



## Dr. Byron Kent Bridges

March 20, 1931 - July 3, 2016

Dr. Byron Kent Bridges, 85, passed away July 3, 2016 at home surrounded by his family. A native of Graham, TX, the youngest of five born to the late John Charles and Rose Etta Petty Bridges, Kent graduated from Graham High School and the University of Texas. A practicing dentist for over 50 years, he was a member of the American Dental Association, SC Dental Association and the Greenville County Dental Association serving as president 1982 – 83. Kent had a servant's heart providing volunteer dental services to the public schools, Pendleton Place and during mission trips to Haiti and Moldova. He obtained patents on two dental instruments and worked to produce and market them. He was a US Air Force Veteran and a member of the MUMC Camack Sunday School Class.

Born on the official first day of spring, March 20 (1931), Kent enjoyed working in his yard, fishing and being around people. Quick witted, he always had a joke or funny story ready for any occasion. He loved his family and valued his friendships.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Bette Ivey Bridges, three daughters Miriam Pugliese (husband Tim) of Dallas TX, Robin Bridges of Liberty and Melanie Kristinik (husband Larry) of Columbia and six grandchildren, John, Timmy and Laurel Pugliese; Katherine, Robert and Camille Kristinik.

A memorial service will be held 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 30 2016 at Memorial United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held after the service in the church social hall.

Memorials may be made to Memorial United Methodist Church, 201 N. Main Street, Greer, SC 29650

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

Memorial United Methodist Church  
201 N. Main St.  
Greer, SC

## Visitation

JUL 30. 3:45 PM (ET)

Memorial United Methodist Church  
201 N. Main St.  
Greer, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Dr. Byron Kent Bridges.*



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July 29, 2016 at 06:50 PM



“ *Nancy and Gerald Solomon purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Byron Kent Bridges.*



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**Nancy and Gerald Solomon** - July 29, 2016 at 11:37 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. One of the most difficult things we have to deal with is the death of a loved one. The Bible promise; "God is close to the brokenhearted." It also says; "Throw your burden on God and he will sustain you." (Psalm 34:18 and 55;22) The Bible gives us hope that one day our dead loved ones will be brought back to life.*

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**R Brown** - July 24, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Byron Kent Bridges.*



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July 21, 2016 at 11:20 AM



“ *Miriam and family, I am very sorry to hear this sad news. My heart breaks for you. I will keep each of you in my thoughts and will pray for comfort in the days to come.*

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**Susan Frasure-Guest** - July 20, 2016 at 05:37 PM



“ *Dr Bridges was my all time favorite boss! He was funny, caring, and very generous. He loved Mexican food and was bad to sneak and eat things Mrs Bridges didn't want him to have! I remember our Christmas parties where Greer's most famous and infamous people showed up! He had such a knack for extracting teeth too. People were always there for "walk-in " extractions. He could sneak up on a kid and have a loose primary tooth out before the child knew what was happening! He is at well deserved peace now. I pray that Bette, the girls, and the rest of the family take comfort in knowing how much he was loved by Greer. There will never be another Kent Bridges!*

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**Sharron Bailey** - July 08, 2016 at 02:56 PM

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“ *Dr. Bridges was a kind, Christian Dentist and friend. Earth's loss is Heaven's Gain. He had been our Family Dentist since 1970's. May God be with each family member and friend, providing grace, love, mercy and strength for each hour and day ahead. With love and prayers, Tonya S. Mitchell, Brian L. Pace, and the late Rev. George J. Mitchell & Ruth Ellen Bates Mitchell*

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**Tonya S. Mitchell** - July 07, 2016 at 05:15 PM

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“ *I will be praying for all of you, knowing that the loss of your husband, dad, and granddad is a tough one. Dr. Bridges was a wonderful man. Our whole family loved him.*  
*Allison Ashmore Kellum*

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**Allison Kellum** - July 07, 2016 at 11:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Byron Kent Bridges.*



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July 07, 2016 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Joe and I are so sorry to hear of Kent's passing. He was such a kind and caring man. I will not forget the time I stayed with the girls when you went on a trip. We had so much fun. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Joe and Melissa Hudson*

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**melissa hudson** - July 06, 2016 at 04:23 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss..Dr.Bridges will be greatly missed. He a very funny and caring person. I have a lot of good memories from working with him for 7 years and I will always cherish those. I send Prayers for the family .

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**Ginger Dixon** - July 06, 2016 at 02:26 PM

MR

“ I enjoyed working for Dr. Bridges and am sorry that that he has passed. He was a pleasure to know and work for. His sense of humor and work ethic were well known and well as his love for his family. His gentle soul will be missed.

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**Margarette Roberts** - July 06, 2016 at 12:59 PM

CC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a fine gentleman and good to work for. I'm glad I had the pleasure of knowing and working with him. He had a good sense of humor and that special laugh. He was a hard worker and loved his patients. He paid us all well and took us out for many lunches. I'm praying for the family.

*Carole Stewart Cole*

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**Carole S. Cole** - July 06, 2016 at 09:40 AM

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“ To The Bridges Family, I am terribly sorry to hear of Dr. Bridges passing. I have so many fond memories growing up with Robin, Melanie and Miriam, being in and out of your home, I was always welcomed and loved. Dr. Bridges took care of my whole family teeth and even as I grew into adulthood, I would ask for his signature service with the "bug bite" shake on the jaw that always made the shot feel better. He will truly be missed by all that knew him and had the pleasure to love him. May you feel Gods presence, peace, grace, mercy and love during this difficult time.

*Angie Ashmore Kruse*

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**Angie Ashmore Kruse** - July 05, 2016 at 01:31 PM