



Edward Austin

September 18, 1927 - January 1, 2012

Edward L. Austin, 84, entered into his home in heaven January 1, 2012. He lived a long happy life serving his family, church and community.

A native of Spartanburg County, son of the late Theodore H. and Genelle Cothran Austin, he was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII and a retired employee of Startex Mill. A member of Tucapau Baptist Church for 66 years, he served wherever God could use him from church maintenance to Chairman of Deacons. He worked with youth in Scouting and Sports, where he obtained rank of Eagle Scout and served for 20 years on District 5 School Board.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Allen Austin of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Joe Sawyer of Greenville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Phil Austin of Columbia, Rodney and Amy Austin of Lyman and Mike and Terri Austin of Inman; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Austin was predeceased by a brother, Elbert Austin.

Funeral services will be held 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Tucapau Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Eric Nixon and Dr. Bill Pate. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memory Gardens.

Visitation will be held 1:00-2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Tucapau Baptist Church Missions Fund, P.O. Box 250, Startex, SC 29377.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Tucapau Baptist Church
5 Chestnut Street
Startex, SC

Service

JAN 4. 2:30 PM (ET)

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5 Chestnut Street
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Tribute Wall



“ I just heard today (1/9) that Mr. Ed passed. He was a wonderful man who loved his family and served the community in so many ways. God Bless All of You.##imported-begin##Kathy Good##imported-end##

January 09, 2012 at 09:48 PM



“ My sincerest sympathy for the loss of one of nicest men from one of the nicest families that I remember from my Startex days.##imported-begin##George Fain##imported-end##

January 04, 2012 at 02:01 PM



“ May God be with your family in this time of sorrow. He will truly be missed by many.##imported-begin##Margo Mason Strong##imported-end##

January 04, 2012 at 08:42 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Dennis, Frank and Mary Shillingburg##imported-end##

January 03, 2012 at 10:41 PM



“ We shall keep you and and all of your family close to our hearts with lots of love.

Ed was a Prince of a Man and our lives were Blessed for our life long friendship we shared with you and your family.

God Bless you.

Jim and Nell Allen##imported-begin##Jim and Nell Allen##imported-end##

January 03, 2012 at 05:37 PM



“ *Betty and Family,*

Ed was such a wonderful person and perfect gentleman, friend, neighbor, and Christian. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Donna & Danny Roddy##imported-end##

January 03, 2012 at 04:26 PM



“ *Rodney and Mike,*

I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during this difficult time. Although I did not know your Dad, I know from others what a good man he was and that he blessed many lives.##imported-begin##John Mathis##imported-end##

January 03, 2012 at 12:16 PM



“ We are sad to hear that Ed has left us here in Startex but we know without a doubt that he is walking the streets of heaven with out Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and the entire family in this time of grief.

Sincerely,
Marvin and Alice##imported-begin##Marvin and Alice
Massey##imported-end##

January 03, 2012 at 11:46 AM



“ Betty, I was so sad to read about Ed. I remember well how wonderful you two were to my dear mother and how much she loved you. It was nice to see you over the years at WLT reunions and to reminiss about when we all attended Tucapau Baptist Church.

What a wonderful life he I lived and how much he meant to the community and the church. He will be missed and remembered with love. My deepest sympathy to you and all of the family.

Mary Kathryn ("Kaki") .

HZ##imported-begin##Mary Kathryn Sloan Smith##imported-end##

January 03, 2012 at 07:45 AM



“ Betty and Family,
I'll never forget the encouragement I received from Ed in the early days of my ministry at TBC. He always had a smile, a firm handshake, hug and a word of encouragement for me. He was also a great leader as I watched him in the deacons meetings. He believed in seeking God in prayer for the decisions we had to make. He was always a gentleman. I will be praying for your family.
Rev. Allen Elder##imported-begin##Allen Elder##imported-end##

January 03, 2012 at 07:13 AM



“ Dear Betty, Karen, Joe & Families,
Please know that you have been in our thoughts and prayers, and especially now we would pray that you would feel the comfort and peace that only God gives to His children. You have always been like family to us--in church and in the community as neighbors of Myrt and Slim--we shared a lot of special memories through the years and we will always treasure these times together. As Bill would say, "God Bless Your Heart!" Philippians 4:13, 19
"the Joy of the Lord is Your Strength"
Nehemiah 8:10b##imported-begin##Perry & Laura Breedlove & Joy Willingham & Family##imported-end##

January 02, 2012 at 08:32 PM



“ Deidre and I would like to express our deepest sympathies to Rodney, Amy, and the rest of the Austin family.##imported-begin##Darrin Waldrop##imported-end##

January 02, 2012 at 01:42 PM