



## Billy Joe Stewart, Jr.

June 14, 1945 - April 9, 2016

Billy Joe Stewart, Jr., 70, died April 9, 2016 at Greenville Memorial.

A native of Greenville County, he was a son of the late Billy Joe Stewart, Sr. and Pauline Hammond Cooley, a US National Guard veteran, and a member of Fairview Baptist Church, where he was a past chairman of the Board of Deacons. He was a former member and President of the Greer Hospital Community Board; a member of the Greer Lion's Club; was a member and former President of the Greer Touchdown Club and the Greer High School Booster Club; a graduate of Greer High School, where he was a Star Athlete in three sports; and member of the Greer High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a former Vice President of Duke Power Merchandising and an employee of Universal Purchasing.

Surviving are his wife, Ann Hannon Stewart of the home; one daughter, Jodi S. Schaffer of Greer; two brothers, James Donald "Duck" Stewart of Myrtle Beach and John Ray "Gundy" Stewart of Greer; one sister, Melissa Gillespie of Easley; and two grandchildren, Taylor and Megan Schaffer.

Funeral services will be held 3:30 p.m. Monday at Fairview Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. Eddie Leopard and Dr. Wilson Nelson. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Honorary Escort will be the Deacons of Fairview Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held 2:00 p.m. until 3:15 p.m. Monday at the church prior to the service.

The family is at the home of the daughter.

Memorials may be made to the Foundation for the Future at Fairview Baptist Church, 1300 Locust Hill Road, Greer, SC 29651.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery

1400 Locust Hill Road  
Greer, SC 29651

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM (ET)

Fairview Baptist Church  
1300 Locust Hill Road  
Greer, SC 29651

## Service

APR 11. 3:30 PM (ET)

Fairview Baptist Church  
1300 Locust Hill Road  
Greer, SC 29651

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ So many Great memories of a great leader,mentor, and most of all a friend! I will truly miss my calling him on June 14. Love and Peace to Ann and rest of family, may God give you comfort at this time of loss.

*Love and Blessings  
Bobby Bridges*

*Sorry I did not to come give my respects.*

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**Bobby Bridges** - April 13, 2016 at 10:07 PM

MN

“ We met many years ago through UPA and found Joe's friendship to be very valuable. We felt that he not only had desire to help the business be successful but genuinely cared for us personally. And Ann, I really appreciated spending time with you and Gayle at the events.

*Reading of Joe's unexpected passing brought sadness and heavy hearts to us, but because he lived a life evident of his faith in God we have comfort in knowing where he is.*

*I found this saying after my dad had passed. "When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure."*

*Joe is a real treasure and will be missed.*

*Marsha and Mike Nash  
Itchin' to bee Stitchin', Inc.  
Sarasota, Florida*

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**Marsha Nash** - April 13, 2016 at 02:29 PM

JM

“ I have had the privilege of working with Joe for close to 15 years, as a UPA/Unilink member. He was always my "go to" man for anything and everything that I had difficulty searching for in my business. He always got back to me promptly and with excellent sources. Up to last week, I was "talking" with him over email. I'm in terrible shock and disbelief of this loss. My heart aches for your family, close friends, and for everyone who's ever worked with Joe. He was a class act, professional, kind and a wealth of knowledge in our industry. I find it interesting to read the many aspects of Joe, as an athlete and more. Again, I'm very sorry for his loss. I'm feeling terribly sad.

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**Jill Marmion** - April 12, 2016 at 10:32 AM

BA

“ I had the privilege of knowing Joe for almost 20 years, through our mutual business interests. We did not speak or see each other face to face often, but I always knew that Joe was there to serve, inform & help, in a way that few are able. He was fun, friendly, kind & informative- always the one to follow up. He was 1 of only several consistent faces there, in our business, over all these years. I was shocked to hear that God called him at this time & feel that he'll be missed by many, including myself. Ann, having met you before, please accept my deepest condolences on this loss. Indeed, to Joe's entire family, rest assured that he lived a life with meaning, kindness & impact on many people. He will be remembered for countless years to come. With Peace,  
Barry Arkush  
Kalamazoo, Mi.

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**Barry Arkush** - April 11, 2016 at 01:31 PM

SM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Billy Joe Steward, Jr. Joe was such an asset to our business and our association with Universal Unilink. He was such a pleasant person to work with. He will surely be missed.

*Sandy Milford  
Jean Batchelor  
American Apron & Restaurant Apparel, Inc.*

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**Sandy Milford** - April 11, 2016 at 12:01 PM

SM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Joe Stewart, Jr. He was such an asset to our business and our association with Universal Unilink. Such a pleasant person to deal with.

*Sandy Milford  
Jean Batchelor  
American Apron & Restaurant Apparel, Inc.*

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**Sandy Milford** - April 11, 2016 at 11:49 AM

AT

“ All of us here at True Uniform were sad to hear of Joe's passing. Our condolences to his family both at home and at work.

*Regards,  
  
Aaron Tucker  
True Uniform Supply Co.*

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**Aaron Tucker** - April 11, 2016 at 11:45 AM

RS

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of Joe. He was a friend and support to me and all of us at UniformWIZARD. He will be missed.  
*Rob Singer*

Robert Singer - April 11, 2016 at 11:17 AM

ME

“ Our hearts are heavy with Joe's sudden passing. My sincere condolences to your entire family.

*Mark J. Egan*  
*Williamson-Dickie Mfg. Co.*

Mark J. Egan - April 11, 2016 at 10:52 AM

DF

“ Dunbrooke Apparel family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Billy Joe Stewart, Jr..



Dunbrooke Apparel family - April 11, 2016 at 10:26 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy Joe Stewart, Jr..



April 11, 2016 at 09:59 AM

  
Debbiee  
Gordon

“ *Debbiee Gordon lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Stewart, Jr.*



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**Debbiee Gordon** - April 11, 2016 at 09:33 AM

SE

“ *Suzette Evans lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Stewart, Jr.*



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**Suzette Evans** - April 11, 2016 at 08:47 AM

SE

*Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences to Joe's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Ron and Suzette Evans*

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**Suzette Evans** - April 11, 2016 at 08:49 AM

PB

“ *Ann, Jodi, Taylor, & Megan: Joe blessed so many people with his Christian lifestyle; working with him for the last nine years at Universal, I am one of them. He will truly be missed here on earth by the loved ones remaining, but what a joy to know we will see him again one day. Love you, and know prayers are being lifted up for you today.  
Pam Bedford*

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**Pam Bedford** - April 11, 2016 at 07:24 AM

AK

“ Jodi and family, I am sorry to hear about your daddy's passing. He was an example of a good Christian man, husband, father, grandfather and hold all your memories close to your heart. I will keep you and your family in prayer and may you feel God's grace, mercy and love during this difficult time.

*Angie Ashmore Kruse*

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**Angie kruse** - April 10, 2016 at 10:20 PM

DS

“ Ann and family, Jimmy and I were so sorry to hear about Billy Joe. What a blessing he was to so many people. His love for his Lord, family and community went beyond measure. He made an impact on others with positivity and compassion. What a man he was and what an angel he will be. Our prayers are with you.

*Jimmy and Debbie Singleton*

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**debbie singleton** - April 10, 2016 at 03:05 PM

SM

“ Sarah McIntyre lit a candle in memory of Billy Joe Stewart, Jr.



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**Sarah McIntyre** - April 10, 2016 at 02:44 PM

SM

*My deepest condolences go out to the Stewarts and Hannons. May God grant you peace as you say your goodbyes.*

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**Sarah McIntyre** - April 10, 2016 at 02:44 PM

DS

“ To the Stewart Family, It is with deep regrets that I have just read of the death of Billy Joe. I would like to offer my condolences in the loss of a very good friend. Duck and Gundy, even though it has been a long time since we have seen each other I use to see Billy Joe at the Twin Palmetto restaurant in Greer when we would be having a meal with my sister and my brother in law, Gayle and Tom Williams. I am sure Duck and Gundy will remember me since a Victor boy will always remember someone from Victor. I will be praying for the family in the loss of such a great and fine man. May God Bless The Family.

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**Doug Wilson, Mauldin, SC** - April 10, 2016 at 01:46 PM

CH

*Fairview Baptist Church has lost a good man and God has gained a wonderful Soul! To the family is my prayer for strength for the coming days!*

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**Corinna Harvey** - April 10, 2016 at 02:25 PM

DD

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family in their loss of Joe. He was a fine man beloved by many. Not only will he be missed by family and friends, he will be missed by the world at large. Men of his caliber do not come along often. May God bless his loved ones during this time of sorrow.

*Dennis and Mandy Dobbins*

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**Dennis Dobbins** - April 10, 2016 at 12:34 PM

MH

“ Ann, So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. It's so hard to give up a loved one & especially your partner in life, I am sure. My prayers will be that God will give you & your family the comfort of knowing he is in his loving care now & that he will give you the support you need to get through this difficult time. Much love, Marcia Hancock

Marcia Hancock - April 10, 2016 at 12:33 PM

WL

“ The Greer High School Class of 1963 has lost a good man in Billy Joe. I have known Billy Joe since we were in the first grade at Victor Elementary School. We played basketball and baseball together for many years. He was a great athlete, but more important, a great friend. Billy Joe will be sorely missed. My prayers to Ann, Jodi, Duck, Gundy, and the entire family.

William B. Lancaster - April 10, 2016 at 11:54 AM

KL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know it is hard when God calls a loved one home, the only way I can cope is knowing that I will see them again. I pray for peace and comfort for your family. Kay Pittman Ladd

Kay Ladd - April 10, 2016 at 10:27 AM

DS

“ Dot Gillespie Starrett purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Billy Joe Stewart, Jr..



Dot Gillespie Starrett - April 10, 2016 at 09:15 AM

BH

“ *Ann, and Family,  
Joe remains one of the brightest memories of my many years in  
Greer and Greer Lions Club. He was always the same, solid, kind,  
and jovial soul whenever and wherever we met. "Billy Joe Stewart"  
lived a good life and my prayers are with you, especially on this day.  
Sincerely,  
Bob Hoyle*

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**Bob Hoyle** - April 10, 2016 at 07:52 AM

JN

“ *This is Jeff Neely. Billy Joe always greeted me with a smile on his  
face and a "Hey Coach" when I saw him. I remember what a super  
basketball official he was. He never got rattled and always was in  
charge. I will miss him. Wonderful man!*

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**Jeff Neely** - April 10, 2016 at 06:58 AM

YR

“ *Ann and family  
So saddened to hear about your loss. You and Joe have always  
reached out to others to make them feel special. You and family will  
remain in my prayers.  
Yvonne Lynn Redd*

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**yvonne redd** - April 10, 2016 at 06:44 AM

MA

“ *It should have read as he was special to Cynthia and me.*

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**mac** - April 10, 2016 at 06:20 AM

MK

“ Ann and family. We send you our deepest sympathy in the loss of Joe. It was always such a pleasure to see and talk with you two. Joe was one of the nicest men that I have met in my lifetime. He was social to Cynthia and me. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with u and your family.

mac & Cynthia Knight - April 10, 2016 at 06:17 AM

EH

Ann and family, Joe always had a ready smile or handshake.. He will be missed. Our prayers to you and family.

Ed and Gail Hyatt - April 10, 2016 at 07:52 AM

NC

Our deepest sympathy to Ann and the entire family. Joe was an amazing man with an incredible personality. We enjoyed our time we had the pleasure of spending with Joe and Ann at the conferences over the years. We will truly miss Joe. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Stewart Family.

Bob and Betty Carpenter  
Tim and Carrie Andrews  
New Service Concepts

New Service Concepts - April 11, 2016 at 11:29 AM

MS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family.

Melanie (Copeland) Shaner.

Melanie Shaner - April 09, 2016 at 08:42 PM

SH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. The girls loved Mr. Joe and loved giving him hugs each Sunday. We love you, Randy, Sandra, Makenzie and Maggie

SANDRA HENDERSON - April 09, 2016 at 08:03 PM

GS

“ Joe Stewart has impacted my life in such an amazing positive way. He and Ann are the epitome of Christians and caregivers of kindness beyond description. He was my friend, co-worker and confidant. I am heartbroken because he was also my big brother. He was as kind with children as he was with adults. He definitely did not suffer fools and I applaud his constancy. I love Joe and his family. And am heartbroken. I will keep waiting to hear him say "G, are you there?" When he came to visit." I strive to be more like him but that's not possible because they broke the mold when God made this amazing, kind, thoughtful, God loving man, dedicated to Ann, Jody, and his precious granddaughters. Joe, my dear friend, I love you and miss you beyond description.

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**Ginger Sanders** - April 09, 2016 at 07:59 PM

CC

“ John Ray, Duck & Family, prayers and thoughts are with each of you. The memories of growing up just across the alley are ones to be treasured. I am so very sorry for your loss, Claire Tribble Caldwell, Roanoke, VA.

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**Claire Tribble Caldwell** - April 09, 2016 at 07:15 PM

MT

“ Ann, Jodi, Taylor and Megan my heart breaks for you. Ann you know how long I have known you and Billy Joe and how much I loved ya'll and the family. I am so sorry. I am leaving in the morning for vacation and will not be able to see you on Monday. Please know all of you are in my prayers. Love, Mertie.

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**Mertie Taylor** - April 09, 2016 at 06:27 PM

MD

“ I am so sorry to hear about Billy 's death. He was so good to my brother Gerald Davis, during his long illness and a real comfort to my sister-in-law Gwen, when Gerald passed away. Oddly enough Billy has died on what would have been Gerald's 74 birthday. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that I appreciate what Billy gave to Gerald and Gwen more than I can say. I will remember his spirit and I hope that he and Gerald are together now in Heaven. My heart is broken for all that are left behind.

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**Marty Davis** - April 09, 2016 at 04:51 PM