



Baxter Eli Rhodes Jr.

March 8, 1936 - September 4, 2022

Darlington, South Carolina

Baxter Eli Rhodes Jr., 86, of Darlington passed away Sunday, September 4, 2022.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 3 PM in the Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home Chapel. Afterwards, a burial will take place at Grove Hill Cemetery, Darlington, SC. The Rhodes family will receive friends from 2 PM to 3 PM on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at the funeral home.

Baxter, the son of the late Baxter Eli Rhodes and Myrtle Estelle (Taylor) Rhodes was born in Darlington, South Carolina and grew up on the family farm in the Oates community of Darlington. He joined the Air Force in May of 57 where he served proudly until his honorable discharge in September of 61. While stationed in West Berlin Germany, he met his wife, Brigitte of 60 years. Upon his release from service Baxter and Brigitte returned stateside where he went to work for Sonoco Products Company in Hartsville, SC. After 39 years of loyal service he retired. While at Sonoco, Baxter worked as a Master Electrician in the Electric Shop and was ASE Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling certified. He was also a member of Sonoco's Old Timers club. Additionally, he earned his Associate Degree in Marketing from Florence Darlington Technical College. During his spare time, he enjoyed fishing,

repairing AC units in his shop and he especially enjoyed traveling whether it was a weekend getaway to Myrtle Beach, a cruise or a European trip. Baxter and his wife travelled extensively and attended Lake Swamp Baptist Church in Timmonsville, SC.

Surviving are his wife Brigitte of Darlington; his son Bax of Yorktown, VA; his daughters Carolyne Wiley and her husband, Ray of Lewisburg West Virginia and Susan Kirkland and husband, Jay of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; his grandchildren, Jessica Irons and her husband, Oliver, Jarrod Wiley and Shannon Kirkland; and his great grandchildren, Rhodes Irons and Wiley Irons; two sisters; Sue Stewart and Jean Crowley of Hartsville, SC.

Baxter was preceded in death by his brother Jimmy Rhodes and his sisters Jacqueline (Bootsie) Brown and Louise Jones.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601-7633.

The Directors of Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home are honored to be serving the Rhodes family.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home
315 Pearl Street
Darlington, SC 29532

Tribute Wall

LA

“ So many fond memories of Uncle Buck. I know he is celebrating with the clan as we speak.

Sending prayers, hugs and lots of love!! ❤️ Lisa

Lisa August - November 05, 2022 at 09:32 AM

PC

“ Susan, I am so sorry to hear about your father. Remembering all of you in prayer during this time. Page Campbell Chestnut

Page Chestnut - September 09, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ 132 files added to the album LifeTributes



Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home - September 08, 2022 at 12:12 PM

WR

“ Wayne Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Baxter Eli Rhodes Jr.



Wayne Rhodes - September 08, 2022 at 10:33 AM

TF

“ Very Sorry for your loss. May God comfort each of you and bring you Peace in these difficult days. Don't grieve the loss~ Celebrate his life & the legacy he left behind.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all,
Tina & Matt Ford



Tina Ford - September 08, 2022 at 10:31 AM

AD

“ So sorry to hear about Baxter passing. Vivian and I worked with Brigitte at Sonoco and that was when we met him. Nice person to talk to. PRAYERS for the family.
Allen and Vivian Dennis

Allen Dennis - September 08, 2022 at 08:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Baxter Eli Rhodes Jr..



September 07, 2022 at 11:34 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Baxter Eli Rhodes Jr..*



September 07, 2022 at 10:43 PM



“ *Always a kind man. I enjoyed knowing him and talking with him at Sonoco.*



Larry Huggins - September 07, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Baxter Eli Rhodes Jr..*

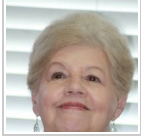


September 07, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *i always loved sitting on his dock out at the pond talking with him. Was a great man to look up to..... so sorry. Our prayers to all the family.*

David and Gayle Harlee - September 06, 2022 at 08:39 PM



“ Our love, thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. We were neighbors for many years and have memories of a beautiful family. May God be with you.



Ruth Campbell - September 06, 2022 at 12:04 PM

BB

“ Beverly Byrd lit a candle in memory of Baxter Eli Rhodes Jr.



Beverly Byrd - September 06, 2022 at 11:26 AM

EG

“ Earl And Debra Grooms lit a candle in memory of Baxter Eli Rhodes Jr.



Earl and Debra Grooms - September 06, 2022 at 10:16 AM

JR

“ To the Baxter "Buck" Rhodes family....I'm so very sorry for your loss and I'm praying for the peace of God that passes all understanding for all of you during this sad time. Love and prayers to you all!
Julianne Kuykendall Rhodes (Wayne's wife)

Julianne Kuykendall Rhodes - September 05, 2022 at 09:47 PM

DB

“ *Baxter was always known as Uncle Buck to his nephews and nieces. He was my mother in law’s brother. I know how much we miss her so I know his children will miss him. God bless them through this sad time in their lives.* ”



Donna Brown/ George Brown - September 05, 2022 at 08:36 PM

KL

To the Rhodes family, I was saddened to hear of the loss of Of your beloved husband, father and friend. Much love and prayers being sent your way during this time. Hugs, Kathy Lawhon

Kathy Lawhon - September 11, 2022 at 01:12 AM