



## Josh Joyner Stanton

May 27, 1933 - October 21, 2010

Joshua Joyner Stanton, Jr., 77, of Hartsville, SC, died Thursday, October 21 at Providence Hospital. He leaves a wife and two sons to mourn his loss.

Born May 27, 1933, in Stantonsburg, NC, Josh graduated from the College of Agriculture at N.C State University in 1955 with a BS Degree in Agronomy. His post-graduate work there was interrupted by two years service in the US Army, and he then joined Coker Pedigreed Seed Co. as a breeder of small grains in 1959.

In 1972, Josh was appointed director of Coker Soybean research and head of the firm's Soybean Division, and served as its leader until 1988. He developed numerous new varieties of soybeans, including several that led all others in performance tests and were the varieties most often used by yield contest winners over those years. The improved varieties that he developed continue today to appear in the pedigrees of many soybean varieties around the world. He served terms as president of the South Carolina Soybean Association and of the Agronomy Society of South Carolina. Josh was the SCSBA's 1982 Soybean Man of the Year, and in 1991 was named a Distinguished Agronomist by the ASSC. He retired from Stoneville Pedigreed Seed in 1995 after 36 years of service to crop science.

Josh is remembered as a loving husband and father, an excellent mentor, a patient teacher and a true friend. He was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church.

Josh was preceded in death by his parents, Joshua Joyner Stanton and

Mabel Estelle Wooten Stanton. He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Linda Anne Williams Stanton of Hartsville, SC, and their sons, James Edward Stanton and David Williams Stanton, both of Hartsville, SC.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 23, 2010 at St. Luke United Methodist Church. The Rev. Phil Thraikill will officiate with burial in Magnolia Cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins.

# Tribute Wall



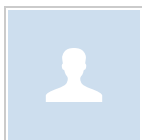
“ I was a soybean breeder in the Mississippi Delta and worked with Josh.  
We made a trip together to Brazil in 1978 I think. Josh was a great breeder and a personal friend. I worked for North America Plant Breeders in West Memphis, Arkansas.  
We tested some of Josh's varieties and ultimately marketed some of his material.

Please accept my sympathy and know that your family will be in our prayers.

Jimmy L. Barber##imported-begin##Jimmy L. Barber##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 04:00 PM



“ Josh was one of the foremost soybean breeders in the south and he developed unique germplasm, which combined resistance to many of the root invading nematodes. We were both friends and colleagues and I still miss his wisdom and his no nonsense approach to work. He will be sorely missed both by his family and long time friends and colleagues.##imported-begin##Howard Gabe##imported-end##

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October 26, 2010 at 12:04 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all the family. You will remain in my prayers in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer##imported-begin##Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 10:10 PM



“ Josh was a great friend of mine and a friend of farmers as well. His varieties were some of the best, and I remember fondly our experiences together at field days, meetings and tours. He always had a smile and a kind word. Blessings to the Stanton family for the life of Josh Stanton.##imported-begin##Jim Palmer##imported-end##

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October 25, 2010 at 10:02 AM



“ Linda, Jimmy and David our thoughts and prayers are with you. Josh will be greatly missed by all who knew him. We enjoyed working with him for many years.

Faith Howle

Mitzie Blackmon##imported-begin##Faith Howle##imported-end##

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October 23, 2010 at 09:53 AM



“ I have fond memories of listening to Dad and Josh sitting around the office discussing plant breeding and life in general. Josh was a special person and the world needs more people like him. God bless you.##imported-begin##Steve Harrison##imported-end##

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October 23, 2010 at 07:26 AM



“ I was small grain breeder at Clemson and saw Josh on many occasions while visiting in Hartsville. He was held in high esteem in the plant breeding profession.

*Our condolences and prayers for the family.*

*Linda and Doyce Graham  
Clemson, SC##imported-begin##Doyce Graham##imported-end##*

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October 22, 2010 at 12:37 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to the family and friends. When I began working at Clemson in 1980, Coker soybean varieties developed by Josh Stanton were widely grown across the south. I always learned something when he would show me through his breeding nurseries. I appreciated and still value his friendship and willingness to share his knowledge of plant breeding.##imported-begin##Emerson Shipe##imported-end##

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October 22, 2010 at 11:40 AM



“ One of the greatest southern soybean breeders ever, Josh was a mentor and friend to me and I will surely miss him and bless his memory.##imported-begin##Chris Tinius##imported-end##

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