



Francis Earle "F.E." Hendrix

October 26, 1925 - February 2, 2023

Francis Earle "F.E." Hendrix, age 97, of Abner Creek Road, Duncan, a lifelong resident of the Abner Creek Community, and husband of Louise Snelgrove Hendrix, went to his heavenly home on February 2, 2023. F.E. and Louise were married for 78 years.

Born October 26, 1925, in the Abner Creek Community, he was the son of the late J. Olice and Ernestine Wilson Hendrix. He lived on the land where his ancestors settled in the 1700s. He was an active lifetime member of Abner Creek Baptist Church and served many years as deacon, youth teacher, greeter, and was on numerous committees. He retired from the Springs Industries Comptroller Accounting Staff at Lyman after 48 years of service. While working at Lyman he operated a peach farm and a cattle farm in partnership with his brother Bill and father J.O. In recent retirement years, he has partnered with his grandsons, Wes and Reid Fisher, in a small cattle operation. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

F.E. was known as the church and area historian and authored four historical publications. F.E. coordinated with GSP and BMW in the placement of the Flatwood Community historical granite marker on Brockman-McClimon Road near the airport entrance to honor the displaced Flatwood farm families, baseball players, and fans. He was awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent (2006) and the Order of the Palmetto (2022). He was honored by the Byrnes High Block B Alumni as a "Rebel Legend" in 2022.

He led several church projects including the placement of the Church Historical Marker, Cemetery Beautification Program, and land acquisitions. He also led in the relocation of the historical log cabin from his family farm to church cemetery property. The log cabin was the birthplace of Abner Creek Baptist Church in 1832.

F.E. also has served as the manager of the church and cemetery grounds since 1975. He established the Abner Creek Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund which ensures the cemetery will always be maintained properly in future years.

He was a member of the Duncan Ruritan Club for over 56 years, Laurens Electric Cooperative Board member for over 29 years, and served on the BMW Community Advisory Panel for over 10 years.

F.E. graduated from Duncan High School in 1942 and has served as coordinator for their class reunions. After playing basketball for Duncan High School and being selected to the Spartanburg County All Star Team, he attended and played basketball at Clemson College and was one of the first three freshmen to earn a Block C letter with the varsity team in 1943. He played baseball for 10 years as the first baseman with the Flatwood Peaches in the Spartanburg County Twilight League in the 1950s. The field was located on what is now GSP Airport. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching the Clemson Tigers, Atlanta Braves, and Carolina Panthers.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mary Harrison (Larry) and Beth Fisher (Steve); four grandchildren, Travis Harrison (Jennie), Paige Harrison Johnson (Ryan), Wes Fisher (Amy), and Reid Fisher (Nancy); ten great-grandchildren, Karsyn, Katelynn and Kaden Harrison, Hunter Lancaster, Coraline and Benna Johnson, Olice, Georgia, Clementine, and Leo Fisher and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

F.E. was also predeceased by two sisters, Mildred H. McAlister and Irene H. Hadden, and four brothers, William A. (Bill), Cliff O., Ralph M., and Everette W. Hendrix.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2023, at Abner

Creek Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Donald Thomas and Rev. Wallace Hughes. Burial will follow in the Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be held 1:00 until 2:30 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2023, at the church prior to the service.

Grandsons and great-grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family will be at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Abner Creek Cemetery Fund, 2461 Abner Creek Road, Greer, SC 29651 or to charity of choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Abner Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

2461 Abner Creek Road
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Abner Creek Baptist Church
2461 Abner Creek Road
Greer, SC 29651

Service

FEB 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Abner Creek Baptist Church
2461 Abner Creek Road
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Francis Earle "F.E." Hendrix.*



February 07, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ *It was a blessing to get to know F.E. during my 14 years in the Upstate and at GSP. He was a kind man and a strong advocate for the history of the Flatwood community. Being able to work with F.E. on incorporating the Flatwood history to be part of the GSP airport, first with the Flatwood Grill and then the Airport Museum was both exciting and I know F.E. was truly grateful. F.E. will definitely be missed.*

Dave Edwards

David Edwards - February 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM

JS

“ Though I only knew him a short time, I feel blessed to have met F.E. back in 2021 when we interviewed him to learn more about the Flatwood community for a project at GSP. He was such a kind man and I'm so thankful for the time we spent with him. History was his passion. He would call me every couple months after our interview to tell me other historical details that we didn't cover in our interview to make sure I included them in the project, and I loved hearing from him. Touring him around the GSP Airport History Museum will forever be a special memory of mine. My sincere condolences to the Hendrix family.

Jonathan Sykes



Jonathan Sykes - February 07, 2023 at 09:00 AM

RH

“ FE was always one of my favorites. I met him in the mid 90s when we were building the ball fields on Brockman-McClimon and he came to see me about the old “twilight league” that played next to the old Flatwood School there. We did several articles about it and ultimately installed a granite marker to commemorate the site. A true gentleman and friend, to me, but especially BMW. When we created our citizens group, he and Phil Davis were the first people to come to our minds, and they have been great neighbors, poking at us when we needed it, but always embracing BMW’s great impact for their community and state. A real friend and a very fine man.

*Bobby Hitt
BMW, Retired*

Robert Hitt - February 07, 2023 at 01:30 AM

RH

“ To the Hendrix family, my sincere condolences. Mr. F.E. was a man who had a lasting positive impact on my life. I have fond memories serving along side him at Abner Creek and being mentored by him. May God bless your family

Rick Howard - February 06, 2023 at 03:52 PM

DB

“ *Earliest memories of Francis Earle were as my first Sunday School Teacher at Abner Creek Baptist Church in either 1947 or 1948. I vividly recall this tall man with the most pleasant smile and something I had never seen before that my mother later explained were dimples.*

Wish I could draw or paint as that first meeting is etched in my mind and could have displayed a very young FE that so many never knew. His stature, demeanor and example of how to live one's life has reached more than will ever be known.

I could write for hours, but if there's friends of FE that would like to share memories or attempt to fill a void that has occurred with his passing would welcome a call after dark or before daylight to fill in some voids of his life over the years.

Regret I couldn't be there today, but due to a Doctors appointment tomorrow at 0700 just couldn't make it. I will however revisit those early Abner Creek memories including the services and burials of grandparents and other family members and friends at the Abner Creek cemetery dating back to the late 1940's that FE was so instrumental in making it a serene, beautiful, place to visit.

Don Bright Midlothian, Va. 804-794-6908

Don Bright - February 06, 2023 at 01:18 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dillard lit a candle in memory of Francis Earle Hendrix*



Debbie Dillard - February 06, 2023 at 11:30 AM

JV

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of such a gentle soul F.E.Hendrix. It was a privilege to have been associated with him at LP&F. A man of integrity, respect and never too busy to speak with you. Our prayers are with each of you for God's comfort in the days ahead.
Judson and Linda Vaughn

Judson Vaughn - February 06, 2023 at 08:37 AM

JW

“ Ms. Louise,Beth,Mary I Pray for God’s Peace for All Your Family. I’m truly lost for words to describe what a a Great,Godly Man F.E. was. Larry and I will never forget him and All He Gave to his Church and Community! He Certainly Will Be Missed! Blessings To All! 🙏🙏👐👐



Larry & Janice Wood

Janice Wood - February 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM

PS

“ Mr Hendrick will be missed. He would call me from time to time & I called him also. I know his family is going through a sad time. He loved the lord & his family. I will miss Mr FE & our talks. He was a inspiration to many. He is home now always watching over his family & friends. RIP my friend.
Phillip Strickland



Phillip Strickland - February 06, 2023 at 02:13 AM

MM

“ I am a better person because of FE Hendrix being in my life. He certainly was a leader within the community and made everyone feel welcome, no matter their background. A true gentleman he was and now looking down on us from Heaven. Thank you Lord for blessing us through his life here. Max Metcalf

Max Metcalf - February 05, 2023 at 08:21 PM

BH

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Hendrix. He will be missed by so many. We will be praying for God's comfort and peace for the family.

Beverly Hudson - February 05, 2023 at 05:04 PM

MA

“ F.E. was my daughter's children's great grandfather and he certainly earned the name 'great'. He was always teaching the kids how to do things on the farm. On a couple of Christmas Eve's I was privileged to share a meal with the extended family; the best part of the evening was listening to him read the Christmas story from the Bible. His voice was mesmerizing for both young and old. It has only recently become clear to me how much he was involved in the community and how well respected he was. Maybe that realization began when I saw the restored 'buggy' in the Greer Museum - the one the neighborhood doctor drove to his patients' homes. That was maybe one of F.E.'s lesser known doings. He will be greatly missed. -Marijke Baker Alford.

Marijke Baker Alford - February 05, 2023 at 04:34 PM

JS

“ A finer man I never knew. Mr. Hendrix loved the Lord, his family, his country, and his community, and he lived a long, amazing life. He knew the value of hard work and he gave back and served in so many ways. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Janet Sherbert

Janet Sherbert - February 05, 2023 at 12:00 PM

PR

“ Beth I'm so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was an extraordinary gentleman. I know you will miss him. Carry his wonderful memories in your heart. Love and prayers. Patti Robison

Patti Robison - February 04, 2023 at 06:31 PM

SH

“ To the F E Hendrix Family, I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of FE. He was a wonderful friend to everybody. He was there for so many of my families deaths. I loved him and I know he will be missed by you and this whole community. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family 🥺💙💙🙏🙏

Susan Harris - February 04, 2023 at 06:28 PM

RA

“ A true servant to people, community and state. We love to talk about current politics and he was a great friend and supporter. He loved and gave.... thankful to have been touched by this great gift of a man.
Rita Allison....🙏💙🙏

Rita Allison - February 04, 2023 at 05:40 PM

LP

“ *Mr. F. E. was such an encouragement to all he came in contact with. It was a pleasure and honor to be his friend. As an employee with LEC Mr Hendrix and I had a special relationship. There will never be another man like Mr Hendrix; his life was an example for all to follow. He will be missed.*

Larry & Sandra Patterson - February 04, 2023 at 10:41 AM



Mr. F. E. was my first Sunday School teacher when I joined Abner Creek Baptist at 17 years old in 1983. He remained my friend, mentor, and example of godliness from that point forward. I will miss him.

Angie Fowler - February 04, 2023 at 03:10 PM

RO

“ *Dear Louise, Mary, Beth and Family,
Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all.
May God Bless you with much Strength in the days ahead. Richard and I have so many fond memories of Mr. F.E that we will cherish always. Our most Precious memory of Mr. F.E. is that he was not only a wonderful friend that you could always count on but He was family to us. We cherish our talks on the phone and our visits with him and Louise. Much Love to you all with our most Sincere and Heartfelt Sympathy.*



Richard & Barbara Owensby - February 04, 2023 at 09:14 AM

KH

“ *F.E. is a good man, good neighbor. You will be missed. Rest in peace. 🙏*

Keith Harmon - February 04, 2023 at 08:56 AM

TA

“ Louise, Mary, and Beth so sorry to hear of F.E.'s passing, he was bigger than life to Tommy and I. We enjoyed his stories and we know he's walking with the lord today. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers, with our love, Tommy and Teresa Allen

Tom Allen - February 04, 2023 at 01:40 AM

CM

“ After 59 years the Duncan Ruritan and the community will miss the services of this Christian gentleman.

Curtis Marshall - February 03, 2023 at 07:09 PM

TB

“ So sad to hear the passing of our dear friend, F. E. Hendrix. He was a man of integrity, compassion, respect and a gentleman of the highest honor! We shared a lot of history of LP&F and now those memories come back of how honored we all felt then to be friends and associates working together in the Main Office. RIP F.E. 🙏 to your dear family . Tom & Shirley Beacham

Tom & Shirley Beacham - February 03, 2023 at 06:55 PM