

## Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd

January 11, 1954 - April 17, 2020

Thomas Kim Byrd (best known to many as “Byrd”) was born on January 11, 1954, to Thomas Edward and Blanche Eleese DeLoach Byrd. He left this earth on April 17, 2020, and is now resting in peace.

Kim grew up in Byrdtown and graduated from Hartsville High School in 1972. He was a hard-working man and worked in construction until he retired in 2015. He enjoyed working with his hands and spent a great deal of time woodworking, creating metal artwork and custom hard hats – some would say he was a jack of all trades.

In his younger years, he enjoyed his bikes: bicycle, unicycle, motorcycle, and hanging out at the Rainbow Drive-In. His brother, Robert, refers to him as one of the first Hartsville hippies. Barbara, his ‘adopted’ daughter/sister-in-law remembers getting to tag along on many dates when he dated her big sister, Dianne. Together Kim and Dianne raised two daughters. He also had three nieces, who he loved as if they were his very own (Jennifer, Brandy, Leslie, and Ashley).

He was a prankster and always made sure to keep his girls and their friends and his family and friends on their toes. He was a member of the Mason’s and served as Senior Deacon in 1997. In his later years, he slowed down a bit and found his greatest joy spending time with his granddaughters, “Baby”

(McKenna) and his “Sweetie” (Viola Reece). And if you saw him around you were sure to see his sidekick – his rescue cat, Boo Boo.

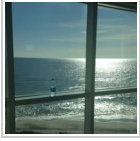
“Byrd” was one of a kind, God broke the mold with him. He lived by his own rules. A simple man in many ways who did not need much to be happy! He loved his family and never hesitated to help others. He never ever met a stranger. If you knew him, you had a friend for life. Life has to end – Love does not.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, sister, Anna Mae Oglesby and brother, George (Bud) Byrd.

He is survived by daughters, Kimberly (Jason) Furtick of Gaston, SC, Kristina (Bobby) Bryant of McBee, SC; maternal aunts, Melba Dietschler of Appling, GA; Annie Whatley of N. Augusta, SC; maternal uncle, Charles (Martha) DeLoach of Appling, GA; brother, Robert (Janice) Byrd of Hartsville, SC; grandchildren, McKenna Sue Bryant, Viola Reece Bryant; along with several nieces and nephews who he loved like they were his very own, and many cousins. Kim was also deeply loved by his inlaws: Barbara (George) Gore, Donnie (Renee) Freeman, Robbie (Letrail) Oakley, and Joyce Compton.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later time. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is caring for the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to learn about Kim - Ruth's drive In will miss him.

Bill Stokes - April 25, 2020 at 05:49 PM

P2

“ Patesville Masonic Lodge No, 295 sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



Patesville Masonic Lodge No, 295 - April 24, 2020 at 10:58 AM

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Kim was a member of Patesville Masonic Lodge No. 295. He was a life time member and joined on May 23, 1992. He was a Brother and will be remembered and missed by our Lodge.

Patesville Masonic Lodge No, 295 - April 24, 2020 at 11:00 AM

RF

“ Robbie & Flossie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



Robbie & Flossie - April 23, 2020 at 03:20 PM

HH

“ Kimberly, Kristina, and Ms.Diane I am thinking of all of you. Please let me know if there is anything you need.

Hillary H - April 22, 2020 at 06:06 PM

TV

“ Terretta Vernarsky lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



Terretta Vernarsky - April 22, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ I’m sorry to hear about Byrd’s passing. He was full of life when I knew him before I left Hartsville. We spent many hours parked at the Rainbow. He could definitely “Liven up” a conversation. I’ll continue to cherish those memories. My Sincere condolences to the family.

David Jordan - April 22, 2020 at 08:52 AM

DK

“ Donna B. King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



Donna B. King - April 21, 2020 at 09:48 AM

CF

“ Cleve, Wendy, Land And Mac Folsom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



Cleve, Wendy, Land and Mac Folsom - April 20, 2020 at 10:26 PM

SG

“ Susan Hawkins Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



Susan Hawkins Griffin - April 20, 2020 at 10:06 PM

PT

“ Pam Hawkins Tyner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



Pam Hawkins Tyner - April 20, 2020 at 09:54 PM

AL

“ Audrey Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



Audrey Lane - April 20, 2020 at 07:30 PM

FS

“ Frances Steen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



Frances Steen - April 20, 2020 at 07:29 PM

DB

“ *Danny And DeeDee Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd*



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**Danny and DeeDee Byrd** - April 20, 2020 at 05:34 PM

MD

“ *Sorry to hear about your loss praying for the family*



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**Margaret Dixon** - April 20, 2020 at 03:10 PM

CM

“ *Crystal Minnehan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd*



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**Crystal Minnehan** - April 20, 2020 at 02:11 PM

JM

“ *We are sorry for your loss  
In Christian love Billy and Jo-Ann Matthews*



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**Jo and Billy Matthews** - April 20, 2020 at 01:35 PM

HS

“ So sorry for your loss

*Danny and Helen Smith*



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**Helen and Danny Smith** - April 20, 2020 at 11:56 AM

SH

“ *Sheila lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas  
Kim Byrd*



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**sheila** - April 20, 2020 at 11:47 AM

SH

“ *Diane< I am so very sorry for your loss. Prayers and hugs for today  
and many days ahead. I'm sorry but I didn't know this until now. We  
love yall*

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**sheila** - April 20, 2020 at 11:43 AM

KM

“ *Kristina and Diane - may God's peace and comfort surround you in  
your grief. Kristina, it was very beautiful to witness the love you  
have exhibited for your Dad with your hands and your heart. Rest In  
Peace Kim.*

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**kay mccutcheon** - April 20, 2020 at 09:07 AM

TG

“ Tony Grant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



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**Tony Grant** - April 20, 2020 at 08:30 AM

DB

“ David And Beverly Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



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**David and Beverly Byrd** - April 20, 2020 at 08:22 AM

MH

“ Kim and I were in the same Sunday school class as teenager. He always had a smile on his face. Rest at peace Kim. Prayers for you Kimberly, Kristina and family. God bless!



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**Maxine Howle** - April 20, 2020 at 05:47 AM

JG

“ Jewel Walters Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



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**Jewel Walters Gibson** - April 19, 2020 at 09:22 PM

VJ

“ Von Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



Von Johnson - April 19, 2020 at 08:08 PM

KE

“ Kaye Ewing lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



kaye ewing - April 19, 2020 at 07:40 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss.prayers going up for the family.



Judy Bryant - April 19, 2020 at 06:40 PM

 Brandy Ager

“ Many childhood memories made in the home of the Byrd’s. Two I remember very well... Mr. Kim knew how to cook the best beef tips ever and he could snore the loudest! But most importantly how he loved his girls so much. Love you all and praying for comfort for each of you! ❤️

Brandy Ager - April 19, 2020 at 05:26 PM

AC

“ *Ann Crowley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd*



Ann Crowley - April 19, 2020 at 04:49 PM

DS

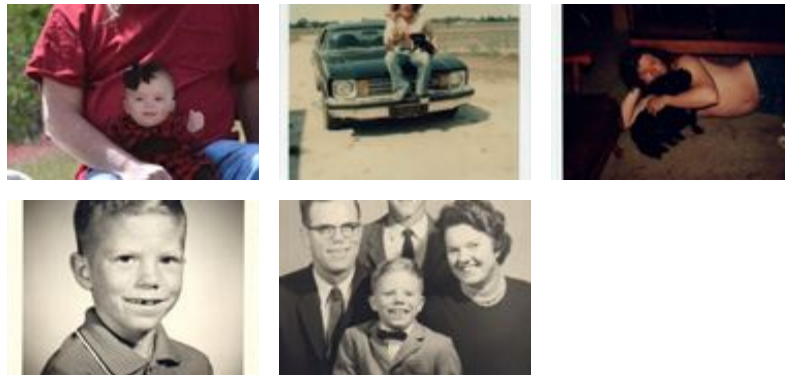
“ *Diane Sheffield-Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd*



Diane Sheffield-Wilkes - April 19, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - April 19, 2020 at 02:05 PM



“ *Mary Beth Carter Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd*



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**Mary Beth Carter Bennett** - April 19, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - April 19, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *To Our Wonderful Neices, So sorry about Kim...He will be remembered for many things...A hard worker for sure. He's no longer suffering or in pain..but that doesn't ease the pain you're enduring now. He will be missed..We will keep his memory with us forever. Love you, Uncle Bobby and Aunt Virginia*



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**Bobby and Virginia Oakley** - April 19, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ *Kaitlyn Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd*



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**kaitlyn byrd** - April 19, 2020 at 09:43 AM

WW

“ Wes, Kathy And Brandon Walters sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



Wes, Kathy and Brandon Walters - April 19, 2020 at 09:33 AM

WW

Dianne and Girls, Thinking and praying for you all...Sincerest Condolences and Much Love, Kathy

Wes, Kathy and Brandon Walters - April 19, 2020 at 09:35 AM

KW

Dianne, You've helped me so much with your calm and encouraging love..support..so many things. I hope I can now help you in some way...I love my sweet kind beautiful cousin. Kathy

Kathy Walters - April 19, 2020 at 09:53 AM

JT

“ Jessica Freeman Tiller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



Jessica Freeman Tiller - April 19, 2020 at 08:57 AM

DM

“ Doug And Scarlett Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd



Doug and Scarlett Mason - April 19, 2020 at 05:14 AM

MH

“ *Melinda Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Kim Byrd*



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**Melinda Hendrix** - April 18, 2020 at 09:33 PM

BG

“ *So what can I say about you Byrd you was one of the most hardest working men I ever met in my life you were definitely One in 1 million! Now rest in peace! Love your sister in law Barbara*



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**Barbara Gore** - April 18, 2020 at 02:51 PM