



Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase

October 31, 1931 - January 6, 2026

Ralph Curtis Wase, 94, of Hartsville, South Carolina, went home to be with the Lord on January 6, 2026.

Born on October 31, 1931, Ralph was the beloved son of James and Margaret Wase.

He lived a life marked by faith, kindness, service, and a genuine love for people. Ralph devoted 43 years of service to Sonoco, where he built lasting friendships and earned the respect of colleagues. He was a proud member of the Old Timers Club, cherishing the camaraderie it provided. A faithful and longtime member of the First Church of the Nazarene, Ralph served in many roles throughout the years. His faith was not only something he professed but something he lived daily. His greatest passion was caring for others—visiting, encouraging, and praying with those in hospitals, nursing homes, and families grieving the loss of loved ones. He faithfully served as a Chaplain at Carolina Pines Hospital for 23 years, touching countless lives through compassion and prayer.

Ralph was known for his joyful spirit and active lifestyle. He was an avid golfer, especially admired for his putting game, and a graceful dancer who taught dance lessons. He enjoyed working out at the YMCA, followed by a cup of coffee, where he welcomed everyone who entered—always ready with

a smile, conversation, and encouragement.

He is survived by his loving children, daughter Terry Brown (Pat) and son Johnny Wase (Leslie) of Florence; grandchildren Will Brown (Becca), Drew Brown, Kendall Wase, and Emily Wase; and great-granddaughter Riley Brown. He is also survived by his sister, Diane Watson of Garden City, a special niece, Terry King, who helped him in so many ways and meant more to him than words can express, and other nieces and nephews who held a special place in his heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Charles Wase and Martin “Buddy” Wase; and his sisters, Louise O’Neal, Dorothy Rakestraw, and Patricia Haynes.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held on Friday, January 9, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Magnolia Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692, or the charity of one’s choice.

Ralph will be remembered as a man of deep faith, gentle strength, and unwavering kindness—a servant of God whose life was devoted to loving, encouraging, and praying for others.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 383-3004

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Brown Pennington Atkins Funeral Home
306 West Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550
info@bpafuneralhome.com
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

Graveside

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Magnolia Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - January 08 at 12:15 PM

DR

He was always so kind and gentle. A godly man who loved all and never met a stranger. I know you are rejoicing with the Lord now. Go rest high on that mountain 💕.

Debbie Richardson - January 09 at 07:35 PM

TW

“ *Ralph was a good man and dedicated friend throughout the years. Ralph loved the Lord and he loved others. He was an example of dedication and loyalty in every aspect of his life. He will be missed.*



Travis and Marilyn Walters - January 14 at 05:57 PM

R)

“ *My Deepest condolences to Ralph Wase Family,
We were cousins his Mom was my Dad's Sister
Ralph was one of a kind person always thinking of others
Sincerely
Rachel Jones Byerly*

Rachel Byerly (Ralph Wase cousin) - January 10 at 04:00 PM

LT

“ So sorry to hear about Ralph. He was the best, smoothest skater and the best dancer I have had the privilege of knowing. You could always find him visiting the sick and lifting up prayers for them. Ralph was truly a Christian man. Sending thoughts and prayers for the family.



Linda Thompson - January 10 at 03:20 PM

CB

“ Our deepest sympathy to Ralph’s family. He was a delightful Southern gentleman, good golfer, great dancer, and fine Christian man. I have heard many people say how much they appreciated his visits in the hospital & him praying with them. I met Ralph about 45 years ago on the golf course. We were often put on the same scramble team, & we always had a good time. Love, Cecelia & Tom Brown

Cecelia Brown - January 09 at 10:44 AM

LW

“ Letitia Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Letitia Ward - January 09 at 09:08 AM



“ Oh my we sure lost a good one Mr Ralph was a good man with a good heart he served the Lord and others I know he is dancing in heaven with those who were waiting on him we will miss him but remember all the good times we had praying for his family love y'all



Crystal Minnehan - January 08 at 10:39 PM

DP

“ MR.Ralph was a very good friend ❤️- Disir from Project Search in Carolina Pines Hospital



Disir Judah Plummer - January 08 at 07:37 PM

SM

“ I have known Ralph for a long time my family lived across the street from his family .Ralph was a wonderful person he always visit my mama when she was in the hospital.Ralph will be missed.Prayers to Diane and family.

Sydney Powell Minneci - January 08 at 04:26 PM

KS

“ Karen Caulder Swett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Karen Caulder Swett - January 08 at 03:18 PM

JK

“ *My condolences to Ralph’s family. He was a special person and I am grateful to have known him.*



Jofrieda Kelley - January 08 at 02:58 PM

DH

Ralph was a fine Christian man and a perfect Southern gentleman. He dearly loved his family. My prayers and deepest sympathies are with his family.

Donna Nell Harrington - January 08 at 04:31 PM

MS

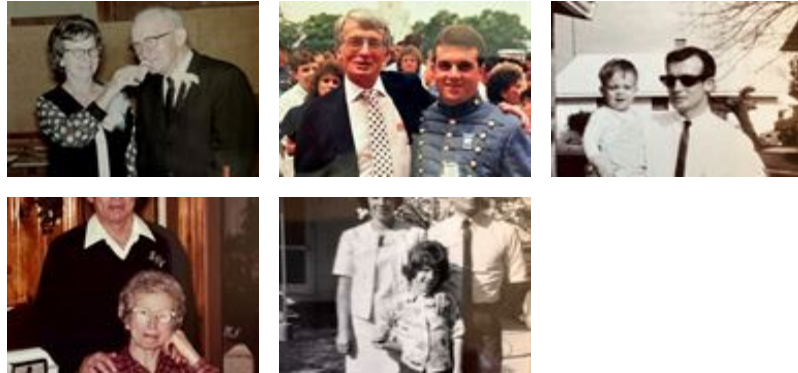
“ *Dearest Family,
We are so very sorry for your loss of such a dear man. So glad I got to see him at our church barbecue a few months ago, and went to sit with him. We reminisced about the golden years when he and my Grandmama danced “The Charleston” together at the Sonoco Old Timers’ Picnic. Both of them took home the prize! We also talked about how beautiful of a roller skater he was. He floated around that skating rink, while everyone just watched in awe! Mr. Wase was such a gentleman, a child of God, and we were so lucky to have had the pleasure of knowing him. Love and prayers to all of you!*



Melinda & Al Sansbury - January 08 at 01:18 PM



“ 23 files added to the album Life Tributes



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - January 08 at 12:11 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Wase. I was one of his kids that grew up with him at Petty's Skate Arena. I have kept up with him through the years. He was a sweet special man that I think alot of. He came to see my mom in her final days and he told her, you know Angie will always be one of my girls. Johnny, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.
Angie Bateman McLaughlin

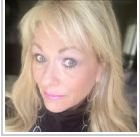
Angie McLaughlin - January 08 at 10:33 AM



“ Mike & Pat Sparrow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Mike & Pat Sparrow - January 07 at 10:37 PM



“ When I served as the Administrative Rep for the Volunteer Chaplain Program at Carolina Pines, I could call Ralph anytime to ask if he would come to the hospital to pray with patients, family members or staff. He would always come right away. His presence was always so reassuring and comforting. Although he was not tall in stature, he was a giant in so many ways. He was such a fine Christian gentleman, and it was a blessing to know him. Sending sincere condolences to his family. 🙏❤️🙏

Harriet Parker - January 07 at 10:07 PM

SH

“ I loved seeing Mr. Ralph when I walk into the Y early each morning. He and Mr. Bill were such good “greeters.” He will be greatly missed by all of us! I’m sure he was greeted in heaven with the words, “Welcome home, thy good and faithful servant.” Sharon Sturdivant

Sharon - January 07 at 09:15 PM

CD

“ Caroline Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Caroline Dixon - January 07 at 07:34 PM

SF

“ Steve And Gail Funderburk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Steve and Gail Funderburk - January 07 at 06:39 PM

JS

“ *Jerry Sumner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase*



Jerry Sumner - January 07 at 05:08 PM

JS

I never knew a finer a man than Ralph. To call him a lifetime friend would be huge understatement. Good times, here was there. Sad times, he was the first in line. A devout Christian, he truly lived the life. To all survivors in his family, there was truly a Saint in your midst. To know him was a privilege

Jerry Sumner - January 07 at 05:21 PM

BM

“ *Sincerest condolences to all the families. A truly wonderful man serving g his Lord and many people in Jesus' name. He will be truly missed.*



Billy and Jo-Ann Matthews - January 07 at 12:51 PM

SF

“ *Sandra Flynn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase*



Sandra Flynn - January 07 at 11:53 AM

PM

“ A kind, generous man. Back in the mid-1990's I had lost my job just before Christmas! Being the single breadwinner for my family with small children I was very upset & very down. As the days came closer to Christmas, I was very uncertain of what Christmas morning would be for our children. A few days before Christmas, about 6:30 in the evening came an unexpected knock on our door. As I opened the door, there stood Mr Ralph with an envelope, several hundred dollars, with simple instruction, Merry Christmas, buy those beautiful children their Christmas! My heart was full & my burden was lifted! Mr Ralph, Thank You & I'll never forget your very kind gesture!! Thanks for your Love & Charity! -Perry Morris

Perry Morris - January 07 at 11:18 AM

JC

“ When I think of Ralph, I think of quiet strength, kindness, and faithfulness. He was always such an encouragement to me when our paths would cross, especially in chaplain and ministry settings. He made a difference for so many!

Joey Colson - January 07 at 10:02 AM

ES

“ Everyone will miss not seeing him at the hospital . He was such a blessing to so many . Sending prayers to his family .

Effie Smith - January 07 at 10:00 AM

ES

“ Effie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Effie Smith - January 07 at 09:56 AM

SE

“ *Sam & Judy Elgin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase*



Sam & Judy Elgin - January 07 at 08:12 AM

HB

“ *Howard Barfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase*



Howard Barfield - January 07 at 08:01 AM

BM

“ *Ralph was everything written in his obituary. He was a friend of mine for many years and he will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of being in his life. Prayers to the members of his family.*

Butch McKenzie - January 07 at 07:38 AM

LS

“ *So sorry about your loss Dianne and to your entire family. Lots of good memories. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Larry Stewart - January 07 at 07:34 AM

LE

“ *Larry And Jen Easterling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase*



Larry And Jen Easterling - January 07 at 06:43 AM

RH

“ *I love Mr.Ralph! He would come into Carolina Lunch on Saturday mornings. He was always so sweet. He would kiss me on the cheek and tell me he loved me before he left. We always worried when he didn't come in. He always stayed happy and kind. He knew he was destined to be with the Lord. He reminded me so much of my great grandfather. Saturdays won't be the same without him and he will be dearly missed.*

Robin Hunter - January 07 at 05:50 AM

WW

“ *My condolences and prayers to all the the family. Ralph will be remembered by all who knew him.*



wittie Waldron - January 07 at 02:45 AM

DS

“ *David And Rae Lee Sessoms lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase*



David and Rae Lee Sessoms - January 06 at 11:53 PM

JA

“ Jimmy L Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Jimmy L Andrews - January 06 at 11:07 PM

GO

“ Such a remarkable person to be around. He's gonna be missed. Prayers for the family



Grady O'Neal - January 06 at 11:04 PM

RC

“ Ruth Dixon Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Ruth Dixon Campbell - January 06 at 10:25 PM

BG

“ So sorry to hear about Ralph. He was a fine Christian man. Prayers for peace and comfort.

🙏❤️ Bess Gore

Bess Gore - January 06 at 09:45 PM

BT

“ Bobby & Diane Watson Thompson lit a candle
in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Bobby & Diane Watson Thompson - January 06 at 09:32 PM

BT

“ Terry and Johnny, so sorry to hear of Uncle
Ralph's passing. I have always loved him. He
was one of the sweetest men I ever ever
known. I was proud to call him my uncle. He
was truly a man of God. Uncle Ralph was
loved by everyone who knew him. . He will be missed by many.
Love & prayers.



Bobby & Diane Watson Thompson - January 06 at 09:30 PM

AM

“ Our sincere condolences to all his family. He
will be truly missed. Randy and Amy Mixon



Amy Mixon - January 06 at 09:26 PM

PB

“ Pat & Moon Bazen lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Pat & Moon Bazen - January 06 at 09:19 PM

LG

“ *Lisa And Michael Goodale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase*



Lisa and Michael Goodale - January 06 at 08:59 PM

MH

“ *Martha Mixon Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase*



Martha Mixon Hall - January 06 at 08:58 PM

CJ

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr Ralph's passing. He was one of the kindest men that I have known. He would come and visit my father every day when he was in the hospital, and always left us with a prayer. My first memories of Mr Ralph was as a guard at Petty skating rink. He was by far the smoothest skater there. I know he will be greatly missed, but he is forever rejoicing in Heaven. Much love and prayers for the family. Randall and Cheryl Johnson*

Cheryl Johnson - January 06 at 08:53 PM

RA

“ *Ralph was a true servant of God. He was a faithful visitor at Carolina Pines and a friend to all. You are in our prayers. Robin and George Atkins*

Robin Atkins - January 06 at 08:24 PM

LL

“ I'll never forget being in the hospital and Mr Ralph coming everyday to visit and pray with me It meant so much to me What a wonderful Christian Godly man, prayers for his family, What a blessing he was to every one he touched ❤️🙏



Lawrence & Cindy Lowe - January 06 at 08:12 PM

AH

“ Rest easy and FLY HIGH Uncle Ralph! I love you! We will all miss you!



Allen Haynes - January 06 at 08:07 PM

CA

“ Mr Ralph will be greatly missed. He was always smiling and giving hugs and telling you about Jesus.

Chellie Atkinson - January 06 at 08:00 PM

T(

“ Ralph was a awesome uncle he will be missed prayers for his family love to all ❤️🇺🇸



Tammy Haynes (Withrow) - January 06 at 08:00 PM

SH

“ *Sandra And Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase*



Sandra and Larry Huggins - January 06 at 07:53 PM

FB

“ *Praying for all of the family. A great Christian man.*

Fran BaileyLangley - January 06 at 07:36 PM

BM

“ *Sorry to see this. Ralph was a wonderful man. He was such a blessing to patients at CPRMC. He kept going until the end.*

Bob and Becky McWatty - January 06 at 07:33 PM

JB

“ *Ralph was a great servant of God. He never missed talking and praying for you. Our loss is for sure heaven's gain. Love in Christ.*

Janelle and Walter Britt - January 06 at 07:32 PM

CC

“ *Nobody like Mr. Ralph. He will be missed.*

Christel Copeland - January 06 at 07:25 PM

JG

“ Jimmy And Judy Gainey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Jimmy and Judy Gainey - January 06 at 07:22 PM

JG

He was truly one of the best men we have ever known. Loved him like a brother.

Jimmy and Judy Gainey - January 06 at 07:23 PM

RF

“ He was so sweet to my mom when she was in Carolina pines a few years ago. A fine man.
Condolences to the family especially my old friend Terry his daughter

rhonda fink - January 06 at 07:17 PM

DA

“ Mr Ralph was a true servant of God. I use to be in the hospital a lot and each time I was there he would visit me daily. He never missed a visit. He always ended the visit with a prayer. I enjoyed talking about God and golf with him. every year we exchanged Christmas cards. I am so sorry for your loss. He will truly be missed.

Derry Atkinson - January 06 at 07:06 PM

CG

“ *Connee Gamble Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase*



Connee Gamble Grantham - January 06 at 07:04 PM

SC

“ *Susan Braddock Clemmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase*



Susan Braddock Clemmons - January 06 at 06:41 PM

JG

“ *Very sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. He was a genuinely kind and caring person and will be missed. Prayers for the family.*



Jeff Galloway - January 06 at 06:26 PM

CT

“ *Diane and Terry we are so sorry to learn of Ralph's passing. He always had a smile, a handshake, and a kind word. A life well lived. He will be missed.*

Curtis and Pam Tyner - January 06 at 06:19 PM

GG

“ Dianne, and family members, Ralph was a true servant of God! His love and friendship will be missed by everyone who knew him! Our love and Prayers are lifted for family and friends!



Gene and Teresa Gibson - January 06 at 06:18 PM

BM

Ralph was a great Christian man. He visited my Mother often at Morrell Nursing home. He will be greatly missed. A great gentleman.

Bubba morrison - January 06 at 06:46 PM

JG

“ I have know this family all of my life.He was always visiting and praying for those in need of prayers.Dianne so sorry for your loss of a special brother / prayers for you and family.



Jewel Walters Gibson - January 06 at 06:15 PM

CC

“ Ralph was truly a servant of God. Praying for the family.



Chester/Gail Crowley - January 06 at 06:12 PM

RM

“ Sorry to hear of Ralph’s passing. I’ve known Ralph for many years a kind sweet man may he rest in peace.



Rae McDonald - January 06 at 06:10 PM

LJ

“ What can one say . We lost a Godly man . Good friend and devoted servant to the Lord . Prayers for all the family . Our hearts are sad but we rejoice with him . Love and prayers 🙏

Libby Jordan - January 06 at 05:49 PM

MS

“ I am sorry to see that Mr. Wase passed away . He was a wonderful person got to know him when I worked at Wal-mart. praying for the family as well. May God wrap his arms around his family as well.



Melissa D Spires - January 06 at 05:44 PM

DB

“ Dick Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Dick Brown - January 06 at 05:40 PM

AH

“ Dear Johnny, Terry, Dianne and extended family, please know that u all r in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss! Our hearts r broken, but we know he is rejoicing in Heaven with his wonderful family and friends! Ralph was a friend to everyone and if u ever needed a prayer warrior and a friend he was there! He has fought the fight and made his deserved entrance, another soldier coming home! I can only imagine that Big Family Reunion in Heaven, save us a place Ralph in that Heavenly choir!
Love and prayers!
The Howard's, Ronnie, Dale and Ann

Ann Hudson - January 06 at 05:36 PM

EB

“ Eric Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Eric Bradshaw - January 06 at 05:20 PM

EB

Ralph, Will be missed. It was always a great time when I would see Ralph . Praying for his family. Love and prayers

Eric Bradshaw - January 06 at 05:22 PM

CN

“ So sorry to hear of my good friend Mr. Ralph. I first met him at Petty’s skating arena where he was the skate guard. Then, the YMCA. He always had a kind word to say to everyone who came in the Y. I will miss seeing him but knowing he is no longer suffering and he is walking the streets of gold. Rest easy my friend until I see you again.



Chris and Rhonda Norton - January 06 at 04:54 PM

KE

“ Kaye Ewing lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Kaye Ewing - January 06 at 04:54 PM

CH

“ Connie Holkey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Curtis Wase



Connie Holkey - January 06 at 04:53 PM

AW

“ Ralph was the epitome of A SOUTHERN GENTLEMEN. SENDING PRAYERS AND LOVE TO HIS SISTER DIANE. LOVE, ANNA



Anna Williams - January 06 at 04:45 PM