



Mr. Orian Devon "Poncho" Byrd

October 28, 1951 - December 17, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that the Byrd family announces the death of Mr. Orian Devon "Poncho" Byrd, 74.

Mr. Byrd entered into rest on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A graveside funeral service to honor his life will be held at 2 o'clock on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, in Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Cemetery, with The Rev. Cory Byrd officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. The family requests that funeral attire be casual.

Mr. Byrd was born on Sunday, October 28, 1951, in Florence, SC. He is the son of Helen Griggs Byrd and the late Orian Perry Byrd. Devon grew up in the Hartsville area adjacent to Byrdtown. He attended Antioch Elementary School and graduated from Hartsville High School. He played baseball during his school years, and after high school, played slow-pitch softball before transitioning to golf. He enjoyed deer hunting for many years, hunting with his father, brothers, cousins, and later with his son, nephews, grandsons, and sons-in-law.

Devon had a large extended family on both his father's and mother's sides,

and he loved and was loved by many cousins, aunts, and uncles. Devon's nickname "Poncho" came from his father in honor of a service buddy. He worked in textiles for 25 years, providing for his family, and later worked in various fields, including owning his own trucking company, "Poncho's Trucking". After retirement, he enjoyed spending time on the farm with his cousins, Pete, Jeff, and Luke Byrd. His children were his pride and joy, but his grandchildren were his heart's delight. He constantly provided trusted advice, which was always well-received and appreciated.

He is survived by his loving wife, Darlene Godfrey Byrd; son, Troy (Marci) Byrd of Society Hill, SC; daughters, Michelle (Arnie) Martin of Society Hill, SC, April (Gus Snipes) Byrd of Hartsville, SC, Brooke (TJ Smith) Byrd of Society Hill, SC; mother, Helen Griggs Byrd; brother, Myron (Lisa) Byrd; nephews, Corbitt (Mona) Griffin, Erick Byrd, Brandon (Amy) Byrd, Corey (Kristin) Byrd; grandchildren, Jacob (Chapel) Stevens, Hannah Stevens, Dristian (Sarah) Byrd, Katherine Snipes, Vena (Tucker) Snipes, Augustus Snipes, Dalton (Karlee) Byrd, Seth Byrd, Gracelyn Smith, Brennan Smith; great-grandchildren, Vaylee Stevens, Maggie Stevens, and Dalainey Byrd.

In addition to his father, Orian Perry Byrd, he was preceded in death by his brother, Marvis (Daphine) Byrd; sister, Martina (Bill) Griffin; and niece, Casey Byrd.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Cemetery
1652 Mt. Olivet Church Road
Patrick, SC 29584

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Family, so very sorry for your GREAT LOSS. Cousin Poncho was one of a kind who you will always remember. We shared may a time together while growing up and weekends hunting. We shared many times playing golf with our cousins from NC & GA. We also had many other adventures with Pete & Travis. Cherish all your memories and keep them in your heart. May our God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.



Allen Byrd - December 30, 2025 at 01:04 PM

JS

“ Juanita Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orian Devon "Poncho" Byrd



Juanita Scott - December 24, 2025 at 05:16 PM

MC

“ Michelle Caddell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Orian Devon "Poncho" Byrd



Michelle Caddell - December 22, 2025 at 03:35 PM

RM

“ So sorry to hear about Devon passing. Love and prayers for the family.

Rita Byrd Mathis

Rita Mathis - December 22, 2025 at 02:05 PM

GB

“ Although we were not that close, close enough to keep you and family in my prayers. Your cousin Glenn.

Glenn Byrd - December 22, 2025 at 08:46 AM

LH

“ Leland And Kathy Huggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Orian Devon "Poncho" Byrd



Leland and Kathy Huggins - December 21, 2025 at 04:06 PM

AB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



April Byrd - December 21, 2025 at 09:00 AM

SG

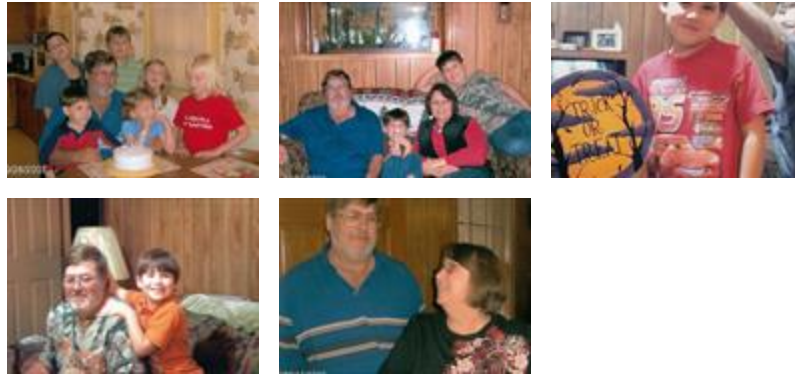
“ Love and prayers to your family.
Sylvester & Margaret Helen Griggs



Sylvester & Margaret Griggs - December 20, 2025 at 07:51 PM

AB

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



April Byrd - December 20, 2025 at 07:46 PM

TB

“ Troy, Arnie and family I extend my deepest sympathies on the passing of Devon.
May the GOOD LORD continue to bless you all during this difficult time.

Tommy Bradshaw - December 20, 2025 at 06:56 PM

JC

“ Jimmy Cross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orián Devon "Poncho" Byrd



Jimmy Cross - December 20, 2025 at 06:51 PM

AB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



April Byrd - December 20, 2025 at 02:57 PM

AB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



April Byrd - December 20, 2025 at 01:30 PM

BH

“ Prayers for all of the family.
Poncho was a good guy every time I was around he he always was asking how Brenda Gail was as well as me .Know he will be missed greatly by all the Byrd family as well as Society Hill



Brenda and John Horton - December 20, 2025 at 12:29 PM

BM

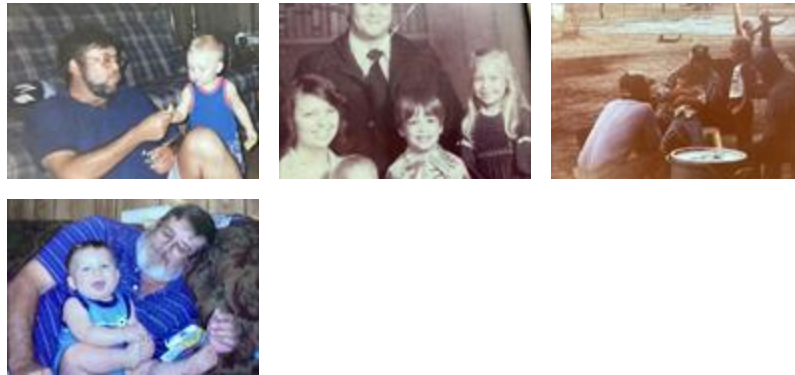
“ *Sincerest condolences to all.*

Billy and Jo-Ann Matthews

Billy and Jo-Ann Matthews - December 20, 2025 at 12:26 PM

AB

“ *Dad with family*



April Byrd - December 20, 2025 at 10:57 AM

DG

Darlene & Family, We were so saddened to hear of the passing of Devon. We share such precious memories!! May God grant you peace and comfort during this time as well as the weeks, months & years to come. Cherish the memories!!! Debra & Ted Griffin

Debra Chapman Griffin - December 20, 2025 at 04:21 PM

CH

“ *Christine Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orian Devon "Poncho" Byrd*



Christine Huggins - December 19, 2025 at 10:51 PM

JM

“ *Sending prayers and sincere condolences to the Byrd family at this time May God comfort and keep you now and always*

Janet Merriman - December 19, 2025 at 10:45 PM

JM

“ *Janet Merriman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Orian Devon "Poncho" Byrd*



Janet Merriman - December 19, 2025 at 10:41 PM