



## Dick Baldwin

October 4, 1934 - November 18, 2023

Colonel Harold R. “Dick” Baldwin, 89, passed away November 18, 2023. Born in Greenville, South Carolina, son of the late Harold L. and Burgess T. Baldwin, he attended the University of South Carolina where he received his bachelor’s and master’s degree, was a United States Air Force Veteran, where he was a fighter pilot, then became a fighter pilot instructor and eventually retired from the Air Force Reserves as a Colonel. Dick joined Spartan Mills in 1964 where he served as Vice President of information services. Mr. Baldwin was a member of First Presbyterian Church from the time his family moved to Greer in 1964. He served as Deacon, Elder, and taught Sunday school for many years. He also started the Greer chapter of the Christian Businessmen’s Association.

Dick was a selfless, dedicated, loyal, and benevolent man who put the needs and wants of others above himself, the man who gave the best advice, back scratches, told the best stories (especially Twas the Night Before Christmas), but above all loved the best. Always greeted you with a contagious smile and a cold toddy in hand.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Jean “BJ” Eskew Baldwin of the home; two sons, Stephen M. Baldwin of Greer, South Carolina and Bradley R. Baldwin (Cathy) of Atlanta, Georgia; two daughters, Elaine B. Hunt of Greer, South Carolina and Becky B. Johnson of Greer, South Carolina; seven grandchildren, Nickie Hart (Tim), Taylor Johnson (Cat), Julia Ross (Hunter), Haley Smith (Devin), Casey Koon (Ramsey), Whitney Hunt, and Melissa Malo

(Russ); and eight great-grandchildren, Liam Hart, Ansley Koon, Benton Koon, Levi Hart, Marley Craig Smith, Jennings "Jett" Johnson, Miller Kate Smith, and Della Jean Ross.

Mr. Baldwin was predeceased by one brother, James L. Baldwin; and one son-in-law, F. Craig Johnson.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at The Wood Mortuary Chapel conducted by Pastor Tommy Harvey. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memory Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Williams, Keith Hunt, Pierce Williams, Mike Howell, Tony King, and Pete Smith.

Visitation will be held 1:30-2:45 p.m. Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at The Wood Mortuary.

The family will be at their respective homes.

Memorials may be made to American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association, ACPA P.O. Box 63193 Charlotte, North Carolina 28263-3193.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard  
Greer, SC 29651

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 21. 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

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

## Service

NOV 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Dick Baldwin*



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**The Wood Mortuary** - November 21, 2023 at 12:24 PM

JB

“ *I worked for him at Spartan Mills.  
A reasonable man in all affairs.*

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**Jim Blackwell** - December 02, 2023 at 09:29 AM

AA

“ *Angie AshmoreKruise lit a candle in memory  
of Dick Baldwin*



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**Angie AshmoreKruise** - November 22, 2023 at 03:06 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Dick Baldwin.*



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November 21, 2023 at 10:47 AM

AB

“ Allison Burnett lit a candle in memory of Dick Baldwin



Allison Burnett - November 21, 2023 at 04:29 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dick Baldwin.



November 20, 2023 at 06:54 PM

AK

“ Praying for all of you in the loss of your husband, dad, and grandpa. May you feel God's love and comfort each day.

Allison Ashmore Kellum

Allison Kellum - November 20, 2023 at 04:01 PM

RL

“ Richard Lane lit a candle in memory of Dick Baldwin



Richard Lane - November 20, 2023 at 03:42 PM

DC

“ *Denise Campbell lit a candle in memory of Dick Baldwin*



Denise DeYoung Campbell - November 20, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dick Baldwin.*



November 20, 2023 at 12:45 PM

JF

“ *Judy Friddle lit a candle in memory of Dick Baldwin*



Judy Welch Friddle - November 20, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Dick Baldwin.*



November 20, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dick Baldwin.

November 20, 2023 at 07:56 AM



“ Becky, I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I have very fond memories of spending the night at your house. When I would arrive and ring the doorbell your dad would open the door and greet me with a big smile and call me Barney. I would return the name and we would both laugh. Of course, Barney was your little dog at the time. Your dad was such a sweet man and I know that you will miss him tremendously.

**Robin Bridges** - November 19, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ Mertie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Dick Baldwin



**Mertie Taylor** - November 19, 2023 at 07:30 PM



“ Hugs and prayers go out to the Baldwin family. May God grant you wonderful, pleasant memories of this sweet man. I know Dick will be much missed by all of you.



**Sarah McIntyre** - November 19, 2023 at 01:14 PM