



Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.

April 7, 1952 - August 10, 2024

It is with great sadness that the Boyd family announces the passing of James Blake Boyd, Jr.

Blake passed peacefully at home on August 10, 2024 with his wife at his side after a courageous battle with cancer. His family was given the gift of time to reflect on Blake's life with them.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 1 o'clock on Friday, August 16, 2024 at Magnolia Cemetery. Father H. Pickett Wall will officiate. The family will receive friends at a reception immediately following the service at Kalmia Gardens, 1624 W. Carolina Avenue, Hartsville, SC.

Blake was born April 7, 1952 and grew up in Hartsville, SC and experienced an idyllic American childhood, riding his bike home from elementary school to be met by his favorite dog, Mike, and playing football in Lawton Pasture with many of his neighborhood friends from Goodson Road. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his dad and has shared his love for these activities with many others over the years. An avid outdoorsman, Blake will be remembered for often squeezing in an early morning duck hunt before school, and for enthusiastically preparing deer plots and duck ponds to share hunts and to spend time with his children. Blake was happiest in a boat on the water, whether amongst the cypress knees on Black Creek, the cool dam waters of

Lake Wateree, the misty rivers of Tennessee, and later quite simply a fishing pond with good company.

Blake attended Wofford College and earned a BS degree in Biology, where he made lifelong friends as a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. Later, he earned an MBA from the University of South Carolina. Blake was employed with Sonoco Products Company and Paper Stock Dealers until his retirement. He was a Charter Member of The Outdoor Club in Hartsville.

As a father, Blake was very dedicated to teaching his three children and his nephews, Blake and Alderman Maynard, about the outdoors. Many people owe their first deer harvest in part to the help of Blake. Blake showed his devotion as a father by hauling Blake III, as a child, on his back up the tree stand, taking his daughter to "father, son (and Margie) weekends," and cheering on Blake and Taylor from his spot near third base at their baseball games while sipping on a cold Mountain Dew.

In retirement, Blake moved to Bristol, TN to pursue his passion for fly fishing, fostering a love of fishing with anyone who climbed into his boat. Years later, Blake found love when Lyrae Rogers stepped into his boat on the South Holston River, a story that always made him chuckle. In 2020, Blake married Lyrae and moved to Society Hill, SC, bringing his fun-loving, laughter-filled spirit to their home and blended families. Blake enjoyed his quiet farm life with his dog, Ace, by his side – raising chickens, browsing farm sales, growing an extensive garden, and looking at trail camera pictures from the hunting land set up by son Blake.

Blake was the son of the late Ellen Foreman and James Blake Boyd, Sr. He is survived by a large and adoring family: his wife, Lyrae Rogers Boyd, children J. Blake Boyd III and wife Liza Towell Boyd of Camden, SC, and Marjorie Boyd Warren and husband Aaron Joseph Warren of Jackson, WY. In addition

to his parents, Blake was preceded in death by his son, Arthur Taylor Boyd and his brother-in-law Paul LeMauviel. Joining Blake's family in 2020 were Drake and Graeme Meikle of Edinburgh, Scotland, Thom and Amanda Rogers of Spartanburg, SC and Caleb and Anna Rogers of Billings, MT.

Blake is also survived by his much-beloved grandchildren Elle Boyd, Adeline Boyd, Noah Warren, James Warren, George Rogers III, Emma Rogers, Morris Rogers, Rynn Rogers and Jackson Rogers, his loving sisters and brothers-in-law Louise and Rex Maynard of Belton, SC and Ellen Boyd and Ron Bilas of Weaverville, NC. In addition, Blake had numerous nieces and nephews whom he loved.

Blake's family would also like to thank Agape Care and Dr. Powell for their services and care. Memorials may be made to: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, a charity of your choice, or take a friend or child hunting or fishing!

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Graveside

AUG 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Reception

AUG 16 (ET)

Kalmia Gardens
1624 West Carolina Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

Following the graveside service.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Debbie And Richard Wynne lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Debbie and Richard Wynne - August 16, 2024 at 11:03 AM

SF

“ *Blake was a friend to all that knew him. What a great smile! Praying for his family.*
Steve and Gail Funderburk



Steve Funderburk - August 16, 2024 at 09:47 AM

SL

“ *We at SHRL are sending our deepest condolences to Blake's family and friends. Blake is always loved by us all and we are saddened to hear of this news. Rest easy our friend and tight lines!!*



South Holston River Lodge - August 16, 2024 at 08:33 AM

LB

Thank you all so much as the mom of Blake's children. He loved being up there more than anything fly fishing. That place was his sanctuary!! Im sure he is fishing in heaven with his son. Love to all of you.

lee boyd - September 15, 2024 at 09:35 AM

DD

“ Donna Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Donna Davis - August 16, 2024 at 07:57 AM

DM

“ I am so sorry and saddened to hear of my friend and neighbors passing. When Blake moved to Bristol TN, he seamlessly fit in to our little country neighborhood, no formal introductions were needed he just became that friend/neighbor who would always have a smile, a wave and offer assistance to everyone on our little dead end road/paradise. We often passed down on the river, he in his boat and us ours and he never passed up the opportunity to say hello, ask how we were doing and see how the fishing was going on that particular day. A true friend and neighbor to many of us, he will be sorely missed but fondly remembered here on the banks of the South Holston River and on River Bend Road. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family during this very sad, difficult time. Rest in Peace my friend, Donna and Scott Morrell

Donna Morrell - August 15, 2024 at 09:29 PM

LB

Your words are wonderful. He loved it there.

lee boyd - September 15, 2024 at 09:37 AM

JL

“ I am so very saddened to learn of Blake's passing. He was always so friendly to me. His dad took me fishing when I was a young boy. And Blake Jr. took my dad (who just passed) and I hunting. He was a good man.

Jonathan Lee - August 15, 2024 at 06:24 PM

TH

“ Tommy And Cathy Heard lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Tommy and Cathy Heard - August 15, 2024 at 03:02 PM

FJ

“ Freddie & Claudia James lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Freddie & Claudia James - August 15, 2024 at 02:44 PM

MC

“ *Ellen & Weeza,
Lynch and I were deeply saddened to learn from Edward that Blakie had passed away following a courageous battle against cancer. Our hearts go out to all of the Boyds and his extended family.*

One Christmas when we were in Hartsville your kind & generous brother offered to take Lynch quail hunting. As they walked along the path toward the hunting field a water moccasin struck between Blake's boots. He and Lynch both jumped but the snake was shot dead by Blake before his feet came back to earth. Lynch thought he was THE consummate gentleman sportsman and naturalist.

A few years ago WV friends went fly fishing on the Jackson River near Bristol. Once they started talking and realized Blakie was our neighbor in Hartsville, we began getting phone calls and pictures of what an amazing guide he was. More friends followed.

I will always remember his bright handsome smile and the twinkle in his eye.

One small comfort I can take is that Howard C now lives in your old house. He appreciates the same part of Prestwood and Black Creek that we all loved growing up in Hartsville.

Lynch and I send much love to all of you.

I know Blakie has found peace at last.

Mel & Lynch Christian

Melanie Christian - August 15, 2024 at 01:21 PM

LB

Such kind words. We had many fun days fishing off the dock at Blake's parents home. I know he is at peace with our son who passed away too soon. That's what comforts me and our two children here.

lee boyd - September 15, 2024 at 09:40 AM

AB

“ Lyrae and Family... So very sorry for your great loss. May our God give you peace and comfort through this difficult time.



Allen and Judi Byrd - August 15, 2024 at 11:35 AM

WH

“ So sorry Lyrae. Praying for you and all the family.

Wendy Howle - August 15, 2024 at 07:34 AM

CC

“ Thinking of you Lyrae. □

Cindi Christensen - August 14, 2024 at 06:05 PM

DT

“ Dave Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Dave Thompson - August 14, 2024 at 04:55 PM

BM

“ Bob And Becky McWatty lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Bob and Becky McWatty - August 14, 2024 at 08:56 AM

RR

*To The Boyd family,
I Am so sorry for your loss, as A Mail carrier in S Hill, I've had the
pleasure of meeting Boyd and family on many occasions.
Sitting on the steps and talking with Boyd, Lyrae and even Drake A few
time's and the dogs over the years when delivering packages.
After reading that Beautiful obituary made me think of the song
(This is just what Heaven means to me).
Finally meeting JESUS
Now this is just what Heaven means to me.*

*What will it be when we get over yonder
And join the throng upon the glassy sea?
To greet our loved ones and crown Christ forever,
OH I can't wait.
Randy
The Mail man*

Randy Roberts - August 14, 2024 at 07:58 PM

RW

“ Rhonda And Jimmy Watkins lit a candle in
memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Rhonda and Jimmy Watkins - August 13, 2024 at 08:44 PM

DC

“ David A Coleman lit a candle in memory of
Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



David A Coleman - August 13, 2024 at 08:19 PM

SG

“ *Scott And Harriet Gupton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Scott and Harriet Gupton - August 13, 2024 at 07:51 PM

JC

“ *Julia Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Julia Crawford - August 13, 2024 at 06:50 PM

SM

“ *Susan Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Susan Moore - August 13, 2024 at 06:05 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Kathy Moore - August 13, 2024 at 05:49 PM

MH

“ *Martha Hamlett lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Martha Hamlett - August 13, 2024 at 02:54 PM

GR

“ *Greg Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Greg Reaves - August 13, 2024 at 11:31 AM

S□

“ *Lyrae,
I'm am so deeply sorry for your loss. Prayers
for you and your family and may God be with
you all.*



Shannon Grant □ - August 13, 2024 at 10:59 AM

RM

“ *Rodney & Kathy McFarland lit a candle in
memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Rodney & Kathy McFarland - August 13, 2024 at 10:45 AM

TW

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to all...Blake was one of the nice guys as I fondly remember him, always had that handsome smile...May his memories keep you smiling.... Terri

Terri Northcutt Woodham - August 13, 2024 at 10:23 AM

SS

“ Susan Slone lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Susan Slone - August 13, 2024 at 08:53 AM

HB

“ Howard Barfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Howard Barfield - August 13, 2024 at 08:24 AM

GM

“ Goode & Gail Mobley lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Goode & Gail Mobley - August 13, 2024 at 08:09 AM

GM

“ *I was a year ahead of Blake in school but remember him, as one who would succeed in life. Just remember the last breath he took on earth; his next breath was in the beauty of heaven and Jesus.* ”

Gayle Johnson McDonald - August 13, 2024 at 07:38 AM

TJ

“ *Terry & Sherry Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.* ”



Terry & Sherry Johnson - August 13, 2024 at 07:32 AM

CA

“ *Prayers for peace and comfort during this very sad time.* ”

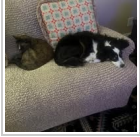
Carolyn and Rick Atkinson - August 13, 2024 at 07:10 AM

PC

“ *Paul Cannarella lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.* ”



Paul Cannarella - August 13, 2024 at 07:01 AM



“ *May God grant you peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

Pinky Blackwell McInville



Pinky McInville - August 13, 2024 at 12:50 AM



“ *Love and prayers during this difficult time.*
Ervin and Jackie Gibson



Jackie Gibson - August 12, 2024 at 11:37 PM



“ *Prayers for Blake's family at this time. May God grant you the peace that surpasses all understanding that can only be give by our heavenly father. Blake was a nice guy. He will be missed.*



Roberta Driskell Timmons - August 12, 2024 at 09:25 PM



“ *Tru And Ed lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Tru and Ed - August 12, 2024 at 09:10 PM

BM

“ Prayers for Layrae and the Boyd family, you are in our prayers.



Butch & Doris Mckenzie - August 12, 2024 at 07:53 PM

KL

“ Kathy Lawhon lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Kathy Lawhon - August 12, 2024 at 07:49 PM

SM

“ Sheila Mullis lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Sheila Mullis - August 12, 2024 at 07:24 PM

SM

Prayers for all.

Sheila Mullis - August 12, 2024 at 07:25 PM

LS

Mr. Boyd was one of my favorite customers at the Bank of America. He was such a gentleman. He told me about fly fishing and how much he loved to fish and hunt. I admired him greatly and was saddened today to read of his passing. I am sure his family will miss him but they have so many memories. May our Lord and Savior wrap His loving arms around you.

Lynn Stephens

lynn j Stephens - August 28, 2024 at 05:50 PM

PW

“ *Sending love and prayers to this precious family!*



Phyllis Mims Watson - August 12, 2024 at 05:56 PM

CW

“ *Prayers for Blake's Family !*



Carl & Susan Watkins - August 12, 2024 at 05:38 PM

BG

“ *Don and I send our condolences to the family of Blake. Praying that you will find peace and comfort in the precious memories made.*

Love to all,

Bess and Don Gore

Bess Gore - August 12, 2024 at 05:33 PM

DN

“ Duck And Pam Newsome lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Duck and Pam Newsome - August 12, 2024 at 04:09 PM

JL

“ Jerry And Angela Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Jerry and Angela Lane - August 12, 2024 at 02:17 PM

RA

“ Ronnie And Beth Amerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Ronnie and Beth Amerson - August 12, 2024 at 02:00 PM

MR

“ Mike Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Mike Reaves - August 12, 2024 at 01:23 PM

SH

“ *Sandra And Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Sandra and Larry Huggins - August 12, 2024 at 01:18 PM

DE

“ *Dan Easterling lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Dan Easterling - August 12, 2024 at 12:55 PM

KM

“ *Karen Byrd Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Karen Byrd Mitchell - August 12, 2024 at 12:20 PM

RW

“ *Ron Wall lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Ron Wall - August 12, 2024 at 12:15 PM

PG

“ *Sending prayers. So very sorry for your loss.*

Phyllis Griggs - August 12, 2024 at 12:03 PM

AS

“ *Lyrae and family, We are so very sorry for your loss of Blake. Our hearts are with you, and we are praying for each of you. Our deepest sympathy to your very special family. We love you!*



Al, Melinda & Russ Sansbury - August 12, 2024 at 11:17 AM

BS

“ *Bill & Angela Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Bill & Angela Stokes - August 12, 2024 at 11:07 AM

RA

“ *We are keeping you all in our prayers now and in the days ahead. Robin and George Atkins*

Robin Atkins - August 12, 2024 at 10:14 AM

DG

“ *Deborah Gandy lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.*



Deborah Gandy - August 12, 2024 at 09:09 AM

CB

“ Lyrae, Tom & I are so very sorry to hear of your loss. May God wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace. Love, Cecelia

Cecelia D Brown - August 12, 2024 at 09:07 AM

GG

“ Lyrae, family and friends! Our Love and Prayers are with you all!



Gene and Teresa Gibson - August 12, 2024 at 08:53 AM

BH

“ Lyra and family, Bobby and I are very sorry to hear about Blake. We have very fond memories of our working days together with him. Our prayers are with you all during this difficult time. May God strengthen each of you. 🙏

Bobby Hall - August 12, 2024 at 08:36 AM

TR

“ Lyrae, I want to come give you the biggest hug!!! My heart is hurting so bad for you! I love you and praying so hard for you & your family!!!❤️❤️❤️

Terrie Reames - August 12, 2024 at 08:28 AM

VJ

“ Von Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Von Johnson - August 12, 2024 at 08:27 AM

JA

“ Jimmy Atkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Jimmy Atkins - August 12, 2024 at 08:20 AM

JB

“ Lyrae a family, words can't express how sorry I am to hear of your loss. My prayers will be with you as you navigate through this difficult time. Sending love,

Joyce Beasley - August 12, 2024 at 08:15 AM

KH

“ Lyrae, I am so very sorry to hear this. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ken Hughes - August 12, 2024 at 08:07 AM

TG

“ Tony And Denice Grant lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Tony and Denice Grant - August 12, 2024 at 07:45 AM

DS

“ Danny And Phoebe Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Danny and Phoebe Stokes - August 12, 2024 at 07:26 AM

LW

“ Letitia Griggs Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Letitia Griggs Ward - August 12, 2024 at 07:22 AM

LE

“ Larry Easterling lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Larry Easterling - August 12, 2024 at 07:01 AM

CP

“ Chandler Peel lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Chandler Peel - August 11, 2024 at 10:37 PM

TB

“ Tonda Bunch lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Tonda Bunch - August 11, 2024 at 10:36 PM

DD

“ Darrell And Debi lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Darrell and Debi - August 11, 2024 at 10:35 PM

KB

“ My deepest sympathies to you and your family! I am so sorry for your loss!

Kyle Buckley - August 11, 2024 at 09:43 PM

BD

“ My sincerest heartfelt condolences to all.

Beverley Dodson - August 11, 2024 at 09:28 PM

CT

“ Curtis A. Tyner lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Curtis A. Tyner - August 11, 2024 at 09:19 PM

GJ

“ So very sorry to this sad news. To Lyrae my condolences.

George M McFaddin Jr - August 11, 2024 at 08:50 PM

PC

“ Phillip And Donna Crocker lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Phillip and Donna Crocker - August 11, 2024 at 08:47 PM

CM

“ Cody Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blake Boyd, Jr.



Cody Mitchell - August 11, 2024 at 07:33 PM