



David Patrick Byars

May 13, 1984 - April 12, 2015

David Patrick Byars, 30, passed away on April 12, 2015.

A native of Greenville County, son of Gail Highsmith of Greenville and Dr. William "Bill" Byars and his wife, Ylva of Greenville, he was a 2002 graduate of Greer High School.

Surviving in addition to his parents are one sister, Jeni Testa and her husband, Mick of Austin, TX; maternal grandmother, Sarah Colman of Greenville; maternal grandfather, Charles C. Highsmith of Tucson, AZ and paternal grandfather, Hugh H. Byars of Greenville.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church, Greer, SC, conducted by Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters, Rev. Ray White and Rev. Wayne Cole.

Visitation will be held 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday at The Wood Mortuary, 300 W. Poinsett St., Greer, SC 29650.

The families are at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to NAMI of Greenville, 2320 E. North Street, Suite L, Greenville, S.C. 29607.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

APR **15.** 3:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Greer
100 School Street
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of David Patrick Byars*



The Wood Mortuary - April 14, 2015 at 10:01 AM

AO

I am so sorry for your loss and will remember all of you in my prayers. I cannot imagine the pain you must feel. I know there are no words to ease it. Love you Gail and Billy,

Anita Hutchins Odom

Anita Hutchins Odom - April 14, 2015 at 08:30 PM

DL

I am so very sorry for your loss. This video shows his sweet spirit. May you find comfort knowing that he has found peace.

Day Lowery April 23,2015

Day Lowery - April 23, 2015 at 08:52 AM

BN

*So sorry for your loss. Our daughter is the same age. I can imagine what you are going through. Praying for your family.
Logan and Barbara Neeley*

Barbara Neeley - April 26, 2015 at 08:38 PM

TG

*So sorry to hear of your loss. Will be praying for you and your family. Lost a step-son a few years ago. Only the good times helps us get through the rough times and of course God! Pray that God gives you and your family peace ! God Bless!
Donnie and Tresa Gregory*

tresa gregory - May 06, 2015 at 11:19 PM

BC

“ *May the love of God, family, and friends comfort your hearts in this time of sorrow.
Mrs. Beth Creasy*

Beth Creasy - April 20, 2015 at 12:02 AM

DS

“ *Dear Bill, Ylva, Jeni and Mick,
Please accept our sincere sympathies for your heartache, you and your family were such a special part of our family's life and we cherish every memory. David is at peace now and that brings comfort to my heart. Bill you are such an awesome daddy and you always had your arms protectively and lovingly around your sweet children, now our Heavenly Father will wrap His arms around you and bring you comfort. God bless you all
with much love
Tommy Debi Carley and TR*

Debi sommer - April 16, 2015 at 09:10 PM

MP

“ As Im sitting here reading all of these memories, tears are flowing. I remember starting high school as a freshman and having the biggest crush on David. As we grew older David became just another big brother as he hung out at our house all the time with my brother. I will never forget how sweet and kind of a person he was. He is in a much better place now and I can't wait to see him again.



Megan (Gosnell) Parham - April 16, 2015 at 07:08 PM

CS

“ Charlene W. Snow lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars



Charlene W. Snow - April 16, 2015 at 10:06 AM

CH

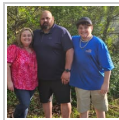
“ Sending love and peace for you all God bless
Carole Anne Christmas Hoffer

carole hoffer - April 15, 2015 at 08:05 PM

BD

“David was beyond special and I’m so lucky to have grown up with him. I’ve known David for so long that I can’t remember the first time that I met him. David impacted my life in many positive ways and there are numerous habits/mannerisms that I picked up from David along the way. I’m almost reminded of him on a daily bases (thumping my cheek making a dripping noise). I really miss him. David had so many talents and never stopped searching for a new challenge, whether it was body building, religion, skate boarding, games, juggling, meeting new people, and knowledge in general, David was always finding new challenges and mastering them. If you needed to know something he could figure it out for you. He ”yahoo’d” before “googled” was even a term. As a kid, I never could keep up with him but he encouraged me by example to always seek and never be complacent. I loved to listen to David talk and he always had new ideas. He was also very loving and kind. He treated me like a brother, I don’t think I ever saw him get really mad at someone and even when we would get mad at each other he was quick to apologize before I would. The last conversation I had with David, he talked about Jesus and I was amazed at his faith amidst his circumstances. I will never forget him and I can’t wait to see what David can do with no gravity and no boundaries of the human body and mind.

Brandon Durham - April 15, 2015 at 12:54 PM



Beautiful Brandon!

Rhoda Ward - April 15, 2015 at 06:11 PM

CR

Brandon two thumbs up. love you

claudia riddle - April 16, 2015 at 08:12 PM

GD

My prayers are with you Byars Family. We loved having David in and out of our home when we were neighbors. Some of my best memories are of the David and Brandon going back and forth between our homes. What a great guy and friend to all of us. I feel that David is at peace now but I know that you must miss him terribly. Thank you for sharing him with us. Love and prayers and looking forward to the day when we all see him again. Gail DePriest

Gail DePriest - April 16, 2015 at 10:03 PM

DM

“ *Dan And Cheryl Meagley lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars*



Dan and Cheryl Meagley - April 15, 2015 at 11:15 AM


Cheryl
Dan

Bill you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort and peace in God's faith and love. God Bless your family. We all will definitely be praying hard in our group tonight. Dan and Cheryl Meagley

Cheryl Dan Meagley - April 15, 2015 at 11:21 AM

SR

“ *Gail, Bill, and Jeni, our family sends prayers of hope, comfort, and healing to you. God bless you all.*

Shannon Gaillard Roe

Shannon roe - April 15, 2015 at 10:01 AM

CW

“ *Chris W. lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars*



Chris W. - April 15, 2015 at 06:57 AM

CW

“ *Dr. Byars I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family. Sorry that I couldn't make it to the visitation due to work but I wanted to let you know that I am thinking about you and your family.*

Chris W. - April 15, 2015 at 06:57 AM

EA

“ *Ed Allen lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars*



Ed Allen - April 14, 2015 at 10:26 PM

BD

“ *Bill, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this a time of loss. May God bless you and your family. Sorry I will be unable to attend the service.*
Ben Dillard

Ben Dillard - April 14, 2015 at 07:22 PM

RB

“ *RUTH BROWN lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars*



RUTH BROWN - April 14, 2015 at 06:35 PM

CH

“ *David has a huge extended family who send love and prayers to him and his immediate family. Emails with heartfelt condolences are flowing to his grandfather Charles Highsmith. We see David at peace and in the loving arms of the Divine.*



Blessings, Charles and Susan Highsmith in Tucson, AZ.

Charles & Susan Highsmith - April 14, 2015 at 05:45 PM

CG

“ *Carol Reid, Allen Glenn, Matthew Glenn lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars*



Carol Reid, Allen Glenn, Matthew Glenn - April 14, 2015 at 02:32 PM

CA

“ *Our hearts are broken and at the same time rejoicing with you in the freeing of David's spirit into eternity.*

Carol - April 14, 2015 at 02:26 PM

DP

“ I will always remember his infectious smile, witty sense of humor and ability to never know a stranger. Jeni, Ms Gail, and Dr. Byars, you are in my and my families prayers. Our hearts are with you during this difficult time.



Dani "DuBose" Peace - April 14, 2015 at 01:37 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Patrick Byars.



April 14, 2015 at 01:21 PM

KJ

“ Katie Schaaf Jackson lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars



Katie Schaaf Jackson - April 14, 2015 at 12:07 PM

JG

“ I remember David, Andrew and myself riding into the school parking lot on that tractor during spirit week for farmers day. Man the looks we got that morning. The three of us had some great times together. So sorry for your loss Byars family and friends and for all of us that lives were touched by David in some form or fashion. God Bless!!

Jonathan Gosnell - April 14, 2015 at 09:23 AM

MG

“ So sorry Dr Byars and family. I knew David, he was a good friend to my Son Jonathan Gosnell and Andrew Dill. They came to my home several times hanging out just having a good time! This is so heartfelt!!
Prayers for the family!! 🙏??

Maxine Gosnell - April 14, 2015 at 09:21 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of David Patrick Byars.



April 14, 2015 at 09:07 AM

TJ

“ Gail, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.



Tammy Jones - April 14, 2015 at 08:31 AM

RC

“ Ron and Jane wish the whole family all the best. Youre in our prayers.



Ron Chappell - April 14, 2015 at 08:24 AM

DA

“ *Debra Ashley lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars*



Debra Ashley - April 14, 2015 at 07:21 AM

JB

“ *Jan And Eddie Brown lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars*



Jan and Eddie Brown - April 14, 2015 at 06:56 AM

 Debbie Scott

“ *Gail please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if we can be of help to you in any way. Deborah and Blake Scott*

Debbie Scott - April 14, 2015 at 05:16 AM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of David Patrick Byars.*



April 13, 2015 at 11:38 PM

AS

“ Anne Singleton lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars



Anne Singleton - April 13, 2015 at 10:45 PM

NU

“ Nissa Urban lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars



Nissa Urban - April 13, 2015 at 09:31 PM



“ My prayers are with you.



David Condrey - April 13, 2015 at 09:25 PM

RO

“ PRAYING for you all. May GOD hold you close and pour out his strength over you...GOD BLESS!!



ROBIN - April 13, 2015 at 09:15 PM

DA

“ *Dr. Byars and All the Family, I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your son David. My Heart breaks knowing the pain you are enduring. You will be in my thoughts and prayers continually. And a special prayer for this Dear Mother...The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart. Psalm 34:18*



Debra Ashley - April 13, 2015 at 08:45 PM

MK

“ *Many sweet memories of David throughout his life. Praying for the family.*



Mac and Cynthia Knight - April 13, 2015 at 08:39 PM

NW

“ *Nichole Crosby Watson lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars*



Nichole Crosby Watson - April 13, 2015 at 08:33 PM

AH

“ Sooo many good memories & fun times back in the day w/ you David!! :-) I hate that the Lord took you so early, however I do KNOW that the Lord does EVERYTHING for a reason!! And, knowing that you are not just in a better place now, but also that you are in heaven with the Lord as well, makes all of this a little bit easier to accept!! You will forever be missed & all the memories made with you & so many others too, will keep you a little closer-to all of us!!! :-) You were a great friend & just simply a sweet & kind-hearted person & I will forever cherish all of the good times we had!!!! :-) May God be with you & your family during this veryyy difficult time!! WE <3 & MISS YOU DAVID...ALWAYS & FOREVER!!!! :-) :-)



Amanda Hawkins - April 13, 2015 at 07:36 PM

JK

“ Our sympathies to Dr. Byars and family and friends. We are so sorry for your loss. We love you and miss you Dr. Byars. Jim and Jerri Keller

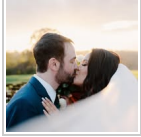


Jim and Jerri Keller - April 13, 2015 at 06:59 PM

KM

“ I will always remember David's sweet face at church. Our thoughts and prayers surround your family during this time of loss. We love you

Kristin Knight McGivern - April 13, 2015 at 06:52 PM



“ Amanda Swafford lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars



Amanda Swafford - April 13, 2015 at 06:42 PM



“ Sarah McIntyre lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars



Sarah McIntyre - April 13, 2015 at 06:35 PM



My deep, heartfelt sympathy goes out to Bill and Jenni, and to Gail. May God give David the greatest heavenly peace there is, and surround you with the comfort and love to get through the coming days and weeks. Know Wayne and I love you and will pray diligently for your peace and comfort. I claim Romans 8:28 for you, that God will bring good from such an awful situation. Love & Peace, Wayne and Sarah McIntyre

Sarah McIntyre - April 13, 2015 at 06:38 PM



I can so plainly see that handsome, smiling face coming down the steps with my Yellow Jackets at Dooley Field, and the smiles I always got when I would pat David's shoulder as he passed. I choose to remember him this way, always smiling and happy.

Sarah McIntyre - April 13, 2015 at 06:45 PM

KH

“ *Dr. Byars, Ylva, Jeni, Mick and Gail,
There are no words that I can say to help you in this time of need.
The Lord called home an angel yesterday. Know that he is safe,
healthy and at peace with himself in the Lord's arms. When you
want to find David, look into your heart and he will be there.
Dr. B- you know all you have to do is call. David was so blessed to
have you. Lean of those that love you there are a lot of us so you
won't have to lean far.
All my love,
Kristie Hilton*

kristie hilton - April 13, 2015 at 06:13 PM

MK

“ *Mac & Cynthia Knight lit a candle in memory
of David Patrick Byars*



Mac & Cynthia Knight - April 13, 2015 at 06:04 PM

MS

“ *Marilyn Shaw lit a candle in memory of David
Patrick Byars*



Marilyn Shaw - April 13, 2015 at 05:53 PM

DB

“ *Bill, Gail and Jeni My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I have such wonderful memories of all the children at Rilla-Rin my your memories of good times help you now. Love Dale Black*

dale black - April 13, 2015 at 05:49 PM

LG

“ *Gail, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I cannot imagine the loss you are feeling, but praying with faith, courage, and treasured memories you will find peace. Please accept my deepest condolences, Lisa Gicking*

Lisa Gicking - April 13, 2015 at 05:39 PM

KH

“ *Dr. Byars, Ylva, Gail, Jenny and Mic,
There are no words that I can say to make this difficult time any easier for any of you. My heart is breaking for you. I know that heaven got another angel and the stars just got a lot brighter. Know that the Lord has him in his arms, he is at peace and is safe. If you are looking for David, look into your heart and he will be there. He was a special man and has an amazing family that will allow him to live on forever. I am praying for peace for each of you and my thoughts are with you always.
All my love,
Kristie Hilton*



Kristie Hilton - April 13, 2015 at 05:36 PM

GM

“ Gary McConnell lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars



Gary McConnell - April 13, 2015 at 05:15 PM

NW

“ My heart hurts at the loss of one of "my kids". I've always had great memories of David. Love and strength to all of the Byars family.

Nancy Wood - April 13, 2015 at 04:59 PM

BW

“ Gail My love and deepest sympathy in this time of sorrow. Bev Whitmire



Bev Whitmire - April 13, 2015 at 04:01 PM

AH

“ My prayers are with you.



Adriane Hammond - April 13, 2015 at 03:26 PM

AT

“ Angie Taylor lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars



Angie Taylor - April 13, 2015 at 03:15 PM

AT

Gail - I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Angie Taylor - April 13, 2015 at 03:21 PM

JL

To the Byars family- All of you will be in our prayers during this heart-breaking time. May the God of all peace hold you close and may He give you His peace, which passes all understanding. God bless you all.

David and Janet Lister

Janet Lister - April 14, 2015 at 02:11 PM

JM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Dr. Byars, you and your family are in my prayers.

Jennifer mckinney - April 13, 2015 at 03:04 PM

JM

“ Jennifer Mckinney lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars



Jennifer mckinney - April 13, 2015 at 03:02 PM

RW

“ *Dr. Byars, you are in my prayers, may you find peace in God's gracious love.....*

Rob and Myrtle Wagner



Rob and Myrtle Wagner - April 13, 2015 at 02:52 PM

EW

“ *Bill and family, our hearts are grieving with you. You know that our prayers are covering you, and our love is reaching out to you. Love, comfort, and blessings in the Name of Jesus, Ed and Barbara Widener*



Ed and Barbara Widener - April 13, 2015 at 02:45 PM

RH

“ *Rhoda lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars*



Rhoda - April 13, 2015 at 02:42 PM

RH

Dr. Byars, I am so very sorry for your loss. I cannot imagine how hurt you must be. My prayers are with you and your family as you mourn David and in the upcoming days. You have always been so amazing to my family! Love you!

Rhoda - April 13, 2015 at 02:43 PM

SC

“ Shannon Wiren Cox lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars



Shannon Wiren Cox - April 13, 2015 at 02:35 PM

MK

“ Michelle Koster lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars



Michelle Koster - April 13, 2015 at 02:12 PM

MK

You are all in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. I wish I could be there with you!

Michelle Koster - April 13, 2015 at 02:16 PM

DP

“ Donna Parker lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars



Donna Parker - April 13, 2015 at 01:54 PM

DP

Dr Byars I wanted you to know how sorry I am about David. We will miss him and I am praying for you and your family.

Donna Parker - April 13, 2015 at 01:56 PM

YA

“ *Bill and Gail, I remember the days Gabe and David played together. You are in my prayers! Love Yvonne Atkins*

yvonne atkins - April 13, 2015 at 12:12 PM

EO

“ *Elizabeth Oughton lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars*



Elizabeth Oughton - April 13, 2015 at 11:55 AM

EO

“ *To Dr Byars and family, You are in my prayers during this most difficult journey. God will see you through this.*

Elizabeth Oughton - April 13, 2015 at 11:47 AM

DP

“ *Dr. Byars and the Byars Family, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God will see you through this time of bereavement.*

Danielle Pepper - April 13, 2015 at 11:45 AM

DP

“ *Danielle Pepper lit a candle in memory of David Patrick Byars*



Danielle Pepper - April 13, 2015 at 11:43 AM