



## Richard Lamar Hand

April 6, 1930 - January 2, 2014

Heading: Richard Lamar Hand

Dateline: Lyman

Richard Lamar Hand, 83, of 361 Lyman Lake Road, went home to be with his Lord and Saviour, January 2, 2014 at St. Francis Hospital.

A native of Greenville County, he was a son of the late Raymond Harold Hand, Sr. and Odessa Brown Hand. He was a retired employee of the Greenville Police Department after 30 years of service, a member of Apalache Baptist Church, the Goal Reachers Sunday School Class, and a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. He was also a mason and a member of the Walden Lodge #274 AFM in Greenville.

Surviving are his wife, Joanna Lynn Hand of the home; a son, Richard Gary Hand (Joan Ragsdale) of Lyman; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda Lynn Spencer (Tim) of Greenville and Patty Miller (Joe) of Inman; eight grandchildren, Jason (Jennifer) and Jonathan (Regan) Hand, Scott (Jamie), Mark, Kevin and Katie Spencer, Justin (Stephanie) and Anna Miller (Braden Brock) and one great-grandchild, Preston Hand.

He was also predeceased by one grandchild, Lori Michelle Hand and five brothers, Harold Hand, Jr., Billy Hand, Kenneth Hand, Joe Hand and John Gary Hand.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday at Apalache Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Eddie Cooper, Rev. Jim Carpenter and Rev. Butch Howard. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held 3 until 5 p.m. Sunday at the Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home.

Pallbearers will be the grandsons, Jason and Jonathan Hand, Scott, Mark and Kevin Spencer and Justin Miller.

Honorary escort will be the Goal Reachers Sunday School Class and the Walden Lodge #274 AFM, and the Greenville Police Department.

Memorials may be made to Apalache Baptist Church Building Fund, 1915 Gap Creek Road, Greer, SC 29651 or Greer Community Ministries, P.O. Box 1373, Greer, SC 29652.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

1 Pine Knoll Drive  
Greenville, SC 29609

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Service

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Apalache Baptist Church  
1915 Gap Creek Road  
Greer, SC 29651

# Tribute Wall

CN

“ *When I was a little kid, I was always so proud that my Uncle Tootsie was a policeman. It seemed like such a larger-than-life occupation. Many fond memories of visiting with him, Joanna, and Gary, Rhonda and Patti. Later in life, I was impressed by his ability to carve beautiful birds. I still have a small "feather" he made into a pin that he gave me. I am sure my Daddy, Harold Hand, is having a wonderful reunion with his brothers, Mama and Papa right now. Wish Houston wasn't so far away and I could be there. Just know in my heart, I am. Love to you all.*  
*Cynthia Hand Neely and Family*

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**Cynthia Hand Neely** - January 05, 2014 at 06:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Lamar Hand.*



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January 04, 2014 at 11:07 AM

TL

“ To the Hand family,  
So sorry to hear about Mr. Hand's passing. It's really odd. I was thinking of your family this Thursday, not knowing about him. I live in my parents house on Holmes Drive, so I have lots of memories of your house on Auburn St. I took over the neighborhood Santa Claus job from Mr. Bellwood and visit two little boys with LOTS of energy that live there now. I guess Gary and I left some for them. I remember Mr. Hand always waving from his blue Oldsmobile on his way to work. Another thing I remember was when the Cub Scouts visited the police station. They were showing us the radio -- and Mr. Hand was on the other end in a squad car talking to us -- then he walked in the building. We'd been set up!

*I know you are all grieving now, but the good memories will fill the hole in your hearts.*

*God bless you all,*

*Thom Long*

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**Thom Long** - January 04, 2014 at 10:28 AM

LB

“ So sorry to hear about Lamar's passing. The last of the 5 Hand boys....he will be missed by his family. I will be praying for the family.



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**Linda Bell** - January 04, 2014 at 12:13 AM

TG

“ *His journey's just begun*

*Don't think of him as gone away  
his journey's just begun,  
life holds so many facets  
this earth is only one.  
Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.  
Think how he must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.  
And think of him as living  
in the hearts of those he touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost  
and he was loved so much.  
(Ellen Brenneman)*

*Dear Aunt Jo, Gary, Rhonda, Patty and families~*

*We are so saddened to learn of Uncle Toots' passing but rejoice in knowing that he is with our Lord and loved ones who were waiting on the other side.*

*He was a precious man with a gentle spirit and loved you all so much.*

*.....Treasuring the many sweet memories and sending our love to each you.*

*Love~*

*Tammy (Hand) Gras & Ruby Underwood*

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**Tammy Gras** - January 03, 2014 at 07:39 PM

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“ *I will miss you.*

*Love,*

*Frances Hand*

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**steve hand** - January 03, 2014 at 02:49 PM

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“ *Deepest condolences and sympathy for the passing of Uncle Toots,  
the last of the Hand boys!*

*Steve Hand and Families*

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**steve hand** - January 03, 2014 at 02:48 PM