



## Joel E. Waddell

September 8, 1946 - June 5, 2025

Joel Elliott Waddell, 78, born on September 8, 1946, in Greer, South Carolina, closed his eyes to this world and opened his eyes in Heaven with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Joel was a shining light to all who had the privilege of getting to know him. His journey on this earth was marked by his love for Jesus, his passion for music that he used for Heavenly Praise, and his unwavering Faith, which showed his calling from God for the music ministry. His passing left a void in the heart of his family and friends.

Surviving are his loving wife of 55 years, Lydia Waddell of the home; two daughters, Melissa Adams (Glenn) and Emily Brown (Phil); four grandchildren, Trey Adams, Lillian Sharp (Spencer), Joel Adams, and Henry Brown; two brothers, Toby Waddell and Frank Waddell; and two sisters, Joye Leopard and Jill Jacobs.

Mr. Waddell was predeceased by his parents, Tolbert Edward Waddell, Sr. and Sarah Aycock Waddell; and a brother, Louie "Lou" Waddell.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 8, 2025, at Washington Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Trent Henson. Burial will follow in White Oak Baptist Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be held 1:00-1:45 p.m., Sunday, June 8, 2025, Washington Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Washington Baptist Church, Hammer and Nails, 3500 N. Highway 14, Greer, South Carolina 29651.

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

# Cemetery Details

## White Oak Baptist Church Cemetery

Greenville, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Washington Baptist Church  
3500 North Highway 14  
Greer, SC 29651

## Service

JUN 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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3500 North Highway 14  
Greer, SC 29651

# Tribute Wall

KJ

“ Sending condolences from Larry and Randy Waddell. If any family would like to contact them I can help. My name is Kim 864-979-4694.

Kim Johnston - June 13, 2025 at 12:31 PM

SF

“ Fifty years ago Joel was our Youth Minister and Choir Director. His Bible lessons still effect me to this day. He had heart in all he did and was not afraid to confront and take risks for the sheep in his youth flock. He fed the Lord's sheep. There is an new beautiful voice in Heaven's choir.

Stephen Fitchett - June 09, 2025 at 09:43 AM

LR

“ Joel was a great man full of love and compassion for others. He was our spiritual leader for our Greer Lions Club for many years and he will be missed. Prayers for his sweet family. I know he is singing in God's choir today.

Linda S Rumsey - June 07, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joel E. Waddell.

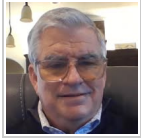


June 07, 2025 at 02:04 PM



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

June 07, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ I remember so many Fridays Joel and I shared lunch together, either at Olive Garden or LaCazuela. We enjoyed sharing musical experiences in worship at FBC Tucker. One unforgettable time, I was told by Joel that a teacher of his had coached him to reach the high notes, he needed to pinch his cheeks (not on the face) like he was pinching a dime. On this particular Sunday, I was singing a Steve Green song. At the end of the song, I finished on the high note. As I turned to go back into the choir loft, there was a dime on the carpet behind me. Joel was just giving me that big old smile. I could barely keep my composure! I know that Joel is singing like he has never sung before as he gives praise to God in His presence. I look forward to the day I can join him in that heavenly choir, and not have to worry about dimes!!!

Mike Sarratt - June 07, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joel E. Waddell.



June 07, 2025 at 09:50 AM

RK

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy in the passing of your husband, dad, and granddad. May all of the memories you have together be a comfort in the days ahead.  
Laura Kellum. Randy Kellum, and Celeste Allem

Randy Kellum - June 07, 2025 at 09:26 AM

CG

“ Joel always had the most pleasant smile that made us feel like he really saw us. The whole Waddell family is precious. Never afraid to express their faith in Christ Jesus our Lord they are a family I respect and admire.

Connie Groves - June 07, 2025 at 09:24 AM

MT

“ Mertie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Joel Waddell



Mertie Taylor - June 07, 2025 at 01:30 AM

SB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Joel's passing, I remember him entertaining us in the fellowship hall at Victor Baptist back in the 60's! We were all young then! Great memories! Prayers for the family! ❤️

Sandra Terry Blocker - June 06, 2025 at 06:27 PM

CC

“ Joel was always making me laugh. His keen sense of humor, corny jokes and one liners were always at the right moment. He was very compassionate, caring, loving and adored his two daughters and his grandchildren. I think his rewards in heaven will be a crown and the Lord saying, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." I am praying for the family as they transition their lives without him. This will be hard for all of them, but God will carry them through. Praise the Lord he is not hurting anymore!

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Charlene Waddell Campbell - June 06, 2025 at 06:22 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Joel E. Waddell.



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