



Mr. Leslie Perry "Judge" Byrd Jr.

March 19, 1931 - May 6, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that the Byrd family announces the death of their beloved father, Mr. Leslie Perry "Judge" Byrd, Jr, 94.

Mr. Byrd, the widower of Mrs. Dora Ellen Turnage Byrd, entered into rest on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 11 o'clock on Friday, May 9, 2025, at Lakeview Baptist Church. The Rev. Ken Hughes will officiate, and Mr. Jack Elvington will deliver the eulogy. A burial will follow in Bethlehem Methodist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends following the service.

Memorials may be made in his honor to the Bethlehem Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Nolen Johnson, 2403 Bethlehem Rd, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Mr. Byrd was born in Darlington County, SC, in the Byrdtown Community, the son of the late Leslie Perry Byrd, Sr., and the late Alice Griffith Byrd. He was a graduate of the Byrdtown Academy and served in the Army during the Korean War. After the Army, he married the love of his life, Dora Ellen Turnage. They were married for 69 years and 6 months at the time of her death.

He went to work for Milliken Textiles in Hartsville and then for Sonoco until his retirement. He loved gardening. He always planted enough to ensure his family and friends had plenty of fresh vegetables every year. He worked his garden faithfully until his health wouldn't allow it.

He was an avid reader, loved to study his Bible, and was a faithful member of Lakeview Baptist Church, where he attended regularly until his health declined. He loved people and always wanted to be sure that you were "okay" and wanted to know if you needed anything. He will be missed by many, but most of all by his family; he will always be in our thoughts and forever in our hearts.

He is survived by his children, Perry (Jana) Byrd of Graniteville, SC, Angela (Ken) Elmore of Mooresville, NC, Allison (Johnny) Byrd of Hartsville, SC, and Garrett Byrd of Dillon, SC; grandchildren, Ashley Usher, Corey Byrd, Daniel Byrd, David Byrd, William Byrd, Reavis Byrd; great-grandchildren, Nicole Harrell, Jema Byrd, Coyt Byrd and Beckham Byrd.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Dora Ellen Byrd, and his sister, Barbara B. Johnson.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Methodist Church Cemetery

2240 Bethlehem Road
Hartsville, SC 29550

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lakeview Baptist Church
202 Lakeview Blvd,
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Leslie Perry "Judge" Byrd Jr.*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - May 08, 2025 at 02:47 PM

MG

“ *Dear Byrd family, May God bring you comfort and peace after the loss of such a wonderful family man as Judge Byrd. Growing up as a neighbor and friend of Garrett, my brother and I spent quite a few summer days among your kind, close-knit family enjoying the benefits of friendship with you as your caring parents made childhood in the 80's so much fun. Bicycles, go-karts, and motorcycles were always part of those adventurous, fort building, watermelon filled days. Those memories will last a lifetime and they would not exist except for the kindness of a God who blessed you with the love of such amazing parents. Thank you for those timeless memories. My prayers are with you all! -Marty Goodman*

Marty Goodman - May 11, 2025 at 04:17 AM



“ *Garret sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Praying for your comfort and peace during this difficult time*



David Jordan - May 09, 2025 at 12:55 PM

PB

“ *Phyllis Driggers Braddock sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leslie Perry "Judge" Byrd Jr.*



Phyllis Driggers Braddock - May 09, 2025 at 11:41 AM

CW

“ *Perry, Angela, Allison and Garrett.... I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. Thoughts and Prayers to each of You. May God wrap His Loving Arms around each You and Your Families and give each of You....Peace, Comfort, Strength and Understanding in the days and months to come. Cherish All the Wonderful Memories of Your Dad in your Heart and He will live on forever. Love and Blessings...*

Connie Sells Wallace - May 09, 2025 at 11:41 AM

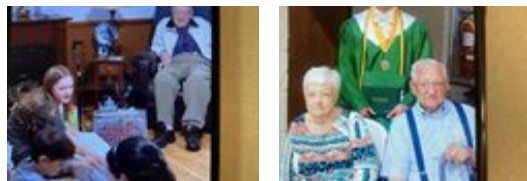
TT

“ *My deepest condolences to the Byrd family! Mr. Byrd was a good neighbor and friend. Praying for all of his family!*

Terry Edwards Thompson - May 09, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - May 09, 2025 at 09:56 AM

GP

“ Uncle Judge gave me my first pocketknife, my first handkerchief & he taught me to love boiled peanuts. Leslie Judge Byrd lived by a set of standards, something few people do. He and his soulmate Dora Ellen raised 4 outstanding children. A testament to their unwavering love and Uncle Judge putting a timer on the hot water heater when the kids became teenagers. If Judge Byrd picked at you, poked at you or laid the law down to you it meant he loved you. A constant light in this mortal world has been extinguished with the passing of this quiet giant Judge Byrd.
Uncle Judge I hope they have some good chaw in Heaven for you to enjoy while you pick at those Turnage gals and laugh with William.



Garry & Lori Powell - May 09, 2025 at 08:43 AM

VJ

“ Perry, Angela, Allison and Garrett, we are sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. He was a kind and loving man. Many times he sent fresh veggies home with me when I picked Brent up from Ma Byrds daycare when he was a baby. Such fond memories. May you find peace and comfort in Jesus during this time of grief. I know your Mom was waiting at the gates of heaven for him!
Praying for you all, Valerie Johnson

Valerie Johnson - May 09, 2025 at 01:47 AM

MH

“ Martha Mixon Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Perry "Judge" Byrd Jr.



Martha Mixon Hall - May 08, 2025 at 11:44 PM

CN

“ Angie, Allison and Family, Sorry to hear of your loss. Haven't seen you all in many years. Praying for you all in the days, weeks, months and years to come.



Chris Norton - May 08, 2025 at 09:54 PM

CC

“ Christel Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Perry "Judge" Byrd Jr.



Christel Copeland - May 08, 2025 at 08:13 PM

EB

“ Eric Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leslie Perry "Judge" Byrd Jr.



Eric Bradshaw - May 08, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ 70 files added to the album LifeTributes



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - May 08, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ Allison & Family , I was so sorry to hear about your Dad . My thoughts and prayers are with you .



Angela Brigman - May 08, 2025 at 01:47 PM



“ Perry, Angela, Allison, and Garrett, we are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. We loved seeing and talking to him when we delivered him a meal from the church. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of his family during this sad time.



John & Susan Andrews - May 08, 2025 at 01:16 PM

AH

“Perry, Angela, Allison, and Garrett, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. A great and kind man, the "Judge" of the neighborhood children, WE LOVED HIM!! I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. I love you all!



Allen Haynes - May 08, 2025 at 12:55 PM

BW

“Allison I'm so sorry for your loss. May God bless and be with you and the family



BECKY WIGGINS - May 08, 2025 at 12:49 PM

AW

“I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending love and prayers! 💕

Alisha Winburn - May 08, 2025 at 12:11 PM

DE

“Perry, Garrett, Angie, and Allison, I am so sorry to hear about your Daddy. he was a sweet man and loved his family. Love and prayers.



Diane. Euten - May 08, 2025 at 10:48 AM

SC

“ *Sending prayers*



Susan Braddock Clemmons - May 08, 2025 at 09:59 AM

SF

“ *So sorry to hear about Judge. He was a friend to all that knew him. He will be missed. Praying for his family and friends.*



Steve and Gail Funderburk - May 08, 2025 at 09:40 AM

JW

“ *Perry,Angela,Allison and Garrett he was a kind and thoughtful .Sending prayer's for each one of you,I know he will be miss by many family and friend's.Jewel and Krystal*



Jewel Walters Gibson and Krystal Weekley - May 08, 2025 at 08:51 AM

GG

“ *We are saddened to hear about the passing of Judge! Our love and Prayers are with family and friends*



Gene and Teresa Gibson - May 08, 2025 at 08:49 AM

ES

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family. Judge was a wonderful man , loved his family & his Lord Jesus. So kind. He & his wife, Dora Ellen .

Effie Smith - May 08, 2025 at 11:45 AM