



Randall Phillip Hartsell

October 17, 1940 - November 4, 2025

Randall Phillip Hartsell, 85, passed away November 4, 2025.

A native of Troutman, North Carolina, son of the late Flake Steele and Catherine Rankin Hartsell, he was a retired Commercial Pilot for BASF Corporation, a US Navy Veteran and a member of Greer First Baptist Church. Surviving are his wife, Sharon King Hartsell of the home; two sons, Mark Hartsell (Patricia), Landrum, South Carolina, and Brian Hartsell (Ginna), of Lynchburg, Virginia; a brother, Jerry Hartsell (Janet) of Greensboro, North Carolina; and four grandchildren, Ashley Hartsell, Jake Hartsell (Savannah), Logan Hartsell, and Jessica Hamlett (Blake).

Mr. Hartsell was predeceased by a brother, Steve Hartsell.

Cryptside services will be held 3:00 p.m. Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Hillcrest Memory Gardens Mausoleum, conducted by Dr. Doug Mize.

Visitation will be held after the service at the Cryptside.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Agape Hospice, 706 E. Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302 or Greer First Baptist Church, 202 W. Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29650.

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

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Cryptside Service

NOV 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KT

“ Dear Aunt Sharon, Mark and Brian , I just found out Uncle Randy passed. I loved him so much. He was a man with such a huge heart. He was my COOL uncle with a GTO. May you rest in peace. All my love, Karen Tuttle

Karen Tuttle - January 23 at 07:26 PM

MI

“ Mills planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randall Phillip Hartsell.

Mills - November 07, 2025 at 09:04 PM

MI

“ Mills purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Randall Phillip Hartsell.



Mills - November 07, 2025 at 09:04 PM

BM

“ *"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:26"*

My thoughts and prayers are with you. -Bev Mott

Bev Mott - November 07, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ For those that we truly treasure, the heart never forgets. Sending thoughts and wishes at this difficult time. Rose, Steve and Melissa Eliot



Rose Eliot - November 06, 2025 at 03:58 PM



“ The Stevenson-Weir family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randall Phillip Hartsell.

The Stevenson-Weir family. - November 06, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Randall Phillip Hartsell.



November 06, 2025 at 08:32 AM

NK

“ Captain Hartsell was my mentor. He was a fellow pilot, co-worker and friend, as I launched my 25 year aviation career. Most of you didn't have the pleasure to fly or train next to Randy, but rest assured his skills, demeanor and leadership were second to known! His love for his family, his church as well as the Carolina's and the Wake Forest Demon Deacons, were evident in our many conversations, during our numerous overnights. His first request every flight, as we completed our Cruise Check-lists, was for a cup of "industrial strength" (black) coffee, that only I could reach from the galley, co-located by the cockpit! Never to be convinced that a touch of "cream and sugar" is still considered a manly thing to do. I think I speak for all the former BASF pilots, when I say: "our days and weeks were long and challenging"! However, Randy at approximately 60 years of age, never waived, nor complained about the rigors of Corporate Aviation. He was however, the recipient of my "generational moaning and groaning", listening like a trooper and mentoring me like a father. His training techniques and "attention to detail", were carried with me throughout my career, helping the many corporate and commercial pilots that shared my cockpits.



I'm terribly sad that I'll never hear his "southern twang" again, BUT my memories both (in and out) of the cockpit will be cherished forever! He set the standard for integrity and compassion! My thoughts will be with the entire Hartsell Family!

Keep The Blue Side Up My Friend....We'll look for ya on the next climb out!
Ned Kuehn

Ned Kuehn - November 05, 2025 at 12:24 PM

MG

“ *Mike and Diane Golding lit a candle in memory of Randall Hartsell*



Mike and Diane Golding - November 05, 2025 at 12:21 AM

GD

“ *Mr. Hartsell was the epitome of a Christian and gentleman. Many people looked up to him. I am honored that our paths crossed. May the family have peace that only his Savior and ours can give.*

Glenn Downey - November 04, 2025 at 06:03 PM