



## Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.

December 5, 1947 - March 25, 2023

It is with deep sorrow that the Stokes family announces the death of Mr. Raymond "Pete" O. Stokes, Jr., 75. Pete entered into rest on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at McLeod Regional Medical Center. The family is in the care of the Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 at West Hartsville Baptist Church with burial to follow in Westview Memorial Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. Kevin Walters will officiate. The family will receive friends from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 at the Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

Born in Hartsville, SC he remained a lifelong resident and was always a proud RED FOX. Pete was married to the love of his life, Lydia, for 31 years. He was a devoted husband, father, coach, and friend. Pete graduated from Hartsville High School in 1966 and played Red Fox baseball. Pete worked at Sonoco in the Paper Mill for 39 years.

Pete was the kind of friend everyone needed. Whenever anyone had the pleasure of running into Pete, he always greeted them with a big smile and a bright attitude; you just didn't catch him having a down day. The many comments from near and far mention him being, "one of a kind, the most giving man ever, an amazing man, a selfless man, a hard worker, honest and

straightforward." He certainly was a rare gem.

Pete lived a life of service to those around him. He was a member of the National Guard and was a volunteer firefighter for the Hartsville Fire Department. Pete also served as a Deacon at West Hartsville Baptist Church and was a smiling face to all who entered. He spent over 20 years dedicating his time to the baseball teams at both Coker College and Hartsville High School as well as the Hartsville Northern League Pony League, serving as a mentor and coach. He never missed an opportunity to build the boys of our community into young men.

Additionally, he enjoyed cooking with and for his friends, patio football, surf-fishing, and riding golf carts. He never turned down the opportunity to have a good time with his friends and family. He was a fierce protector and wingman to everyone that he loved. He could be counted on to tell you the hard truths of life while also staying by your side as you faced them.

Pete was an exceptionally real human being that made a difference in the lives of thousands. Although the world has deflated a little with his passing, it has, no doubt, been Heaven's gain.

Pete is survived by his wife, Lydia Byrd Stokes of Hartsville, SC; daughter, Shannon Stokes Brand of Hartsville, SC; son, Kevin Scott Stokes of Hartsville, SC; brother, Randy (Donna) Stokes; and grandchildren, Shane (Amber) Brand, Taylor Brand, Tyler Stokes, and Tanner Stokes; and a niece, Rachel Stokes.

Pete is preceded in death by a daughter, Angie Renee Stokes, and his parents, Mary Garland Stokes and Raymond Odis Stokes Sr.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to West Hartsville

Baptist Church, 1003 West Carolina Ave. Hartsville, SC 29550, or The Dylan Adams Endowment, P.O. Box 1902 Hartsville, SC 29551.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **28**. 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>

## Celebration

MAR **29**. 4:00 PM (ET)

West Hartsville Baptist Church  
1003 W. Carolina Ave.  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - March 28, 2023 at 02:20 PM

SJ

*Our dear Pete! You will be missed! It was my honor to be in your High School class and know you as a kind, welcoming friend. May God bless and provide your family comfort at your loss. 🙏*

**Sally Johnson** - March 29, 2023 at 05:03 PM

DW

“ *Danny L Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.*



**Danny L Weaver** - May 26, 2023 at 12:07 PM

LL

“ Every once in a while, the world is graced with an exceptionally special person, and Coach Pete was one of those people. The many lives of those who were fortunate enough to know him are forever changed for the better. We send our prayers and love to you, Lydia, family and friends during this sorrowful time.

Love always,

Lori, Randy, Seth, Peyton and Willy J.



Lori and Randy Lowe - May 25, 2023 at 09:10 PM

JY

“ Julian LEON Yates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



julian LEON yates - April 08, 2023 at 03:27 AM

KC

“ I'm sorry to hear of Pete's passing. Prayers for you during this difficult time.

Kim Bryant Clanton - April 05, 2023 at 11:01 PM

JL

“ Condolences and prayers to all the family during these difficult times. Pete dedicated his life to baseball and our community. He was known and loved by everyone! 🙏🙏🙏



Judy and Marion Lane - March 31, 2023 at 03:21 PM

TH

“ Tommy Heard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



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**Tommy Heard** - March 29, 2023 at 12:15 PM

TT

“ Tommy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



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**Tommy Thomas** - March 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM

MR

“ To the Stokes Family: I'm so very sorry to hear of Pete's death. My God wrap His Loving Arms around you & give you peace.

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**Mike Rast** - March 28, 2023 at 09:37 PM

RK

“ Lydia & Family,  
Pete was a kind , gentle person. Sending our prayers for comfort to you all.  
Roseanne, Danielle, Kristy

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**Roseanne Kelley** - March 28, 2023 at 03:41 PM

WG

“ Lydia and Family  
We are heartbroken over this loss of such a wonderful friend. Sending you love, a red kiss, and a hug. We are praying for you all during this difficult time. Love you my friend.



William and Jean Gullede - March 28, 2023 at 03:23 PM

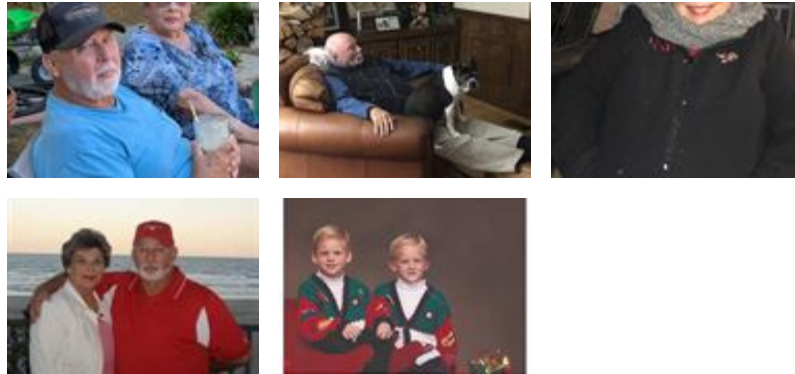
MT

“ Pete always had a hug !

Margaret Tingen - March 28, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ 66 files added to the album Life Tributes



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - March 28, 2023 at 02:19 PM

BB

“ Beverly Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Beverly Byrd - March 28, 2023 at 12:34 PM

FL

“ Praying for your family during this time of loss.

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**Fran Bailey Langley** - March 28, 2023 at 11:36 AM

PB

“ Phyllis Drtiggers Braddock sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



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**Phyllis Drtiggers Braddock** - March 28, 2023 at 11:13 AM

LS

“ Dearest Lydia, we are all heartbroken over this sad news about Pete. You are in my thoughts and prayers always. He will be surely missed by many and you were blessing to him. He was a fine man that loved you with all of his heart. ❤️



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**Libby and Charlie Schmitt** - March 28, 2023 at 10:50 AM

MF

“ Michael Folk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



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**Michael Folk** - March 28, 2023 at 08:35 AM

DS

“ Donna Sturgeon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Donna Sturgeon - March 28, 2023 at 07:39 AM

DS

So very sorry for your loss. Don and Donna Tiller

Donna Sturgeon - March 28, 2023 at 07:39 AM

JD

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family during this time of sorrow. May your memories of time past bring comfort in the days ahead.



Jimmy and Cora Dial - March 28, 2023 at 01:12 AM

LH

“ Leland And Kathy Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Leland and Kathy Huggins - March 27, 2023 at 11:09 PM

EB

“ My sincere condolences to Randy and Pete’s family. I first got to know Pete playing Dixie Youth Baseball back in the 50’s in Hartsville. From the first time I met him on the baseball field he was a genuine dynamo of a person, friendly, kind, energetic, would go out of his way to help people and was a real & solid competitor. I left Hartsville in ‘64 and didn’t see Pete again until the 70’s when we served together a few years in the National Guard. Same Pete! Energetic, helpful, outgoing and friendly. May you all find comfort in the Holy Spirit as you mourn your loss.

Eddie Blackmon - March 27, 2023 at 10:59 PM

MC

“ So very sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed talking with Pete about sports, old times at Sonoco and catching up about old coworkers and friends. RIP my friend 🙏  
Gail and Maxie Cantley

Maxie Cantley - March 27, 2023 at 09:42 PM

VS

“ Dear Lydia and entire family,  
We are so sadden to see the passing of Pete.  
He was truly a special person. Always so kind. You will miss him dearly so hold on to all your memories and special times. May God give you strength now and in the days ahead. We will be praying for you. God Bless 🙏  
Vicky & Joel Segars



Vicky & Joel Segars - March 27, 2023 at 09:12 PM

LL

“ *Sending prayers to Pete’s family*



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**Lawrence and Cindy Lowe** - March 27, 2023 at 08:34 PM

WY

“ *Scott and Tanner, I am so sorry for your loss of your dad and your Pa Pa. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Wilma Gainey Yarborough** - March 27, 2023 at 06:58 PM

IJ

“ *Irene And Woody Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.*



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**Irene and Woody Johnson** - March 27, 2023 at 06:43 PM

IJ

*Pete was such a sweet and kind man. He will be missed. May God comfort you.*

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**Irene and Woody Johnson** - March 27, 2023 at 06:44 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Pete’s passing.



David Jordan - March 27, 2023 at 02:13 PM

SS

“ Daddy, you thought you needed us, but we needed you. Tyler and Tanner love you. This is harder than anything I have ever done.  
Love you,  
Your son



Scott Stokes - March 27, 2023 at 02:10 PM

DG

“ Debra Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Debra Gainey - March 27, 2023 at 02:06 PM

DB

“ Dick Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Dick Brown - March 27, 2023 at 12:52 PM

LH

“ Larry Hodge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Larry Hodge - March 27, 2023 at 11:44 AM

DN

“ Dave Newsome lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Dave Newsome - March 27, 2023 at 11:12 AM

JC

“ Jeri And Jim Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Jeri and Jim Cox - March 27, 2023 at 10:04 AM

JC

“ Jo Counts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Jo Counts - March 27, 2023 at 09:32 AM

PC

“ Paul Cannarella lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Paul Cannarella - March 27, 2023 at 08:50 AM

SE

“ Sam Elgin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Sam Elgin - March 27, 2023 at 08:45 AM

CW

“ Carl B. Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Carl B. Watkins - March 27, 2023 at 08:25 AM

SA

“ Sharon Autry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Sharon Autry - March 27, 2023 at 08:00 AM

CW

Lydia Susan and I are so very sorry about our dear brother as we always called each other Know you will miss him dearly Know we will

Carl B. Watkins - March 27, 2023 at 08:17 AM

PG

“ Pam Steen Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Pam Steen Griggs - March 27, 2023 at 07:30 AM

HB

“ Howard Barfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Howard Barfield - March 27, 2023 at 07:28 AM

DJ

“ *Dennis And Robin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.*



Dennis and Robin Johnson - March 27, 2023 at 05:31 AM

SH

“ *Sharon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.*



Sharon - March 27, 2023 at 12:04 AM

VS

“ *Dear Lydia,  
Joel and I are so sorry to see the passing of Pete. May God give you strength at this time and in the days ahead. We will keep you in our prayers. May God bless you and the entire family.*



Vicky & Joel Segars - March 26, 2023 at 11:02 PM

CB

“ *Carol Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.*



carol beasley - March 26, 2023 at 10:42 PM

WW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Pete was a friend from school. Will be missed.* ”



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**wittie Moore waldron** - March 26, 2023 at 10:25 PM

SM

*Prayers for the family, Pete was a classmate.*

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**Susan G Mills** - April 05, 2023 at 04:20 PM

AS

“ *Our deepest condolences, Lydia, to you and your family. We are so very sorry for your loss of Pete. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”



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**Al & Melinda Sansbury** - March 26, 2023 at 10:15 PM

KM

“ *Kathy T Mcfarland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.* ”



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**Kathy T Mcfarland** - March 26, 2023 at 10:13 PM

KM

*Rip Pete!!*

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**Kathy T Mcfarland** - March 26, 2023 at 10:13 PM

RE

“ Ricky And Marie Euten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Ricky and Marie Euten - March 26, 2023 at 10:13 PM

DS

“ Donna Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Donna Sansbury - March 26, 2023 at 09:44 PM

JC

“ Julia Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



julia crawford - March 26, 2023 at 09:20 PM

CG

“ Carrol Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Carrol Gainey - March 26, 2023 at 09:19 PM

WP

“ Lydia & family,  
Teresa and I are so sorry to hear of Pete's passing away. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this sad time of loss. May God hold you tightly in His arms to encourage and lift you up today and the days ahead.  
Pete finished life well- devoted to his wife Lydia, family, friends, church and the game of baseball. ⚾🙏  
Walt & Teresa Peterson

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Walt Peterson - March 26, 2023 at 09:10 PM

AA

“ Lydia, I am praying for you during this difficult time. Pete loved you dearly, that was evident in every way. Pete was always Pete! always giving a quick hug when he saw me and would always ask about my mama. He and daddy were on the Fire Dept. together back in the day, and he was a good friend. Red Fox baseball and SBC was blessed to have Pete doing what he loved and I loved seeing him out there. He surely will be missed. Hang on to all the wonderful memories, I know they are many❤️!!!

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Allen and Abby - March 26, 2023 at 08:39 PM

KB

“ Ken & Mary Braswell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



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Ken & Mary Braswell - March 26, 2023 at 08:29 PM

CB

“ *Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.*



**carol elmore bryant** - March 26, 2023 at 08:24 PM

CB

*Lydia: I am so sorry. Please know that I am thinking of you with love and have you in my prayers. Blessings, Carol*

**carol elmore bryant** - March 26, 2023 at 08:27 PM

PJ

“ *So sorry to hear about Pete. Praying for you Lydia.*



**Pat & Robert James** - March 26, 2023 at 08:20 PM

DJ

“ *We're sad to hear of the passing of Pete. Prayers for Lydia and family.*

**Dave and Dana Johnson** - March 26, 2023 at 08:09 PM

WB

“ *Sorry to hear of the passing of Pete. May God wrap you each in his loving arms. Prayers for all.*

**Walter and Janelle Britt** - March 26, 2023 at 08:01 PM

LS

“ *Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.*



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**Lavonde Smith** - March 26, 2023 at 08:00 PM

JD

“ *Prays lifted for your family! May God wrap his loving arms around you !*



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**Jennie DeWitt** - March 26, 2023 at 07:56 PM

GE

“ *So sorry to hear about Pete. Sending prayers for comfort! Gina and Tommy Easterling*

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**Gina Easterling** - March 26, 2023 at 07:50 PM

JN

“ *So sorry to hear about Pete. He was a good man and a good friend. Our prayers will be with Lydia and the rest of Pete's family.*

*Jack Newsome*

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**Jack Newsome** - March 26, 2023 at 07:46 PM

JG

“ *Jewel Walters Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.*



**Jewel Walters Gibson** - March 26, 2023 at 07:41 PM

JG

*Lydia please know my heart and prayers are with you and family. Pete loved you with all his heart. He would always let me know how you were doing. Love and prayers Jewel*

**Jewel Walters Gibson** - March 26, 2023 at 07:46 PM

GG

“ *We are saddened by the passing of our friend Pete! He will be missed by many! Our love and Prayers are with the family!*



**Gene and Teresa Gibson** - March 26, 2023 at 07:41 PM

SF

“ *Sorry to hear about Pete, he will be missed dearly. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

*Steve and Gail Funderburk*



**Steve Funderburk** - March 26, 2023 at 07:38 PM

MW

“ Mike Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Mike Walters - March 26, 2023 at 07:31 PM

TL

“ Tommy And Jean Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Tommy and Jean Lee - March 26, 2023 at 07:24 PM

RB

“ So sorry for your loss of Mr Pete



Robin Barr - March 26, 2023 at 07:24 PM

CN

“ Chris And Rhonda Norton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Pete" Odis Stokes Jr.



Chris and Rhonda Norton - March 26, 2023 at 07:12 PM

AF

“ Lydia so sorry to hear about Pete. Prayers for you and Pete's family.

Ann Fulcher - March 26, 2023 at 07:08 PM

BG

“ Don and I are saddened to hear of Pete's passing. Our prayers continue for Lydia and the family. 🙏❤️🙏

Bess Gore - March 26, 2023 at 07:07 PM

JK

“ So very sorry to hear .....Pete was a classmate and friend ....always so friendly and happy. My condolences to his family...



JoFrieda Kelley - March 26, 2023 at 07:01 PM

CG

“ Praying for Pete's gamy.



Connee Gamble Grantham - March 26, 2023 at 06:56 PM

DS

“ Pete you will be missed, our love, thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
Danny and Phoebe



Danny and Phoebe Stokes - March 26, 2023 at 06:36 PM

SH

“ *Family, we are sorry for your loss. Our prayers are for strength during you time of grieving. "God will see you through."* ”



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**Sandra and Larry Huggins** - March 26, 2023 at 06:17 PM

RF

“ *So sorry for your loss. You are alk in our thoughts and prayers. Love you* ”



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**Rod &Cathy Felkel** - March 26, 2023 at 05:59 PM