



The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.

May 1, 1970 - July 28, 2024

It is with deep sorrow that Mrs. Sherry Burton Holt and her family announce the death of her beloved husband, The Honorable Michael Shea Holt, Sr., 54, Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Darlington County, South Carolina.

Judge Holt entered into rest on Sunday, July 28, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. 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 1 o'clock on Sunday, August 4, 2024, at First Presbyterian Church, 213 West Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC. The Reverend Ashley Cheek will officiate the services, and a reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. A private family burial will be held. Michael loved his church deeply and asked for those wishing to send floral tributes to consider a memorial to First Presbyterian Church, 213 West Home Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550, or to the Trent Hill Center for Children & Families, 522 West Bobo Newsom Highway, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Judge Michael S. Holt was born on May 1, 1970, in Hartsville, SC. He was the devoted husband of 27 years to Sherry Burton Holt and a son of Jack H. Holt and Carol Milam Holt. He was educated in the Darlington County School system, graduating from Hartsville High School in 1988. From 1988-1992, he attended the University of South Carolina, earning a bachelor's degree in

history and minoring in South Carolina studies. During college, Judge Holt was a member of Kappa Alpha Order and the Student Alumni Association. He also worked for the South Carolina State Senate. Following his undergraduate studies, he attended the University of South Carolina School of Law from 1993-1996.

After completing his law school studies, Michael returned to Hartsville, where he joined the law firm of the late Senator Ed Saleeby. In 2005, he was elected Mayor of Hartsville, serving a four-year term from 2005-2009. He was an adjunct professor at Coker College and served as president of the Hartsville Kiwanis Club, as well as a board member of the Hartsville YMCA and the Hartsville Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of F3, along with many other clubs and organizations within his community. In 2008, he was awarded the Distinguished Young Alumni Award at USC, followed by the KA Court of Honor, and most recently, the Order of the Palmetto.

Michael was elected to the Family Court bench in May 2008 and served in that capacity until his election to the Circuit Court bench in February 2021. He has served continuously as a Circuit Court Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit from 2021 to the present.

Michael's greatest joy was his family. He and his family shared a passion for the University of South Carolina. Attending games in Columbia with their children was a favorite family pastime. Michael also had a deep love for South Carolina and American history, a love inherited by his son, Shea. He enjoyed exploring battlefields, museums, and historical sites with his father and son. Michael followed local and national politics closely. He was proud of his daughter, Annabelle, when upon graduation from USC, continued his love for politics and currently works on the Hill in Washington DC. Michael loved sharing in her experiences there.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sherry Burton Holt of Hartsville, SC; daughter, Annabelle Burton Holt of Washington, DC; son, Michael Shea Holt, Jr. of Hartsville, SC; father, Jack Holt of Hartsville, SC; mother, Carol Milam Holt of Hartsville, SC; sister, Shannon Holt (Brian) Rice of Huntersville, NC; brother, David Townsend (Amy) Holt of Hartsville, SC; sister-in-law, Donyelle (Walt) Wilkins, III of Greenville, SC; niece, Mary Burton Wilkins; nephews, Sam Holt Rice, Walt Wilkins IV, and McCoy Wilkins. He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Donald and Judy Burton.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
213 West Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC

Reception

AUG 4. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
213 W. Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Sorry for your great loss to Mr Jack and family

Dianne C Hutchinson - August 12, 2024 at 12:08 PM

EE

“ I am so sorry to hear of Michael's passing. I knew him as Mayor of Hartsville. A fine man with integrity and genuine concern for others. He will be greatly missed by all.

Elizabeth Eades - August 09, 2024 at 06:05 PM

JS

“ My deepest condolences to Sherry and the family of Michael. May God give you peace and acceptance during the difficult days ahead. Continued prayers for all. Judy Cannon Singleton.



Judy Cannon Singleton - August 08, 2024 at 05:07 PM

KG

“ Peace and comfort to Sherry and all of Michael's family. I was fortunate to reconnect with Michael in the past few years as I spent time in Hartsville. What a wonderful guy. His smile and positive attitude will be missed.

Kevin Griggs - August 07, 2024 at 08:10 PM

KA

“ My condolences to the family. It was a pleasure knowing and working with Judge Holt. He will be missed. I enjoyed hearing his stories and seeing his smiling face in the courtroom.

Karen Ambroziak - August 07, 2024 at 01:40 PM

MO

“ Sherry, you and your family are in my prayers. I thought a lot of Michael. He will be missed.

Mitch Outlaw - August 06, 2024 at 04:32 PM

VB

“ Vernon G Boyd lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



vernon G boyd - August 06, 2024 at 10:45 AM



“ SENDING LOVE AND PRAYERS TO EACH, TODAY AND IN THE DAYS TO COME !!! SUCH A GRAND PERSON MAKING HEAVEN A LOT BRIGHTER UPON HIS ENTRANCE !!



Alice Watford - August 05, 2024 at 02:59 PM



“ Alice Watford lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Alice Watford - August 05, 2024 at 02:56 PM

NJ

“ Thank you for being a wonderful Judge. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. The Cummings Law Firm, LLC Norb, Henry and Carol



Norbert E. Cummings, Jr. - August 05, 2024 at 12:57 PM

CB

“ Ciara Barfield lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Ciara Barfield - August 04, 2024 at 10:07 AM

PF

“ Paul Cannarella Family lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Paul Cannarella Family - August 04, 2024 at 09:33 AM

BL

“ Betty Lyons lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Betty Lyons - August 03, 2024 at 03:20 PM

DC

“ Sherry, Ann Bell and Shea, you all have our Deepest condolences during this difficult time. May God comfort you today and always.



Dawn and Bill Crawford - August 03, 2024 at 10:12 AM

M(

“ Sherry and family you will be in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry to hear his. May God give you comfort and peace.

Martha (Rogers) Cooper - August 03, 2024 at 09:49 AM

JG

“ James Gilbert lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



James Gilbert - August 02, 2024 at 11:32 PM

BM

“ Bobby McAllister lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Bobby McAllister - August 02, 2024 at 11:26 PM

RL

Sherry, My heart breaks for you. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.. May God's grace comfort you.

Rose Lockhart - August 08, 2024 at 02:55 AM

LI

“ Prayers up - Joey Roscoe

Lisajonesaugust1971@aol.com - August 02, 2024 at 11:25 PM

BM

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. May God bless you and keep you safe in his arms. Michael and I grown close when he was a patient at MUSC hospital. It was a great honor knowing him as the man that he is a loving caring kind most important a family man at heart. Only know him a short time but I will still miss him. See you on the other side my friend. Rest in peace till we meet again.

Bobby McAllister - August 02, 2024 at 11:25 PM

LI

“ My beloved friend I will miss all your good advice and our talks about Jesus.
Prayers and Hugs to all of you💙 Lisa

Lisajonesaugust1971@aol.com - August 02, 2024 at 11:23 PM

DL

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers
Dot Leviner



Dot Leviner - August 02, 2024 at 04:40 PM

AP

“ Sherry, so sorry to hear about Michael, our prayers are with you and the family. Ann Marie, Kimrey and Will Pennington

Ann Marie Pennington - August 02, 2024 at 12:57 PM

II

“ Michael was such a blessing to our community. He was a wonderful person inside and out. He will be deeply missed.



Irene and Glenn Ingram - August 02, 2024 at 08:44 AM

Jl

“ I give my condolence to the holt family I know Michael for a long time ever since high school very dedicated man he loved his family his beautiful wife lovely kids we are in a way you don't have to suffer no more you with the Lord now the Lord know what best he free of this world rest in peace M Michael Holt till we meet again in the sky peace be still



Johnny Cherry III - August 02, 2024 at 07:45 AM

LC

“ Lamar Municipal Court lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Lamar Municipal Court - August 02, 2024 at 07:28 AM

DO

“ Darlington Magistrates Office lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Darlington Magistrates Office - August 02, 2024 at 07:26 AM

DN

“ *Dan And Kathy Newsome lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



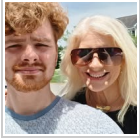
Dan and Kathy Newsome - August 01, 2024 at 09:56 PM

JC

“ *Jacqueline G. Carnevale lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Jacqueline G. carnevale - August 01, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ *Cynthia Weaver lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Cynthia Weaver - August 01, 2024 at 05:17 PM

BB

“ *Ben Bethea lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Ben Bethea - August 01, 2024 at 04:45 PM

DG

“ *Danielle Norman Griggs lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Danielle Norman Griggs - August 01, 2024 at 03:22 PM

GM

“ *I was so lucky to welcome Michael into my family when he married my cousin Sherry. We all loved getting to know and love him since that time in 1997. He was such a delightful addition to our family. We were so fortunate to know this wonderful human being, as well as his family. He and my daddy had great admiration for each other, and thoroughly enjoyed their visits. He and I had some especially interesting conversations about history and genealogy, as I majored in history also and have traced my family's history. As so many others have expressed, he was truly an exceptional person, as a family man, judge, and all around great guy. His loss has created such a tremendous void in our lives, and on the world. I have expressed my genuine condolences to Sherry, Annabelle, Shea, and the Holt family. It makes me feel good to know that Michael has earned his rest in Heaven, rejoicing with the Lord and others who have preceded him. He will be greatly missed! Love, Gail McCoy*

Gail McCoy - August 01, 2024 at 03:16 PM

DD

“ *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*



Denise Douglas - August 01, 2024 at 02:38 PM

KB

“ *Kimberly Ball lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Kimberly Ball - August 01, 2024 at 02:31 PM

KS

“ *Ken Scott lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Ken Scott - August 01, 2024 at 01:54 PM

TM

“ *Thomas Mincheff MD lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Thomas Mincheff MD - August 01, 2024 at 01:34 PM

KG

“ *Kristie Gardner lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Kristie Gardner - August 01, 2024 at 01:16 PM

JK

“ *John Steven Keffer sent a virtual gift in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



John Steven Keffer - August 01, 2024 at 12:47 PM

EH

“ *Eunice Holloman lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Eunice Holloman - August 01, 2024 at 12:15 PM

JH

“ *Jayne Nesbitt Helms lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Jayne Nesbitt Helms - August 01, 2024 at 12:07 PM

BS

“ *Bill & Angela Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Bill & Angela Stokes - August 01, 2024 at 10:53 AM

CB

“ *Caroline Beasley lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Caroline Beasley - August 01, 2024 at 10:45 AM

RA

“ *Michael was in George's scout troop many years ago. He had such a great group of boys who have become great men. He was proud of Michael and his many accomplishments. He loved his family and others. We are keeping all of you in our prayers now and during the days ahead.*

Robin and George Atkins - August 01, 2024 at 10:36 AM

SF

“ *Praying for this family! Worked with Michael years ago at Saleeby Law Firm. He was such a great guy!* 🙏🙏



Sandra Flynn - August 01, 2024 at 08:40 AM



“ *Mary Beth Carter Bennett lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Mary Beth Carter Bennett - August 01, 2024 at 08:17 AM

CH

“ Dear Sherry and all of the Holt family,

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Michael will be forever remembered and forever missed.

*With much love,
Catherine Chaplin Hanson*

Catherine Chaplin Hanson - August 01, 2024 at 07:32 AM

RC

“ Reggie Cabbagestalk lit a candle in memory
of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Reggie Cabbagestalk - August 01, 2024 at 12:46 AM

RC

“ We go back to playing football at leggs as kids and we stay close all
thru high school etc he was my lawyer, he's helped me in family
court he always called me lil knockout this one really is a shocker to
me going to miss you until we meet again rip

Reggie Cabbagestalk - August 01, 2024 at 12:45 AM



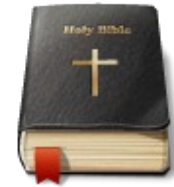
“ Judge Michael Holt was always a very fair judge and he was a great man with a huge heart inside and outside the courtroom. Certainly “Big Shoes” to fill. He will truly be missed. Prayers and love to the family and friends. May God wrap his arms around you all during this difficult time and help bring you peace and comfort. Ervin and Jackie Gibson



Jackie Gibson - July 31, 2024 at 11:16 PM

AK

“ Ann King sent a virtual gift in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Ann King - July 31, 2024 at 10:39 PM

CC

“ May your beautiful memories provide you comfort during this difficult time. We are praying for your sweet family. He will be missed for sure.

Cindi Christensen - July 31, 2024 at 10:39 PM

PC

“ Phillip And Donna Crocker lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Phillip and Donna Crocker - July 31, 2024 at 10:19 PM

GM

“ GAIL S Mobley lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



GAIL S Mobley - July 31, 2024 at 08:18 PM

TE

“ Tru And Ed lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Tru and Ed - July 31, 2024 at 07:49 PM

CT

“ Curtis Tyner lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Curtis Tyner - July 31, 2024 at 06:54 PM

AS

“ Our prayers and our love to all of you. We are so very sorry for your loss of Michael. He will be greatly missed.



AI & Melinda Sansbury - July 31, 2024 at 06:30 PM

AC

“ Judge Holt was by far one of the finest judges South Carolina has ever had! We will miss him greatly! Sending deepest sympathy to his family!!!

Aleksandra Chauhan - July 31, 2024 at 05:38 PM

MR

“ Michael was a stand up guy! I pray for all those that are grieving his death! He is now pain free, disease free & living eternal life

Mike Rast - July 31, 2024 at 03:50 PM

LN

“ The world will be a darker place without him.

Benjamin and Lisa Neal



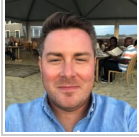
Lisa Neal - July 31, 2024 at 03:18 PM

DC

“ Debra Crowley lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Debra Crowley - July 31, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ Jay Benson lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Jay Benson - July 31, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ It was always a pleasure appearing before Judge Holt. He was a great judge and even better person. He will be missed. Prayers for the family.

Robert H. Corley - July 31, 2024 at 01:39 PM



“ To the Holt family. Sorry for your loss. May God give you all the comfort you need at this time. Prayers for the entire family!!



Funderburk family - July 31, 2024 at 01:39 PM



“ I was honored to be assigned to Michael as his court reporter when he became a Family Court Judge. He was as so easy to work for and became a good friend to me. Hated to leave him when I retired. He talked about his wife, his princess daughter and his son all the time and his love for all of you was evident. My prayers and condolences are with you all. I loved Michael!

Faye Lett - July 31, 2024 at 01:05 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Rebecca Skinner - July 31, 2024 at 12:00 PM

SG

“ *Sherry and the entire family... my heart breaks for you all. Sending my love and continued prayers for all of you. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Susan Goode - July 31, 2024 at 11:31 AM

JJ

“ *Michael ("Judge Holt" as I referred to him) was a good man. He always had a good humor in and out of the courtroom. As a judge he was always fair to those who appeared before him in Court. I appreciated his ability to be kind, patient and respectful with litigants appearing before him, even when at times they may not have been deserving. Mrs. Holt, the Holt family and Judge Holt's co-workers in the Fourth Circuit Courts have my deepest sympathy and are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Jesse S. Cartrette, Jr. - July 31, 2024 at 11:24 AM

TI

“ Tera Gibson Ivey lit a candle in memory of
The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Tera Gibson Ivey - July 31, 2024 at 11:00 AM

JC

“ James And Susan Clemons lit a candle in
memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



james and Susan Clemons - July 31, 2024 at 10:30 AM

TW

“ My heart is broken of the passing of this kind, gentle person...He was always such a caring and giving man. I witnessed this when he was just a teen as a life guard....as a mom of small active children at the pool, I dozed off...Startled when I woke of not watching my kids, he said "don't worry, I've been watching for you"..I was so embarressed, but he assured me it was ok. Since that day, I have always admire that young man, .and knew he had everyone's back...He will be greatly missed...Sending love to all, Terri

Terri Northcutt Woodham - July 31, 2024 at 10:08 AM

TH

“ *Tim Howard lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Tim Howard - July 31, 2024 at 09:34 AM

RC

“ *My deep sympathy for all those who have been left missing him, I am sorry for your loss.*



Rick Conner - July 31, 2024 at 09:25 AM

TE

“ *Michael and I knew each other long before Coker College but ended up working together there. He was such a beautiful person; smart, funny and so easy to enjoy being in his presence. Many hugs to his family and many fond memories will be held in my heart of Michael.*

Tarshia M. Edwards - July 31, 2024 at 08:52 AM

LG

“ *I always enjoyed running into Michael and chatting with him. He was smart and funny, and I admired him. He could have chosen to do many things in his professional life, and he chose to serve his community. It is deeply unfair that such a wonderful and gifted person had to leave this world so soon, but he gave so much in his time here. I will always remember him fondly. Much love to the Holt family. ❤️*

Laurin Manning Gandy - July 31, 2024 at 08:50 AM

ST

“ Sarah And Wally Turbeville lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Sarah and Wally Turbeville - July 31, 2024 at 08:34 AM



“ Oh! My heart grieves for the loss of this very most precious gentleman! Michael was one of the kindest, most compassionate and Godly gentlemen I have been blessed to know and set the platinum standard in not only the legal community, but also in life. His wonderful sense of humor brought sunshine into the lives of those, whom he encountered, and his radiant reflection of God’s Love and Light blessed all of us. Such an honor and blessing to be one of many who called him friend. Prayers for God’s Comfort to envelop his dear family and many friends.

Suzq Bridgers - July 31, 2024 at 04:11 AM

JS

Sorry to hear this ! I knew him through my Bob , God bless the family in this difficult time !

Jennie Stevens - July 31, 2024 at 07:21 AM

GH

DEAR SHERRY ALL OF OUR HEARTS IN DILLON COUNTY ARE BROKEN WE ALL LOVED AND RESPECTED JUDGE HOLT SO MUCH. WE WILL SURELY MISS HIM AND WE ALL ARE PRAYING FOR ALL OF YOU. GOD BLESS Gwen Hyatt and all from the DILLON COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE

Gwen Hyatt - August 01, 2024 at 07:12 PM

LI

“ I am very sad to hear of the passing of Judge Holt! Over my 27 1/2 years, I worked with a number of Judges and I can honestly say that Judge Holt was one of the kindest, most caring, calmest, and most understanding Judge on the bench!

Prayers are strong for his wife and children and other family in the days and weeks and months ahead. May the special memories of this great man give you all strength!!

Lisa Steward Westbury. (Gigi)

Lisa - July 31, 2024 at 12:29 AM

KB

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. May God bless you and comfort you in the days ahead. Michael was a great guy and will surely be missed by many!!

Kevin & Kathy Brandis - July 30, 2024 at 11:13 PM

MB

“ Michael was a Prince! Father, husband, Order of the Palmetto, lawyer, judge, family man of faith. No one loved South Carolina like Michael Holt. No one. All of us who knew him in law school are better for having known Michael Holt. Love and prayers to his beautiful family. I never had such good shrimp as when he had an engagement party in law school in Hartsville when he was about to marry his wife Sherry. RIP my friend. Your memory will last forever

Matt Bodman - July 30, 2024 at 10:13 PM

PJ

“ Sherry, my heart breaks for you and your children. Praying for all of you.



Pat James - July 30, 2024 at 10:06 PM

DS

“ My prayers are being sent to Judge Holt’s family. He was one of the finest men I have known. He will be truly missed.

Deputy Ken Sumner - July 30, 2024 at 09:44 PM

LN

“ My prayers will be lifting Michael’s family now and in the days to come for strength, comfort and peace.

Lynn Newsom - July 30, 2024 at 09:39 PM

BW

“ Bess & Bobby Watkins lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Bess & Bobby Watkins - July 30, 2024 at 09:38 PM

CS

“ He was a wonderful man who truly cared for people. My sympathies and prayers are with the family.

Cheryl DeBruhl Shepherd - July 30, 2024 at 09:33 PM

DS

“ Donna Sansbury lit a candle in memory of
The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Donna Sansbury - July 30, 2024 at 09:25 PM

KL

“ To this precious family, what wonderful memories to hold forever in
your heart. Michael loved his family and showed
It proudly. God has a plan for each of us while on this earth. Praying
today for each of you during this time as well as the days ahead.
Always know your family is special to so many people in Hartsville.
Much love and hugs

Kathy Lawhon - July 30, 2024 at 09:07 PM

EB

“ Eric Bass lit a candle in memory of The Hon.
Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Eric Bass - July 30, 2024 at 07:39 PM



“ Tom Meares lit a candle in memory of The
Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Tom Meares - July 30, 2024 at 07:26 PM

JM

“ *Julia Melton lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Julia Melton - July 30, 2024 at 07:21 PM

PT

“ *Phyleshia Tinsley lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Phyleshia Tinsley - July 30, 2024 at 07:20 PM

LL

“ *Prayers for peace and comfort for this sweet family
Today and the days to come*



Lawrence & Cindy Lowe - July 30, 2024 at 07:19 PM

JS

“ *Condolences & prayers for the Holt family during this time. A life taken way too soon.*



james stewart - July 30, 2024 at 07:11 PM

CK

“ He was my lawyer in my divorce. Since then I’ve remarried and been married for 20 years. When having trouble with my ex husband paying child support etc he always listened to me fuss and complain. But one thing he told me I have never forgotten and I have told to others in the same situation. He told me, “You picked him”. It was true and I couldn’t argue with him. He was a good man and an honor to know him.

Crystal Kelly - July 30, 2024 at 06:58 PM

GG

“ Michael was one of the sweetest most genuine gentlemen! Hartsville has known! Our love and Prayers are with his family and friends!



Gene and Teresa Gibson - July 30, 2024 at 06:53 PM

GO

“ So sorry to hear about Michael. May you find comfort in God's love in the days ahead



Grady L O'Neal - July 30, 2024 at 06:48 PM

CN

“ Sorry to hear of Michael. We use to jog in the early morning hours together at the Y years ago. Praying for the family during this difficult time.



Chris and Rhonda Norton - July 30, 2024 at 06:38 PM

MB

“ Will always remember Michael and his years as mayor.He so enjoyed that time,and his time as JUDGE..Will be missed by so many.Thought and prayers to the family



Martha T Bryant - July 30, 2024 at 06:30 PM

KS

“ Kathy Sheffield sent a virtual gift in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Kathy Sheffield - July 30, 2024 at 06:27 PM

DZ

“ My heart goes out to him and his wonderful family. In this time of profound loss, I pray that they find peace and solace. The world has lost an exceptional man, and heaven has gained a noble soul. His absence leaves a void that words cannot fill, yet his legacy of kindness and love will continue to inspire us all.

Dave Zanoni - July 30, 2024 at 06:09 PM

CS

“ judge Michael Holt was a very caring person he always remembered me ever time when I had to go for a treatment before court,i will truly miss him

Cooper Lee Segars - July 30, 2024 at 06:08 PM

AB

“ Bill and I are so very saddened to hear about Michael. Please know we are praying for everyone but celebrate in the many lives Michael touched. May God bless you and keep you.

Anne Chaplin Braddock - July 30, 2024 at 06:03 PM

KM

“ Kathy McFarland lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Kathy McFarland - July 30, 2024 at 05:59 PM

PM

“ Jack, Carole, and all the Holt Family- Words escape us, as we mourn the loss of Judge Michael Holt...we are sure he lived his life with dignity and honor , exactly, as he approached his duties as a Circuit Court Judge. His character is irreplaceable, felt by the citizens of this state, but mostly , his dear sweet family. We are saddened for everyone! God Bless the Holt Family, and comfort them , now, and in the days ahead □ Peter and Lucy McCoy

Peter and Lucy McCoy - July 30, 2024 at 05:51 PM

AN

“ Love and prayers to Michael's beautiful family. Love, Anna



AnnaWilliams - July 30, 2024 at 05:39 PM

CB

“ Tom and I are so very sorry for your loss. We have known the Holt family since we moved to Hartsville. We lived in the same neighborhood & went to the same church for a number of years. Michael was a fine man and will be greatly missed. All of you have our deepest sympathy and will keep you in our prayers. Love,
Cecelia

Cecelia D Brown - July 30, 2024 at 05:27 PM

KJ

“ Kathi G. Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Kathi G. Johnson - July 30, 2024 at 05:13 PM

MJ

“ My Condolences to his family. So sorry to hear of his passing!

Mark Jordan - July 30, 2024 at 04:53 PM

HG

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of such a wonderful man. Michael was a dear friend and one of the finest Southern Gentlemen my late husband Gene and I ever knew. Love and prayers for the family and all Michael's friends.

Heather Simmons Griffith - July 30, 2024 at 04:37 PM

SD

“ To the Holt Family: May the grace of God be with you always. May the peace of God be upon you always. May the love of God be in you always. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

- Sharlayne Donnelly (SC Judicial Branch-Office of Human Resources)

Sharlayne Donnelly - July 30, 2024 at 04:36 PM

SF

“ Susan Brown And Family lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Susan Brown and family - July 30, 2024 at 04:34 PM

SG

“ I've known Michael since he was in 8th grade at HJHS. He was a wonderful person who loved the Lord, family and The Gamecocks. Sherry may God wrap his arms around you and the family to get you through these hard times. Praying for you and family!

Sandy Gaskins - July 30, 2024 at 04:32 PM

BH

“ My deepest sympathy and sincere thoughts and prayers for Judge Holt's precious family. May you all find heavenly peace and comfort in the days ahead. Gone too soon.



Bobbie Huggins - July 30, 2024 at 04:29 PM

DD

“ So very sorry for your loss. Prayer's for this family.



Darlene Davis - July 30, 2024 at 04:29 PM

TG

“ I know our boys are up there ridiculing someone secretly - probably us. I'm glad they're together, just wish it could've been in 40 years. Much love to you all. 🙏❤️

The Gardners - July 30, 2024 at 04:07 PM

AG

“ Sherry and family,I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers.Angie Gainey

Angie Gainey - July 30, 2024 at 03:59 PM

CH

“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers. He was such a kind and sweet friend.

Cindy Harrell - July 30, 2024 at 03:46 PM

KD

“ KEISHA KNOX DAVIS lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



KEISHA KNOX DAVIS - July 30, 2024 at 03:44 PM

KD

HE WOULD ALWAYS GIVE ME A HUG AND ASK WAS EVERYTHING OK WITH ME .HE REALLY SHOWED IS CARE FOR MY KNOX FAMILY SWEET SOUL...

KEISHA KNOX DAVIS - July 30, 2024 at 03:46 PM

RB

“ Randy Byrd lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Randy Byrd - July 30, 2024 at 03:40 PM

KR

“ Jack and Carol so sorry to hear about Michael. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.



Kathryn Roscoe - July 30, 2024 at 03:40 PM

JJ

“ John Johnson lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



john johnson - July 30, 2024 at 03:36 PM

AW

“Michael and I had a long talk when he came and voted at TB THOMAS on June 11th; I work for county elections around my job as a small church pastor and a senior care and hospital chaplain, and on election days I manage that precinct for my neighbors. His ballot jammed the scanner when he brought it up to be processed (it happens), and I had to unlock the machine and go into the ballot box and unjam it and issue him another ballot. That always takes a minute yo correct. I said, “Michael stand here while I do this. In this day and age of suspicion, I need a circuit judge overseeing this process, so I don’t end up being chased around tonight by Tonya Brown and WPDE.” He laughed. We then reminisced about our childhoods in Club Colony. He said he’d been going through scrapbooks at his mom’s recently and I was at every birthday party of his or David’s there was until high school. He always said he was proud of my seminary attendance and subsequent graduation and was so grateful for all I did to help the addicted that he so often had to deal with in criminal court. I dug in hard and helped him get elected to the mayor’s office in Hartsville, and I dug in even harder I, not much later, over in Columbia to help him get elected by the SC General Assembly to the SC Family Court later. In a twist of irony, he oversaw my wife, Amy’s, divorce case over 8 years ago. Most are aware that it was a doozy, and was so very mentally and physically abusive, and he always told me how glad he was that we found each other and that “sweet Amy” was free of all of the needless mayhem and danger she endured. He was a decent and kind man. My prayers are with Sherry and the children, and with Jack and Carol, his wonderful parents that I have known for a lifetime, as well as with his brother, David. MSH always pulled for me, and I will always be grateful for that. He was a part of TEAM ANDY from day one, when God and I decided to change my life trajectory 15 years ago. Blessings, Andy Williams (And a very grateful Amy W. Williams).

Andy Williams - July 30, 2024 at 03:34 PM

RS

“ *Rae Sessoms lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Rae Sessoms - July 30, 2024 at 03:27 PM

BD

“ *To all the family, I offer my heartfelt, sincerest condolences. Michael was indeed a remarkable, precious young man. I always appreciated his beautiful smile and his warm greetings.*

Beverley Dodson - July 30, 2024 at 03:20 PM

PS

“ *There are really no words to express the great feeling of loss. Michael was just such a nice guy. I always have had the highest regard for him and respected him. Please know we are here for you Sherry, Shea, Annabelle, as well as his patents and his brother. It was a blessing to have known him and I am heartbroken for your family. Love Dan and Priscilla Smith and Sarah Myers*

priscilla smith - July 30, 2024 at 03:18 PM

TR

“ *Condolences to the family of judge Holt. It was an honor to get to meet him such a kind person.*



Tanya R - July 30, 2024 at 03:18 PM

RG

“ *My sincere condolences. Thoughts and prayers for all his family.* ”



Richard Galloway - July 30, 2024 at 03:17 PM

JG

“ *Very sorry to hear this. Prayers for family and friends.* ”



Jeff Galloway - July 30, 2024 at 03:10 PM

AL

“ *Angie Darnell Lesando lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.* ”



Angie Darnell Lesando - July 30, 2024 at 03:08 PM

FS

“ *We were so very sorry to learn of the loss of your precious Michael. Our thoughts and prayers for all of the Holt family in the days to come for comfort and peace with our love.* ”



Faye Stinson - July 30, 2024 at 03:08 PM

MH

My heart and prayers for Sherry and all of Michael's family. It always made me feel so good to see him around town with a smile on his face. He will be missed. ❤️🙏

Mary Holland - July 30, 2024 at 03:22 PM

JN

*“ Michael was a great guy and was always so pleasant to talk to. He will be missed. His family is in our thoughts and prayers .
Jay & Ann Nester*

Jay & Ann Nester - July 30, 2024 at 02:57 PM

DT

*“ Dvae Thompson lit a candle in memory of
The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Dvae Thompson - July 30, 2024 at 02:55 PM

SC

“ I've known Michael since elementary school and he was a wonderful person and will be missed greatly. Praying for all.



Susan Clemmons - July 30, 2024 at 02:49 PM

LS

“ Jack, Carol and all of Michael's family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time and the days to come. Rest assured that God is with you now and will never leave you or forsake you 🙏

Lavonde Smith - July 30, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ *My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with your family. I was a Guardian ad Litem in Dillon County, and I came to know and respect Judge Holt so very much. He cared about the children and always did what he felt was in their best interest. Heaven has gained a true Angel.*



Vicki Fowler - July 30, 2024 at 02:46 PM

CM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the families. Such a wonderful person to know and be friends with.* ❤️🙏🙏

Charles McLendon - July 30, 2024 at 02:46 PM

TT

“ *Tommy A Thomas lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Tommy A Thomas - July 30, 2024 at 02:40 PM

TT

“ *Traci M Teal lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Traci M Teal - July 30, 2024 at 02:36 PM

BS

“ *Bill & Melissa Sherrill lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Bill & Melissa Sherrill - July 30, 2024 at 02:33 PM

PS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Holt family. Sending love and prayers. Pam*

Pam Sansbury - July 30, 2024 at 02:32 PM

TK

“ *My prayers and sincere condolences to the entire Holt family, Michael truly was one of the " good guys " and he was this way to everyone! The HHS class of 1988 has lost a classmate and friend and he will be missed. Much love and prayers of comfort for his wife, Sherry , their two children, his wonderful parents, siblings, friends and loved ones. Lean on our Heavenly Father for peace and comfort , that only He can give, during this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Tonya Jernigan Kirven*

Tonya Kirven - July 30, 2024 at 02:31 PM

PW

“ *Sherry and family,
Len and I want to send our deepest sympathy and love to you during this time of the loss of such a wonderful, smart, sweet man and friend. We will be praying for your family and for comfort for all of you during the days ahead. Michael will be missed by all who knew and loved him! Sending much love your way!!!*

Phyllis and Len Watson - July 30, 2024 at 02:31 PM

DT

“ *Debbie Talbert lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Debbie Talbert - July 30, 2024 at 02:27 PM

RN

“ *Your loss is not measurable, our loss will be felt forever. Sarah Frances , Stephen and Dick send our sincerest sympathy and deepest condolences. Nall family*



Richard Nall - July 30, 2024 at 02:26 PM

ES

“ *Effie Smith lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Effie smith - July 30, 2024 at 02:24 PM

 Deon Gibson

“ *I remember being in homeroom with Michael since we were in junior high. Always such a nice guy . Prayers for you all.*

Deon Gibson - July 30, 2024 at 02:15 PM

JG

“ *Jewel Gibson lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Jewel Gibson - July 30, 2024 at 02:15 PM

SC

“ *Shannon Munn Casey lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Shannon Munn Casey - July 30, 2024 at 02:11 PM

SC

Michael was a true gentleman and a good person. Sending prayers to the family and the community. He loved Hartsville and tried to make it the best it could be.

Shannon Munn Casey - July 30, 2024 at 02:15 PM

SF

“ *Michael Holt was truly one of the good guys. His loss will leave a huge void in Hartsville and the surrounding communities. We will miss our friend.*
Sending heartfelt condolences to the family, loved ones, and all the friends.
Love, Fergie

Scott Ferguson - July 30, 2024 at 02:04 PM

RH

“ Michael was one of the finest people I have ever known. I was pleased and honored that he took my place on the circuit bench. After I retired I loved spending time with him when he held court in Chesterfield. He and I had a lot of similar interests and I enjoyed keeping up with him . He will surely be missed. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of his family.

Roger Henderson - July 30, 2024 at 01:59 PM

HO

“ Hartsville Magistrates Office lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Hartsville Magistrates Office - July 30, 2024 at 01:53 PM

JD

“ Prayers lifted for this family . May God wrap his loving arms around them during this time of loss. Michael will be missed !



Jennie DeWitt - July 30, 2024 at 01:52 PM

JU

“ Jean Underberg lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Jean Underberg - July 30, 2024 at 01:51 PM

DG

“ *Deborah Gandy lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Deborah Gandy - July 30, 2024 at 01:50 PM

PG

“ *Praying for comfort for you all. May the Lord wrap His mighty arms around you all.* 🙏❤️

Phyllis Griggs - July 30, 2024 at 01:49 PM

JS

“ *Johnny And Sharon Sturdivant lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Johnny and Sharon Sturdivant - July 30, 2024 at 01:49 PM

JP

“ *A wonderful man! Prayers to his family!*

Jessica Peavy - July 30, 2024 at 01:48 PM

CF

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Michael was a great guy and always took the time to chat with me when we saw each other on the streets. God bless you and your family*

Christine Fusco - July 30, 2024 at 01:48 PM

WG

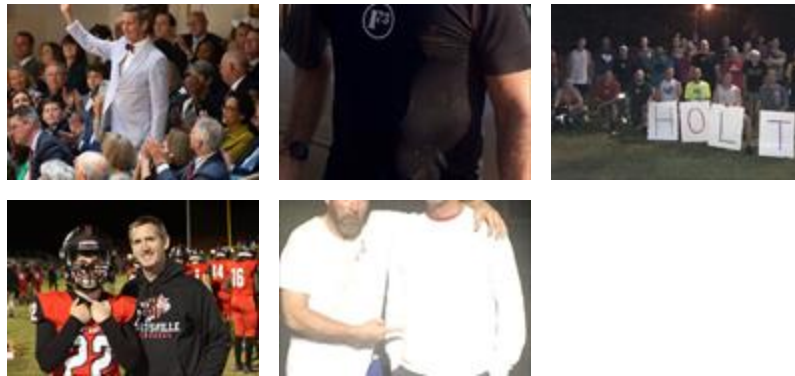
“ *To the Family:
We are so sorry for your loss. Judge Holt was one of the finest people that we had the pleasure of knowing. He was a blessing to those he served and will be missed. We are lifting prayers for this Family.*



William and Jean Gullede - July 30, 2024 at 01:48 PM



“ *5 files added to the album Nanny*



Martin Driggers - July 30, 2024 at 01:46 PM

AH

“ *Allen Holloman lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Allen Holloman - July 30, 2024 at 01:45 PM

BB

“ *Billy Byrd lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Billy Byrd - July 30, 2024 at 01:44 PM

DN

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God's love comfort.*



Dan and Kathy Newsome - July 30, 2024 at 01:41 PM

AB

“ *Amy Blackburn lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Amy Blackburn - July 30, 2024 at 01:39 PM

MH

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. Praying for the family*



Martha Mixon Hall - July 30, 2024 at 01:33 PM

TS

“ Sherry and Family...I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your wonderful husband/father...praying for you and yours during this difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏

Tania Shields - July 30, 2024 at 01:28 PM

GE

“ Greta Elliotte lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Greta Elliotte - July 30, 2024 at 01:26 PM

TR

“ Tammie And Leroy Robinson lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Tammie and Leroy Robinson - July 30, 2024 at 01:26 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Stephens lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.



Rhonda Stephens - July 30, 2024 at 01:25 PM

NT

Jack, Carol and family I am so sorry to hear this. I pray God's healing on you all in the coming days.

Nancy Tyner - July 30, 2024 at 01:51 PM

DN

“ *love, peace and blessings during this most difficult time, from all of the Malone family in NC, SC and Florida*

Daniel Malone, Concord NC - July 30, 2024 at 01:20 PM

DM

Daniel Malone, Concord NC

Daniel Malone - July 30, 2024 at 01:20 PM

JH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all*



Jamie and Phil Hodges - July 30, 2024 at 01:17 PM

MK

“ *Melissa Hall King lit a candle in memory of The Hon. Michael Shea Holt Sr.*



Melissa Hall King - July 30, 2024 at 01:15 PM