



## Henry Wiesen

September 9, 2005

Funeral services for Henry Hattman "Hank" Wiesen, 85, will be held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 11, 2005 at First Baptist Church. The Revs. Tom Rutan and Monell Smith will officiate and Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is in charge. The family will receive friends Sunday following the service in the church parlor. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 104 East Home Ave., Hartsville SC 29550.

Dr. Wiesen died Friday, September 9, 2005. Born in Palmyra, NJ, he was a son of the late George and Mary Hattman Wiesen. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He graduated from Indiana University (PA) and received his master's degree from the University of South Carolina, doctoral degree from the University of Maryland, and Th.D from Crozer Theological Seminary. He was an educator in the Darlington County Schools and the Montgomery County (MD) schools. He was involved with the SC Educational Association, was a former professor with Defiance College (OH), and was a former pastor at Cedar Creek Baptist Church and Liberty Hill Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Anne Tarte Wiesen of Hartsville, SC; daughters and sons-in-law, Marilee and Kenneth Willis, Sr. of Sandy Run, SC, Nita and Joseph Williams of Orlando, FL; sisters, Fran Parsons and Anne Brown; grandchildren and spouses, Kenneth and Sheila Willis, Jr., Bonnie Willis, William and Michelle Willis; great-grandchildren, Katelyn Willis, Lauren Willis, Tyler Willis, Corbin Willis. He was preceded in death by his brother, George Wiesen.



# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 11. 4:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

“ I was a special education teacher at North Hartsville Elementary School in 1978. Dr. Wiesen was my principal. I thought about him going over the people in my life that I had worked with as a special educator for 36 years before I retired. My wife just found his obituary.

*Dr. Wiesen told me one day that he was calling me on the school intercom, and had turned on my room speaker while I was teaching. He apologized, and said he never does this, but couldn't help listen in as I was teaching. He was effusive without reservation at what he heard as I taught completely unaware that anyone was listening telling me what a wonderful job I was doing. It was the only time anyone has ever told me that I did a great job, and said it effusively without reservation over my thirty-six-year career. I remember how I swelled up with pride. His praise was genuine, and I had earned it. He made a connection in me forever, and I passed it on.*

*Dr. Wiesen was the only principal in my career who praised without reservation. I've never been so affirmed by an educational administrator in all my life. I say it was the only time in my career, and I had an excellent career, because it is so rare that an administrator does this. Dr. Wiesen was such a genuine gentle soul. Praising effusively without reservation is the rarest, and most precious gift anyone can pass on, and pass it on I did.*

*I went out of my way at any opportunity to give genuine praise effusively just as Dr. Wiesen did for me. I praised my students, mostly economically disadvantaged, over decades, custodians, co-workers, parents, strangers on the street. I taught school in a juvenile prison, and passed on his gift to me. I taught in elementary schools, middle schools, high schools. I managed staff, and worked in a residential setting for developmentally disabled for ten years, and I passed it on.*

*When I got married, I was twenty-nine, Dr. Wiesen drove up from Hartsville to Monroe for my wedding. He was there to support and honor me then, and I'm still married. I have but one regret that I'd*

*wished I had the maturity the few years I worked under him to have told him how much I appreciated his no holds barred affirmation with his whole heart. He set such an example for me, but I honor his memory because ever since I've looked for opportunities to give effusively earned praise to anyone I've met.*

*The funny thing is I never even realized his impact till very recently. I just realized it when looking back over my career, and when I looked back, he was that rare shining star who supported me without condition. He saw the divinity in me, and helped me see it in myself, and I in turn have helped the unteachable, the unreachable, the diminished of us see their own light.*

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**Robert Martin** - September 24, 2020 at 06:07 AM



“ *Dr. Wiesen was the greatest principal in the world! He took up a lot of time with a young child who had lost his father in the 6th grade. He gave him encouragement and showed him that no matter what life brings our way we can adapt and learn to emphasize our talents in order to cope and succeed. He made a life-long impresssion on this now grown man who will never forget.*

*You will be sorely missed but heroically remembered!##imported-begin##Marty Goomdan##imported-end##*

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September 12, 2005 at 10:15 AM



“ *We are so sorry to learn of Hanks passing. Unfortunately we did not learn of it until this afternoon and could not arrive in time for the services. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Hank was a wonderful person and will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Linwood & Barbara Tarte##imported-end##*

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September 11, 2005 at 05:41 PM



“ We're so sad to learn of Hank's death.  
We have so many fond memories of him. Circumstances prevent us  
from attending the funeral but you will be in our thoughts.

Much love.##imported-begin##Edie & Bill Whitaker##imported-  
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September 11, 2005 at 11:02 AM



“ Hank was my principle at West Carolina Elementary School in the  
late 40's and early 50's. I remember him fondly as a caring man  
who took time with us boys. He was a special man and fine leader.  
He will be missed.##imported-begin##Archie Biggs##imported-  
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September 10, 2005 at 07:30 AM



“ It is with a broken heart that I read of Hank's passing. My memories of him go back to my early childhood years when he was my swim teacher--he would drop pennies into the Cooter Pen in order to get us to go under the water and get them. He knew we would do anything to get a penny! What a genius he was when it came to children! He was so good and kind and special to me and so many other children during that summer. And then, later, as my grade school principal he was, again, wonderful to me and all of the children at what was at that time West Carolina School. He played such an important part in my life during those "informative" years that I will remember him always. I was delighted to have the opportunity to become reacquainted with him when you (Ann) and he moved back to Hartsville in my adult years. He was the same person I remembered from my earliest memory of him. I loved him very much and am so grateful to have had him as part of my life and memories. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. You and the girls will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come. May the Lord bless you all with His grace and comfort during this very difficult time in your lives. With deepest sympathy and love,  
Rachel###imported-begin##Rachel Adams Doyle Medlin###imported-end##

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September 09, 2005 at 07:04 PM