



Mr. William Kenneth Huggins

September 21, 1943 - September 18, 2025

William Kenneth Huggins, beloved father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on September 18, 2025, at the age of 81.

Mr. Huggins, the widower of Willie Mae Grant Huggins, entered into rest on Thursday, September 18, 2025. 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 11:00 am on Saturday, October 4, 2025, in The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home, with The Rev. Dr. Gregory B. Boyd officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. A private family burial will be held in Magnolia Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to the Darlington County Humane Society, 580 Washington Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Mr. Huggins was born on Tuesday, September 21, 1943, in Hartsville, SC. He is the son of the late Thomas Woodrow Huggins Sr. and the late Aurelia Gainey Huggins. Kenneth was known from a young age for his athletic talent and competitive spirit. He excelled in both track and football during his school years at Hartsville High School, earning admiration for his drive and sportsmanship.

In 1962, he married his high school sweetheart, Willie Mae Grant Huggins. Together, they built a beautiful life and family, raising two children, Maria Huggins McTighe and William Anthony “Tony” Huggins. They shared many wonderful years together until Willie Mae’s passing in 2000. Later, he was blessed to find love again with Ruth Gardner Huggins, who remained by his side until her passing in 2016.

Kenneth was happiest when outdoors, whether hunting, enjoying nature, or cheering on his favorite teams. A lifelong Atlanta Braves fan, he rarely missed a game. He was equally passionate about college athletics, always ready to pull for South Carolina, Clemson, The Citadel, and especially the South Carolina Women’s Basketball team.

Above all, Kenneth treasured his family. He was a devoted father to his daughter, Maria, and son, Tony, and a proud grandfather to three granddaughters, who brought him endless joy. He will be remembered for his kindness, warmth, and the way he made those around him feel loved.

He was preceded in death by his two wives, Willie Mae and Ruth; brother, Thomas Woodrow Huggins, Jr., and sister-in-law, Elaine Luther Huggins. He is survived by his daughter, Maria Huggins McTighe and son-in-law, Tom; son, William Anthony “Tony” Huggins; granddaughters, Cecelia, Ruthie, and Clare, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate Kenneth’s life will be held on October 4th at The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Darlington County Humane Society, 580 Washington Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Kenneth lived a life full of love, laughter, and loyalty. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered by those fortunate enough to have known him.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

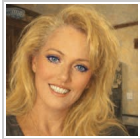
Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - October 03, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ *I knew Uncle Kenneth Aunt Willie Mae, Maria and Tony from growing up 2 doors down on Richardson Circle. They were very close friends to my parents Jimmy and Barbara Menius. Tony and I were very close growing up our families went on vacation to the beach together. All my childhood memories included the Huggins! I loved uncle Kenneth and did run in to him many years ago we talked about old times and laughed a lot. He will be missed by many. Maria and Tony... I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers.*
Kim Menius Lewis

Kim Lewis - April 20 at 05:18 AM



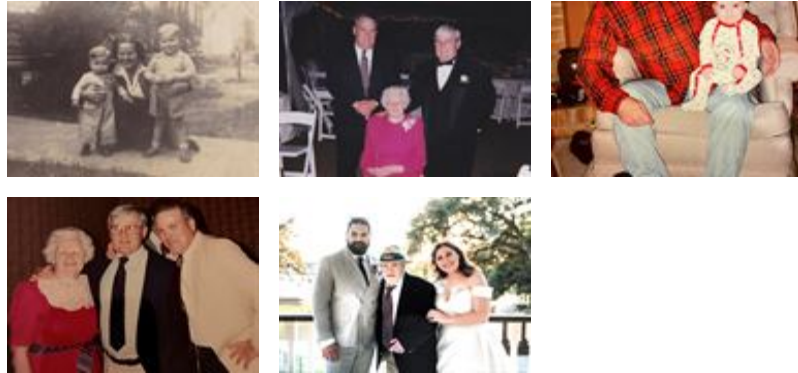
“ *Tammy Huskey lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins*



Tammy Huskey - October 04, 2025 at 07:51 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - October 03, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ *Larry & I saw this picture of Kenneth when he was a much younger guy who worked at Sonoco.*



Sandra Huggins - September 29, 2025 at 06:26 PM



“ *Sandra And Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins*



Sandra and Larry Huggins - September 29, 2025 at 06:23 PM

ES

“ *Effie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins*



Effie smith - September 29, 2025 at 11:05 AM

ES

Widow of Furman Smith , so sorry for your loss.

Effie smith - September 29, 2025 at 11:06 AM

LT

“ *Linda Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins*



Linda Thompson - September 25, 2025 at 12:06 PM

TM

“ *Such a great man, father, grandfather and uncle- too many great memories to list! Such a privilege to have known him. Trisha & Deke Montgomery*

Trisha and Deke Montgomery - September 24, 2025 at 04:56 PM

PY

“ *I am so sad to hear of Hug's passing; he was such a faithful friend to me; an all around great person! My thoughts and prayers are with you all, Maria, Tony and family!*



Phyllis Yarborough - September 24, 2025 at 12:55 PM

JS

“ Jean Stratton lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins



Jean Stratton - September 24, 2025 at 11:33 AM

BG

“ Deepest condolences for the family. 🙏

Bess, Don Gore - September 23, 2025 at 08:37 PM

AT

“ Annette Mills Traylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins



Annette Mills Traylor - September 23, 2025 at 05:00 PM

WJ

“ Wayne Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins



Wayne Jeffords - September 23, 2025 at 04:21 PM

LM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



lock mckinnon - September 23, 2025 at 01:05 PM

AW

I see Jimmy Bell

anna williams - September 23, 2025 at 05:44 PM

EM

“ *Elayne Mahn lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins*



Elayne Mahn - September 23, 2025 at 12:13 PM

EM

So sorry for family and friends.

Elayne Mahn - September 23, 2025 at 12:14 PM

RW

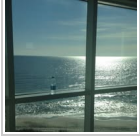
“ I just learned of the passing of Uncle Kenneth. Some of the happiest days of my childhood were spent with him at Richardson Circle. I remember driving him crazy one time when he was cleaning a duck and he showed me the duck heart. I went in his Kitchen and fainted LOL, perhaps that one was no so much fun. But we later went camping with him and Aunt Willie Mae at Smokemount in the Smoky Mountain National Park, we went tubing on the river there and down the Deep River Creek on a waterfall spot they called the widowmaker. It was so much fun. One day I hope to go back but I doubt it would be as much fun without Aunt Willie Mae and Uncle Kenneth. I am so sad to read this news. I did not get to keep up with him as much after Aunt Willie Mae passed away and my dad moved back to South Carolina because I kept going to Manning instead of Hartsville, but we did have a memorable visit when I ran for congress. We kicked back and had a grand time talking about old days and family memories in his living room. He was a fun guy and I have missed him and those days so long ago when I would spend most of my summers in Hartsville.

Randal Wallace - September 23, 2025 at 11:58 AM

LF

So many fun times were had on his back porch with him and Ruth! Some of his favorite quotes were, " There are six Saturdays and Sunday when you retire." Another was " We need to have fun because we don't know how many more Sat. nights we have left!" Now we know. 😞 We will miss this fun loving friend

Larry and Vickie Ferguson - September 25, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ *Bill Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins*



Bill Stokes - September 23, 2025 at 11:35 AM

VB

“ *Violet Bragdon lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins*



Violet Bragdon - September 23, 2025 at 10:20 AM

RW

“ *Rebecca Wadsworth Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins*



Rebecca Wadsworth Walker - September 23, 2025 at 10:06 AM

JL

“ *Johnny Lawing lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins*



Johnny Lawing - September 23, 2025 at 09:19 AM

LS

“ *Enjoyed our early days on the track team.
Kenny was a great guy.* ”



Larry Stewart - September 23, 2025 at 07:33 AM

6C

“ *60 Minute Cleaners lit a candle in memory of
Mr. William Kenneth Huggins* ”



60 Minute Cleaners - September 23, 2025 at 07:20 AM

DN

“ *David And Vickie Newsome lit a candle in
memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins* ”



David and Vickie Newsome - September 22, 2025 at 09:48 PM

LH

“ *Leland And Kathy Huggins sent a virtual gift in
memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins* ”



Leland and Kathy Huggins - September 22, 2025 at 09:16 PM

EC

“ We are so saddened by the loss of our dear Brother in law . We loved Kenneth dearly, and will miss the time we shared with him . Tony , Maria, Tom, and girls , we hold you in our hearts and prayers. Love you all .

Eddie and Lou

Eddie and Connie - September 22, 2025 at 08:24 PM

BV

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Kenneth was always so kind and loving to me and Lyvian. I always loved porch times, visiting.

Becky Vanderpoel - September 22, 2025 at 08:22 PM

MN

“ Mike And Brenda Northcutt lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins



Mike and Brenda Northcutt - September 22, 2025 at 08:12 PM

GG

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Kenneth! Prayers for comfort and peace for family and friends



Gene and Teresa Gibson - September 22, 2025 at 08:05 PM

PI

“ *Mr.huggins was a good boss man enjoyed working on his shift.prayers for his family*

Paul a.Wallace iv - September 22, 2025 at 07:08 PM

SF

“ *Steve Funderburk lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins*



Steve Funderburk - September 22, 2025 at 05:41 PM

GL

“ *I grew up and worked with Kenneth at Claude's service station years ago. He was a good friend. Prayers for all the family!*



Gerald Lynch - September 22, 2025 at 03:31 PM

JS

“ *Jerry Sumner lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins*



Jerry Sumner - September 22, 2025 at 03:01 PM

TW

“ So sorry about the passing of Kenneth. He was a good friend throughout the years. Prayers for the family.



Travis and Marilyn Walters - September 22, 2025 at 02:56 PM

AT

“ Thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Hang on to all the great memories❤️

Abby and Allen Tyner - September 22, 2025 at 02:53 PM

RG

“ Mr. Huggins was such a kind caring neighbor. I miss him already.... Love , Rhonda Gainey

Rhonda Gainey - September 22, 2025 at 02:17 PM

CB

“ Tom & I are so very sorry to hear about Kenneth. He was a good man and will be greatly missed. All of you have our deepest sympathy. Love, Cecelia

Cecelia Brown - September 22, 2025 at 01:28 PM

MC

“ Sorry to hear about Kenneth's passing. He was a good friend and we lived in the same neighborhood. Will miss seeing him🙏
Gail and Maxie

Maxie Cantley - September 22, 2025 at 01:19 PM

AW

“ *Anna Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Kenneth Huggins*



Anna Williams - September 22, 2025 at 11:23 AM