.*

Carole Flowers



Carole Flowers - January 25, 2014 at 08:49 PM

LB

“ *Renee and family, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He and my parents went to school together in McBee. Always glad to see him when I took my parents to their class reunions. Your dad also visited my mom many, many times when she was at Morrell Rehab. She and I both looked forward to his visits. What a great generation they all came from and what great hearts they all had. They will always be missed by those who knew them. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Lynne Bartels (THA Class '75)*

Lynne Bartels - January 24, 2014 at 07:35 PM

CH

“ Renee and Judy, I was sad to hear of your dad's passing. I have many fond memories of weekends at the lake house and going to the Hartsville High football games with your family. Your dad will certainly be missed by so many (and your mom is too). Love you both! Cindy and Bryan Herring

Cindy Herring - January 23, 2014 at 07:43 PM

PL

“ Renee, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Paul and Rosie Laney - January 23, 2014 at 01:37 PM

RW

“ He was always smiling when I saw him. My prayers are with you.
Becky Wadsworth Walker-Durham, NC



Rebecca Wadsworth Walker - January 23, 2014 at 09:51 AM

JK

“ So sorry for your loss Renee.



Joe Kelly - January 22, 2014 at 08:45 PM

GO

“ *Grady O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Gary Sullivan Jr.*



Grady O'Neal - January 22, 2014 at 02:22 PM

DC

“ *My thoughts, prayers and heartfelt sympathy are with the Sullivan family .*

Ernest personified community service. He will always be remembered and admired for his volunteer work with the Hartsville Chamber and other community organizations.

He left his mark on Hartsville.

Dianne Chinnes

Dianne Chinnes - January 21, 2014 at 09:01 AM

JA

“ *So sorry to hear of Ernest's passing. My family and I got to know him when we met he and Mildred and their family at Lake Marion a place he loved so much. What caring and God like people. He was always happy and upbeat and a great conversationalist. He also had my deepest respect as he was a WWII hero who did not mind telling me of his experiences of which I was all ears. Hartsville has lost an Iconic citizen and Heaven has gained a true Angel. We should all strive to lead a life like his. My heartfelt condolences to his family. John Allen*

John Allen - January 21, 2014 at 08:39 AM

PB

“ Uncle Ernest and Aunt Mildred were two of the finest people I have ever known. They were always visiting and taking care of the need of others. If there is a word that could sum the both of them up, it would be selfless. They lived so biblically and cared so much what was going in the lives of others. I live in California and they never forgot a special occasion and would send cards with the sweetest messages. There were many times that I knew they were not feeling well when I would visit but they would never allow you to focus on them because they wanted to talk about you and how you were doing. What a great legacy of life the two of them have left to their precious girls, Judy and Renee and their families. These are the type of people that we will look forward to seeing in heaven.

Pam Beckham

Pam Beckham - January 20, 2014 at 06:44 PM

NM

“ Ernest Sullivan was a Hartsville treasure. He did so much for our downtown, Salvation Army, our Chamber of Commerce, people in need. Ernest was such a caring man, and it is our good fortune to have had him with us for his 91 years. We will not forget his goodness, nor his smile. Sympathy goes to the family for their loss. God be with you. Our entire community who has lost a benefactor and a friend.

Nancy McGee - January 20, 2014 at 03:25 PM

JC

It is difficult to believe that Ernest is gone. He always seemed so strong and active, caring about others, loving his town, working hard to make things good. He and Mildred were wonderful to us when we first moved to Hartsville.

As Joe had to work out a notice with the Bank in Belton, the children (2 at time) and I moved to Hartsville in 1961 and lived by ourselves for a few weeks. We had a set of bunk beds for Kathy and Guy and I could not get one of the beds to stand up. I would put the bed together, and it would fall down. Did this many times! Bucky Goudelock tried to fix it and could not, so he called Ernest and asked him to help me and Ernest came right away. Well, all he did was to take a hammer, hit the end of the bed, and it never fell down again!

So many other memories, but this is a fun one!

Joanne Cothran

Joanne Cothran - January 22, 2014 at 07:53 AM

MP

Grady, Roy, and family You have my sympathy. You were so kind to Milton and I and showed your love to us in many ways. When I came into the family you made me always feel welcome. I am so sorry about Earnest and everyone loved him. You are in my prayers and thoughts.

Mrs Milton Price(Laurlei) - January 22, 2014 at 07:57 AM