



## Mr. Johnny Ervin DeMeo

August 4, 1957 - January 22, 2020

Funeral services for Mr. Johnny Demeo, 62, who entered into rest on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, will be held at 6 o'clock on Monday, January 27, 2020, in The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home with The Rev. Chris Pierce officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to the Darlington County Humane Society, 1701 Animal Control Blvd, Darlington, SC 29532. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Johnny Ervin DeMeo, affectionately known as "Brooklyn", was born in Hartsville, SC on August 4, 1957, where he was adopted by Annabelle (Annie Bell) Tiller and Bennie DeMeo and brought to Brooklyn, NY, where he was raised with his sister, Patricia.

He spent summers in Hartsville visiting family and getting into mischief. The deep New York accent may have fooled some, but Hartsville has always been in his blood. He was a momma's boy and had an unbreakable bond with his adoptive sister. When they passed, he was never the same. Brooklyn was never one to keep his troubled past a secret. He used it as an inspirational tool for other addicts. He used drugs and alcohol as a crutch and its something he struggled with for a long time. At his breaking point, he chose his family over the addiction and has been a family man ever since.

Brooklyn had a huge heart and would do anything for people in need. When he was no longer able to work in the steel mill or as a licensed plumber due to health concerns, he became an avid hunter and fisherman until his health became a hindrance. He loved animals and was passionate about animal rights and rescue. His cats Salem and Sadie were a great comfort to him with his failing health. When his time in this world came to an abrupt end, he left behind a memorable impression with all who knew him. We can find comfort during this time in those memories. He passed with the comfort of his beloved daughter, Sabrina, by his side who had been his primary caregiver for the past decade.

He is survived by his wife, Gayl Margaret Jackson DeMeo of Rock Hill, SC; daughters, Maria DeMeo of Hightstown, NJ, Sabrina Gabrielle DeMeo of Hartsville, SC; grandchildren, Alyssa Marie De Meo of Hightstown, NJ, Adan Peter Riccardi of Hightstown, NJ, Evan Ethan Zea-De Meo of Hightstown, NJ. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bennie DeMeo and Annabelle "Annie Bell" Tiller; and his sister, Patricia Harford.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 27. 6:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel  
306 W Home Ave  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall

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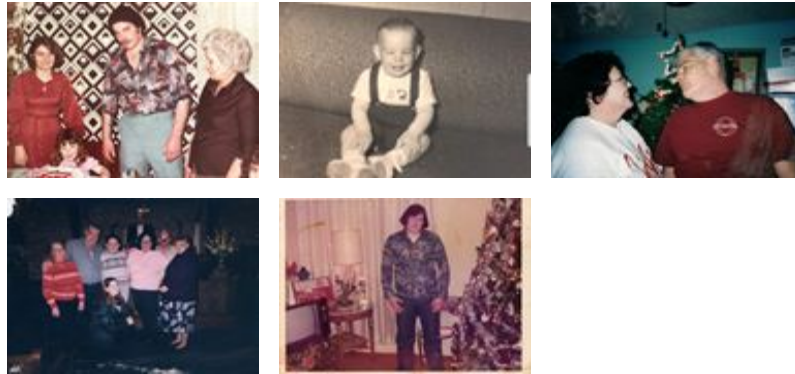
“ *Ellyn And Vinny lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ervin DeMeo*



Ellyn and Vinny - January 26, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ *31 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - January 26, 2020 at 03:36 PM

TB

“ *Sorry you are gone. Go rest with the angels. You were a nice person. Gonna be missed by many. In loving memory from Derek Sellers and Tracy Byrd*



Tracy Byrd - January 25, 2020 at 04:58 PM

JO

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family.



JohnnyTiller - January 25, 2020 at 01:09 PM

CH

“ Connie Holley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ervin DeMeo



Connie Holley - January 24, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ Glenda Teran Browder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ervin DeMeo



Glenda Teran Browder - January 24, 2020 at 03:34 PM



Our Thoughts and Prayers are with You Gayl and Sabrina !! R.I.P Johnny !!

Glenda Teran Browder - January 24, 2020 at 03:40 PM

DS

“ *Donna Tiller Sturgeon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ervin DeMeo*



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**Donna Tiller Sturgeon** - January 23, 2020 at 06:18 PM

DT

“ *Don & Ann Tiller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ervin DeMeo*



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**Don & Ann Tiller** - January 23, 2020 at 06:16 PM

TH

“ *Tammy Hammer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ervin DeMeo*



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**Tammy Hammer** - January 23, 2020 at 05:43 PM

KT

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Joel, Joey and Kati Tiller*



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**Kati Tiller** - January 23, 2020 at 04:40 PM

CB

“ *Cathy Bannon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ervin DeMeo*



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**Cathy bannon** - January 23, 2020 at 09:33 AM

CP

“ *Chris And Dee Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ervin DeMeo*



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**Chris and Dee Pierce** - January 23, 2020 at 06:35 AM

JS

“ *Jean Stratton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ervin DeMeo*



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**Jean Stratton** - January 22, 2020 at 11:23 PM

JC

“ *Jennifer Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ervin DeMeo*



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**Jennifer Campbell** - January 22, 2020 at 10:28 PM

Merry Harford

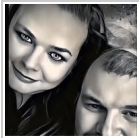
“ *My sweet Uncle J, my badass uncle that always had my back when no one else did when growing up. I will miss our talks and your stories of Brooklyn back in the day.  
Give my mom and dad hugs for me !!  
Love you !!*

Merry Harford - January 22, 2020 at 09:36 PM

CB

*So sorry for your loss great guy*

Cathy bannon - January 23, 2020 at 09:32 AM



“ *Karen Grant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ervin DeMeo*



Karen Grant - January 22, 2020 at 09:36 PM

JC

“ *Drinking “pine rickeys” forever*



Jessica Campbell - January 22, 2020 at 09:20 PM

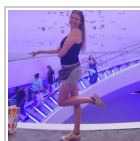
MM

“ Here's a picture of my daughter Alyssa with grandfather Johnny.



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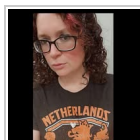
**Maria De Meo** - January 22, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ I grew up with Sabrina and consider her and Johnny part of our extended family. Prayers to all the family.

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**Heather Schmeltz** - January 22, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ Katie Freeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ervin DeMeo



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**Katie Freeman** - January 22, 2020 at 09:01 PM