



## James Lex Byars, Sr.

August 10, 1921 - April 11, 2008

Headline: James L. Byars, Sr. (veteran)

Dateline: Greer

James Lex Byars, Sr., 86 died Friday, April 11, 2008 at home in Clearwater, FL.

A native of Greer, SC, Mr. Byars was a son of the late James Pliney Byars, Sr. and Alma Mae Southern Byars. He graduated from D.R. Hill high School and was a long time member of Fulton Presbyterian Church where he served as a church elder. Mr. Byars was a former peach farmer and retired from the Winn Dixie Bakery in Greenville. He was a veteran of the United States Army, European Theater, World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Katherine Gantt Byars of Clearwater, FL and formerly of Greer, SC; three daughters and sons-in-law, Joan B. and Carey Smith of Rock Hill, Mickey B. and Perry Poole of Maitland, FL, and Linda B. Bishop of Greer; one son and daughter-in-law, James L. (Jimmy) and Sarah Byars, III of Clearwater, FL; a brother, Vance Byars of Raleigh, NC; surviving grandchildren include, Carey Smith of Ralls, TX, C. Scott Smith of Fort Mill, SC, Lee Bishop of Greer, Tim Furr of Valrico, FL, Elizabeth Harless of Raleigh, NC, Anna Manuel of Casselberry, FL, Cpl. Nathan Poole, USMC Yuma, AR, Benjamin Poole of Orlando, FL, James L. Byars, III of Summerville, SC, Jessica B. Groves of Hampstead, MD, Joni Byars of Charleston, SC, Kim Grawcock of Clearwater, FL, and Jason Daniels of Nevada; seventeen surviving great-grandchildren.

Mr. Byars was predeceased by a sister, Ruth Godfrey and brothers, Roy, J.P., and Bobby Byars.

Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at the Wood Mortuary, conducted by Rev. Perry Poole. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Carey F. Smith, II, C. Scott Smith, Lee Bishop, James L. Byars, III, Nathan and Benjamin Poole.

The family will be at 1390 Brockman-McClimon Road, Greer.

Visitation will be held 1 until 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Wood Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a preferred charity.

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

# Previous Events

## Service

APR **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL

300 West Poinsett Street

Greer, SC 29650

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Our love and deepest sympathy to each of you.*

*You might need a little help remembering us...Ronny, Byrnes Class of 1965...Janie, Randolph Smith's granddaughter, raised at Flatwood.##imported-begin##Janie & Ronny Dillard##imported-end##*

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April 16, 2008 at 10:35 AM



“ *Mickey & Jimmy,  
I am out of town on a business trip and did not get to come to the visitation, but just wanted to let you know that I am sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad and wanted you to know that you have my deepest sympathy and in my prayers during this time.##imported-begin##David Davis##imported-end##*

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April 15, 2008 at 04:21 PM



“ *Praying for friends to comfort you, faith to uphold you and loving memories to help you smile again.*

*Love,  
Inga##imported-begin##Inga Dawson##imported-end##*

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April 15, 2008 at 09:51 AM



“ Kat,

*Wanted you and your family to know that you are in our prayers. I called DeDe and Ruth Lundy after I talked with you.*

*Love,*

*Les and Nancy###imported-begin###Nancy Harrell###imported-end##*

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April 14, 2008 at 07:13 PM



“ *Dear Joan and Carrie: Our sympathies on the loss of your Dad and father-in-law. We are never ready to have our parents leave us and I know you are suffering deep sadness. You are in our hearts and prayers. Fondly, Terry and Betty Plumb###imported-begin###Betty Plumb###imported-end##*

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April 14, 2008 at 11:23 AM



“ *Dear Carey and Joan , This message comes with our condolences at the loss of your father and father in - law . This message also comes with special prayers to our Father in heaven that you will feel His love and compassion as we hold you in our hearts and He holds you in His care . Yours in Christ , Marty and Phyllis###imported-begin###PHYLLIS FAUNTLEROY###imported-end##*

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April 14, 2008 at 10:39 AM



“ *Sympathy to you for your loss.  
Jimmy so sorry to hear of you Father's passing.  
Your Dad always made us laugh. Plus he let us drive his car.  
I will keep you and yours in my thoughts and and prayers.  
Rena and George###imported-begin###Rena McAbee  
Hamrick###imported-end##*

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April 14, 2008 at 12:41 AM



“ *We are saddened to hear of your loss. Know that you all are in our  
prayers for God to give you peace beyond all understanding. I'll  
never forget Lex's fun personality. May his memories be a lasting  
comfort to you.*

*God Bless*

*The Moons (Bill, Celeste, Tony & Astra)###imported-begin###Celeste  
Moon &Family###imported-end##*

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April 13, 2008 at 06:14 PM