



## J. Fred Lister

October 26, 1926 - September 24, 2017

J. Fred Lister, 90, went to be with the Lord on September 24, 2017, after a long illness. Born in Piedmont, S.C., he was a graduate of the University of South Carolina. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was predeceased by his parents, Sallie McCoy Lister and Rufus Lister, and one great-grandchild, Benjamin Michael Peters. He is survived by his devoted wife of nearly 70 years, LaVerne Cothran Lister; a daughter and son-in-law, Laura Lister Hamlet and Dr. Michael Hamlet of Spartanburg, SC; a sister, Katie Huckaby; two grandchildren, Andrew Hamlet (Jessica) and Allison Hamlet Peters (Ben) and two great-grandchildren, Harlow and Hudson Hamlet.

Fred was a devoted and loving husband and father. He had a great heart for the Lord, working with the Baptist Foundation of SC for 27 years, serving for 16 years as President of the Foundation. A member of First Baptist Columbia, he was committed to the local church, serving as a deacon in three different churches. He was known as a person who was ready to help wherever he was needed.

A service of celebration will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church Columbia, 1306 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC, with Dr. Wendell Estep and Dr. Michael Hamlet officiating. The family will receive friends before the service at 10:00 a.m. in the Boyce Chapel.

Graveside services will be at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday at Wood Memorial Park, 863 Gap Creek Road, Duncan, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Columbia, 1306 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road  
Duncan, SC 29334

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Columbia  
1306 Hampton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

## Service

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

SEP 27. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LB

“ I have always held Fred in highest esteem. He was a friend, encourager and confidant during our years of ministry in Foundation Life. While saddened, it is with every confidence that I know Fred longed to be with our Lord and celebrate the joy we shall all come to experience. A life well lived, Fred. You, your warmth, inviting smile and encouraging words will be missed. May your wonderful family know the comfort of the Lord in the difficult days ahead.  
Lee Black

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**Lee Black** - September 28, 2017 at 04:50 PM

HS

“ We are sorry to learn of Fred's passing but rejoice in his life. We are thankful for the friendship that we shared and grateful for his example of service to our Lord. We pray that God will give you His peace and comfort during these difficult days. Hazel and Lonnie Shull

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**Hazel Shull** - September 28, 2017 at 09:59 AM

DH

“ D H Hatterick purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of J. Fred Lister.



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**D H Hatterick** - September 26, 2017 at 05:11 PM

LB

“ Not only was Fred a wonderful man, he had one of the greatest sense of humors. Even in the days of struggling, he could always bring a smile to Laverne and anyone one else around. We were blessed every time we were around him.

*Lyn and Louise Burkholder*

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**Louise Burkholder** - September 26, 2017 at 03:26 PM

BV

“ Fred Lister was one of the finest men I know. As a pastor in South Carolina, I got to know Fred first as he worked alongside of Jiim Cherry, and then later as President of the Baptist Foundation of South Carolina. He was committed to the cause of Christ and also committed to keeping harmony in the Convention. On several occasions Fred came to my churches and led our people in understanding how they could continue to support the mission of Christ until the day Christ returns. He was humble, honest, and a true servant. May God bless his family as they grieve and yet at the same time celebrate his passing from this earth to God's presence.

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**Billy E Vaughn** - September 26, 2017 at 12:03 PM

LN

“ Eddie told me how Fred helped him with his homework sometimes and I will always remember his wonderful sense of humor. He was a pleasure to be around. I will be praying for the family. Louise Nelson

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**Louise Nelson** - September 26, 2017 at 10:52 AM

JE

“ *Judith K Ellington lit a candle in memory of J. Fred Lister*



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**Judith K Ellington** - September 26, 2017 at 10:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of J. Fred Lister.*



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September 26, 2017 at 09:06 AM