



O. David Hatchell

March 10, 1947 - May 16, 2018

O. DAVID HATCHELL, JR.

David was born March 10, 1947 in Florence, SC and passed away May 16, 2018 in Florence. He was

the son of the late Otis David Hatchell, Sr. and Claudia Hewitt Hatchell . Special family members include sisters Joyce Lunn, Brenda Kirby (Kenneth), and Harriett Hatchell of Florence, and Dianne Moore (Johnny) of Lynchburg, and a host of nieces and nephews especially “Little” Harriette who went above and beyond using her nursing skills to assist her Uncle David through his final days. David is survived by his son Jonathan David Hatchell and his special friend of 26 years, Frank McIntyre. The Hewitt line of David’s family traces back to the Mayflower and family members can qualify as members of the distinguished “Mayflower Society”.

David graduated from McClenaghan High School in Florence and later received a Bachelor of Science degree from Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC. His biography is noted in Who’s Who in America: A Biography of Notable Men and Women

In the 1960’s, he was a member of the South Carolina National Guard. Later David moved to Washington, D.C. to pursue a career with the United States government working at the General Accounting Office (GAO) and later with the General Services Administration (GSA). His career lasted for 29 years before he retired and moved back to Florence. He then pursued a second career in education, becoming a business teacher at West Florence High School. His second retirement occurred in 2016. He loved finding many of his former students gainfully employed in local Florence businesses.

He used his business and financial skills in his community, serving as Treasurer of the Forest Lake Homeowners Association where he lived on the lake with Frank. He was also an avid art collector and loved the Art Deco period, especially the Russian artist Erte. His home was a showplace for his art and Frank always found the perfect place to display each piece of his collection.

David wanted to acknowledge his love for the many animals in his life, particularly Randolph, a Cocker Spaniel; Zoe, a white Samoyed; Walker, another Cocker Spaniel and most recently Nemo and Sheva, both pure bred Siberian Huskies. All have given him great joy.

David had a quick wit and kept his family, friends and co-workers amused and laughing. He enjoyed the lighter side of life and always expressed an interest in others. He was generous in helping people in need.

The family would like to thank Hospice House of McLeod Hospital and their staff and nurses for all the loving care shown during David's illness. A memorial service will take place at 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at Florence Memorial Gardens, 3320 S. Cashua Drive, 843-662-9712

Cremation Services are being handled by Kistler Hardee Funeral Home and Crematory of Darlington.

You are invited to sign a guestbook at www.kistlerhardee.com

Comments



“ I just recently met David and found him to be a most gracious, welcoming, hospitable man with a great big heart. His love of others, and of his precious pets, was very apparent. His was an interesting, well lived life. May he rest in peace.
Shelby

Shelby Jenerette - May 24, 2018 at 09:36 AM



“ Rick and Jimmye McBride purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of O. David Hatchell.



Rick and Jimmye McBride - May 23, 2018 at 12:26 PM



“ Sweet David, rest in peace, my friend. It was a pleasure knowing you here and I will see you on the other side. Jimmye McBride

Jimmye McBride - May 23, 2018 at 12:15 PM



“ I did not have the opportunity to get to know David but have heard about him for several years from his friends and family who cared so deeply for him. I have known his sister Diane and her husband John for many years and I know how said they must be. I recently spoke with one of his West Florence HS friends and she shared how much she and the teachers at their school will miss David who touched so many people with his kind and gentle ways. What an amazing tribure to a man at the end of his life to be cared for by so very many. I pray that God will bless the family with His everlasting peace.

Tom Wright - May 23, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ My late wife Mary Alice and I knew David at Methodist College. While I was a year ahead of him, we roomed on the same hall and we ran with the same crowd. David was larger than life. There was not a soul at Methodist who did not know David. In the early days of my marriage, Mary Alice and I would receive calls out of the blue from David. He would talk on end and Mary Alice and I would exchange the telephone receiver back and forth as David always had a gift for the gab. We lost touch during the '80's. May the Lord shower mercies upon his family, may he rest in peace and may eternal light shine upon him.

Louis Coker

Louis Coker - May 22, 2018 at 09:24 PM



“ David will truly be missed by our family. He was the most understanding and nonjudgmental person that we knew. He could light up a room with his smile and "so glad to see your face" look! We loved being around David and just talking with him. He was so well-versed and had a lot of depth to him. Mostly, we will really miss his jokes and the laughter we all shared! Rachelle, Ricardo, and Stu

Rachelle Stewart - May 22, 2018 at 05:23 PM



“ From Rachelle, Ricardo and Stu purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of O. David Hatchell.



From Rachelle, Ricardo and Stu - May 22, 2018 at 04:47 PM



“ David was a fine man and a very kind man. He was also a good friend. We went to college together and became good friends. Although we only stayed in touch occasionally he was always easy to talk to and make you feel like the friendship had never slipped

Jim Russell - May 22, 2018 at 07:07 AM



“ God bless his family so they will be heal soon of grief and sadness as the dead of your parents is the hardest thing that can happen to a family, May God bless David and take him to Heaven to be happy forever!

Riccardo Velez - May 22, 2018 at 12:45 AM



“ David was always a sweet and kind, gentle soul who always was quick with a compliment. He will be missed by both Rick and myself..

Resa Dorton - May 21, 2018 at 11:54 PM



“ I'll never forget David's kindness. Every time I saw him, he greeted me with a bright smile, firm handshake, and a sparkle in the eye. He always asked how I was doing. It's normal to run into someone and ask that question because it's polite. When David asked, he meant it - he was truly concerned, he truly cared. To me, there is no trait more noble. A great man, one I'll certainly miss. I'm grateful for having had the opportunity to know him. He's left an indelible mark within my soul and I hope to always carry some piece of his kindness with me.

Matt Tunison - May 21, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ I called him by his first name when I was angry with him. Probably happened twice. Friends and next door neighbors since, well, before grade school. Even helped him with his paper route that lasted maybe two weeks. He was my friend before I knew how important friends really are. Miss those days often. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Larry Welch - May 21, 2018 at 09:36 PM



“ I also got to know David at Methodist. He was always a person you could count on for help in any project with the SGA, etc. I remember the wedding also and the great time it was and how proud he was when Jon was born. Sorry that we lost touch over the years until recently. My condolences to the family especially Jon and Frank. Rest in peace my friend,

Ernie Woodcock

Ernest Woodcock - May 21, 2018 at 09:15 PM



“ Dave and I were team leaders in the same division at GSA and carpooled together in the late 80s. We always remained in touch and I will always treasure our last texts from April 24-25. I am profoundly sad and shocked that he passed. My memories are numerous and vivid. Dave found joy and good in everyone. He lit up the room when he walked in. He was a suave dresser with an impeccable apartment decked out in Erte art. He is the funniest person I have ever met. He had so many gifts! He talked about Jonathan and his sister, Joyce, to the point that I felt that I knew them. He has his own little spot in the corner in my heart. I will miss him the rest of my life.

Cheryl DeAtley - May 21, 2018 at 09:10 PM



“ I remember fondly our many shared breakfasts at the Venus. Frank, I am sorry for your loss. I will be with you in spirit Thursday evening but somewhere up north.

Will Wattles - May 21, 2018 at 06:48 PM



“ My condolences to David's family and Frank I did a lot of work on the house at Forest Lake. He was always so nice to me over the years. Rest in peace my friend.

Rick Bartlett - May 21, 2018 at 06:26 PM



“ I first met David as a student at Methodist College in Fayetteville NC. David was always a happy person who made our college experience great. I was privileged to be in his wedding and it was an unforgettable event. After the wedding I only had contact with through his posts to his blog until seeing him two years ago at a Methodist homecoming. David was a wonderful person who always seemed to put others first. The world was better for having David with us and we will miss him. Terry Boose

Terry Boose - May 21, 2018 at 12:02 PM



“ Condolences to Frank, and the family. He was a wonderful kind and caring friend. He will be missed. Rest in peace.

Viola Parnell

Viola Parnell - May 21, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ David was such a loving and caring person. It was my pleasure to get to know David at Methodist College where we were both students. We were good friends in college and I will cherish my memories of him. Rest In Peace David. You will be missed. May those you loved experience peace and comfort!

Eddie Barber - May 20, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ From: Pam & Charlie Shooks purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of O. David Hatchell.



From: Pam & Charlie Shooks - May 19, 2018 at 01:41 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of the death of my old friend, David. I have known David since elementary school and we became closer friends in high school. When I told David I had decided to attend Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC. He said, then I'm going too, and we were roommates for three years! When David was working in Washington, DC at the General Accounting Office, I was in the U.S. Navy stationed at the Pentagon and for a while we shared an apartment in nearby Alexandria, VA. I was in his wedding party, and we stayed in touch throughout our lives. We went to the Methodist College Homecoming together two years ago with our good friends from those halcyon days. I will miss him the rest of my life!



Edward Dunn - May 18, 2018 at 09:55 PM



“ Edward Dunn purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of O. David Hatchell.



Edward Dunn - May 18, 2018 at 05:25 PM



“ Love James and Jamie Mazgaj purchased the Pretty Please for the family of O. David Hatchell.



Love James and Jamie Mazgaj - May 18, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to Frank, Joyce and the rest of the Hatchell family. This is a great loss to everyone and I know his family and friends will find some consolation in treasuring David's memories. My husband and I delighted in showing him our Connecticut home and visiting his Florence home several times as well. A life that has ended way too soon is difficult to accept but we know he is at peace. May God bestow his blessings upon him as he is now home with the Father.

From: Pam & Charlie Shooks, Connecticut

Pamela McIntyre Shooks - May 17, 2018 at 05:06 PM