



## Merlin M. Byrd, Sr.

October 12, 1928 - November 28, 2008

Funeral services for Merlin Mark Byrd, Sr., 80, will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 30, 2008 at the Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Ladell Humphries will officiate with burial in Westview Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends Saturday, November 29, 2008 from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Byrd, Sr. died Friday, November 28, 2008. Born in Darlington Co., SC, he was a son of the late Edward and Beulah Dukes Byrd. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church. He was retired from Sonoco Products Co. and was a member of the Old Timers Club. He enjoyed restoring old cars and was known for his Christmas lights. He was a well loved, very creative person. Surviving are his wife, Romona Jordan Byrd of Hartsville, SC; son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Sue Byrd of Hartsville, SC; daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and James Steen of Raleigh; sisters, Jewel Sherron of Greenville, SC, Elizabeth Watson of Florence, SC; brothers and sisters-in-law, Orren and Jenny Byrd of Hartsville, SC, Gary L. and Mary Byrd of Hartsville, SC; stepdaughters, ScDell and Randy Knotts of Hartsville, SC, Barbara and Kenny Wilkes of Hartsville, SC, Robin and Cliff Lane of Darlington, SC; grandchildren, Marcia (Glenn) Gainey, Robin Byrd, Stephen (Trasie) Byrd, Tommy Steen, Jamie Steen, Shannon Rowe, Donna (Todd) Cassidy, Kelly (Gary) Butler, Lindsey Wilkes, Kristen Wilkes, Jordan Lane, Ashley Lane; 9 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Edna Gainey Byrd.



# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ WE ARE SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MR.BYRD,WE THOUGHT ALOT OF HIM. IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO PLEASE CALL.LOVE YOU AUNT MONA. MILTON&MONA##imported-begin##MONA&MILTON JOHNSON##imported-end##

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December 04, 2008 at 09:40 AM



“ Mark, Sue, Marcia, Glenn and Robin, We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Byrds passing. Words cannot begin to express our sorrow for you. Please know that God is with you and will help you in finding solace right now. If you need anything we are here for you.##imported-begin##Scott McDonald and Joseph Mostella##imported-end##

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December 02, 2008 at 12:10 PM



“ A trustworthy friend for many years.##imported-begin##Jim Odom##imported-end##

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December 02, 2008 at 10:00 AM



“ Dear Shannon,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. I only had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Byrd a few times but I remember how nice he was and how welcome he and his wife made me feel in their home. I pray God brings you comfort in this time of sorrow. Please call if I can do anything for you or if you just need a friend to talk to. Love,  
Karen##imported-begin##Karen M. Atkinson##imported-end##

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December 01, 2008 at 10:50 AM



“ Kathy and the Byrd Family: I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Kathy - It seems like yesterday when we played together and lived next door to you on East Carolina Avenue. Those were the good ole days. It was me, you, Vicki Ingram, and Karen Gainey. Your mom and dad was always so nice. It is tough losing a parent - Just hang onto all the memories and one day we will see them again one day. If there is anything that I can do for you or your family let me know. Take Care.##imported-begin##Rhonda Jones Norton & Betty Jean Jones##imported-end##

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December 01, 2008 at 10:43 AM



“ Mrs. Romona & Family

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with all.##imported-begin##Jeanette S. Blackmon##imported-end##*

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December 01, 2008 at 10:31 AM



“ Mark, Sue, Marica and Robin

*I am sorry to hear about your loss I will be praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Charity and Frankie Cassidy##imported-end##*

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November 30, 2008 at 09:14 PM



“ Romona, I was saddened to hear of the passing of Merlin. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you.##imported-begin##Linda Thompson##imported-end##

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November 30, 2008 at 05:59 PM



“ Dear Byrd Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. My son just asked me if we could go by and see Mr. Byrd's lights. His grandma always took him to see. I guess she and Mr. Byrd are looking at far brighter lights than we can imagine now. We will be praying for you all and if you need anything just call.

Love and prayers,

Crystal T. Minnehan & Family##imported-begin##Crystal Minnehan##imported-end##

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November 30, 2008 at 12:28 PM



“ Shannon, Chance, and family, I am sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Byrd. I know how much he meant to Chance. If you ever need me, you know where to find me. God will comfort you in this time of need. God bless.

Stephanie and family##imported-begin##Stephanie Byrd Nesbitt##imported-end##

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November 30, 2008 at 12:55 AM



“ I am so shocked to hear of this awful news! Mom called me just now to tell me she just left from seeing the family! All I can hear in my ears right now is "I am hungry again" It was such a treat to see Mr. Byrd everyday and that same thing he would tell me, was how he did not understand why his tummy was always hungry!!! I am so sorry for each and everyone of you!! He will truly be missed!!!

Dori##imported-begin##Dori Goff White##imported-end##

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November 29, 2008 at 05:37 PM



“ To Kristen & the rest of Mr. Merlin's family,  
I want to let you all know that you are in my prayers now and in the  
future.

Love, Tiffany##imported-begin##Tiffany Gregory & Kenny  
Bowen##imported-end##

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November 29, 2008 at 01:53 PM



“ Mr. B was a great , smart, friendly man.I remember when we were  
young he would come over and sit on the bench with daddy just  
about every day and talk,daddy enjoyed his friendship very  
much.He always had kind words for me and our family.I loved  
watching when he built the 1932 red ford.He was always eager to  
answer my many questions.Mrs. B., Kathy and Mark I know you all  
miss him.See ya soon Mr. B.##imported-begin##Sam  
Ingram##imported-end##

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November 29, 2008 at 10:53 AM



“ Cousins are among my favorite people and Merlin was one of them.  
Goodbye, Merlin, it was a privilege to know you.##imported-  
begin##Alton Corbett##imported-end##

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November 29, 2008 at 09:12 AM



“ Dear Family , I am very sorry for your loss. Mr. Byrd was a wonderful man and very delightful to talk with as well, he was a great man of ideals with his christmas lights each year, I will not get to see him putting the lights every year cause I know that he worked very hard to make sure that everything was just right so every one would be happy with seeing the lights. I will miss him dearly, if there is anything that I can do please let me know. I will keep you in my prayers each day and to his wife, know that Mr. Merlin was a great man of talent as we have seen each year with his lights, I hope that you will keep his memories that you shared together close and remember the good times that you have had with him. If you need something call me, your Morning News Carrier.##imported-begin##Melissa Spires##imported-end##

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November 29, 2008 at 06:48 AM