



## Joseph A. Craft

November 12, 1935 - July 7, 2020

Joseph Alexander Craft, 84, passed away on July 7, 2020 at his home. He was born November 12, 1935, a son of the late J. Lynwood and Floride J. Craft. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. He was a lifelong member of Greer First Baptist Church. He graduated from Greer High School Class of 1954 where he excelled as an athlete. He was a high school and college basketball referee for over 20 years. Mr. Craft was a fan of St. Louis Cardinals baseball and especially Clemson Tigers football. After retirement, Joseph's yard became his hobby and he spent many hours keeping it in pristine condition and he enjoyed volunteering for the Greer Christian Learning Center. Mr. Craft was a US Army National Guard Veteran. Mr. Craft was survived by his wife, Carole Duncan Craft of the home; his daughter, Cathy Neely and her husband, Jeff; six grandchildren, Jonathan Neely (Katy), Laura Beth Comer (Blake), Meredith Payne (Wellington), Jeffrey Neely, Joseph Neely (Molly) and Caroline Neely; nine great-grandchildren, Gray and Syllas Neely, Neely, Jackson, Penelope and Anderson Comer, Elsie and Hazel Payne and Lincoln Neely. Joseph loved and enjoyed all his grandchildren.

The funeral service, conducted by Dr. Doug Mize and Reverend Blake Comer, will be private and may be viewed via webcast at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com) 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 12, 2020. Burial will be private.

Pallbearers will be Jonathan Neely, Joseph Neely, Jeffrey Neely and Wellington Payne.

Memorials may be made to Greer Christian Learning Center, PO Box 2013, Greer, SC 29652 or Greer First Baptist Church, 202 W. Poinsett St., Greer, SC 29650.

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Joseph A. Craft*



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**The Wood Mortuary** - July 12, 2020 at 12:37 PM

AM

“ *Angela Murphy lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Craft*



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**Angela Murphy** - July 14, 2020 at 03:15 AM

JC

“ *Jim Cason lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Craft*



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**Jim Cason** - July 12, 2020 at 07:17 PM

JC

“ I worked with Joe at McLeskey-Todd Drugstore for 5 years and quickly became good friends. He was always full of life and made work a pleasure. Every time I saw him, including the last time, he would ask me the same question, " Jim do I still look as good as I always have? "

Jim Cason - July 11, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Craft.



July 11, 2020 at 03:51 PM

CS

“ Joe limped off the court. Coach Ennis asked "What's wrong?" Joe answered "Hit my knee on the rim". That's how I remember Joe Craft.

Chick and Alene Smith

Charles Smith - July 10, 2020 at 09:30 PM

KG

“ My heart just breaks for Carole and Cathy and all the families as I hear of Joseph's death. All of us in North Carolina send our love and prayers and pray you have peace in this very difficult time. I love you all. Krisan

Krisan Gregson - July 09, 2020 at 03:32 PM

JW

“ *Jon And Stacey Wilson lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Craft*



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**Jon and Stacey Wilson** - July 09, 2020 at 12:08 PM

LB

“ *I know your family will miss the husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and great grandfather that has been the patriarch of the Craft family for so long now. Blessings and prayers, laughter and love to you each and all in the days ahead.*



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**Leslie Blackwell** - July 09, 2020 at 10:28 AM

DC

“ *Donna Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Craft*



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**Donna Cantrell** - July 09, 2020 at 07:40 AM

SS

“ *Joseph 's sweet personality and cheerful demeanor I have enjoyed since my childhood and thus nearly seven decades. He never changed. So happy to have visited with him twice in the past few years all the way from Indiana. Such fun memories. Very special human being! Carole is my cousin; Joe referred to himself as my kissing cousin. Loved him dearly.*

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**susie duncan sexton** - July 09, 2020 at 05:27 AM

GM

“ *Glenn Masters lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Craft*



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**Glenn Masters** - July 08, 2020 at 07:11 PM

PC

“ *Joe was a great and longtime friend of my Dad and myself. He was a great Athlete, Father and Husband. Always with a smile on his face when you would see him. He will be dearly missed by the Greer community.*

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**Phil Clark** - July 08, 2020 at 04:29 PM

DG

“ *Dana Brown Galloway lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Craft*



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**Dana Brown Galloway** - July 08, 2020 at 03:15 PM

GS

“ *Glenda & Reynold Smith lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Craft*



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**Glenda & Reynold Smith** - July 08, 2020 at 10:58 AM

GB

“ *The Town Of Greer got a bit smaller today with the passing of Mr Joe Craft! I'm going to miss the stories & the fun times we all had at Hardee's breakfast!*

*GodSpeed Ole Friend!*

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**Greg Burns** - July 07, 2020 at 10:49 PM

MB

“ *Mary Bennefield lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Craft*



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**mary Bennefield** - July 07, 2020 at 08:15 PM

JH

“ *Joan Harbin lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Craft*



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**Joan Harbin** - July 07, 2020 at 07:47 PM