



Franklin Delano Hodge

February 9, 1937 - August 4, 2020

Florence, South Carolina

Franklin Delano Hodge "Frank", 83, of Florence died on Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

Frank was known for his sense of humor and amazing stories. He loved large gatherings with family and lots of food. His hobbies were fishing and gardening. After retiring from Vulcraft, where he drove a truck for 30 years, he put all he had into his church: Willow Creek.

At Willow Creek he found a second family. He volunteered for any and everything. This became his passion. He loved the people and serving his Lord. He was the Head Deacon.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Arnette Hodge; his children, Sheila Buffkin (Roger), Robin Bone (Bobby), Melissa Lowder (Michael), and Dalmond Ellis (Jodie); 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Frank was preceded in death by his father, Barney Hodge; mother, Leva Hodge; sons, Franklin Delano Hodge, Jr "Frankie" Aaron Wesley Anderson; brothers; Colvin Hodge, Bobby Hodge, Burnice Hodge "Bunk", and sister Willie May Melton "Wink".

For information pertaining to flowers/donations: please contact Robin at 843-615-5631.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, August 8th, at 3 p.m. at Willow Creek Baptist Church.

Due to Covid, and out of respect for the family; we do ask that you please

wear a mask.

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

Tribute Wall



“ I remember one of the first times I met Frank. The family was cooking a pig. He slid a pigs food under his long sleeve jacket and reached it towards me to shake my hand. He laughed his head off when I screamed after grabbing the pig foot. He was always so much fun, and so kind. My prayers are with your family.

Kelen Prutow - August 08, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers for the entire family.

Jerry Bennett - August 07, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ Frank went to school with my Mom and Dad. I always enjoyed singing at Willow Creek. Praying for the family. Russell Gainey

Russell Gainey - August 06, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Franklin Delano Hodge.



August 06, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ *My Soul Lives On Blanket* was purchased for the family of Franklin Delano Hodge.



August 06, 2020 at 12:09 AM



“ *I love you Amber! Sending love and prayers to you and your family!!*



Faith Player - August 05, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss frank is going to be miss I love y'all.*



pam floyd - August 05, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ *Pam Floyd lit a candle in memory of Franklin Delano Hodge*



pam floyd - August 05, 2020 at 08:42 PM

HC

“ Frank will surely be missed. We enjoyed all the singing he had at the church. And my Mom being from Maine, he teased her all the time about how she says car. Knowing Frank he is probably getting a singing put together in heaven. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family. We love you all. Helen Bethea and Bill Clark

Helen Bethea and Bill Clark - August 05, 2020 at 07:49 PM

MB

“ Mr Frank was the sweetest man. Always had a joke and loved his family and church family. Our family will miss him dearly.

Mandy Jordan Bass - August 05, 2020 at 06:07 PM

KB

“ Uncle Frank will be missed by so many. He always had people smiling and laughing, and always had a smile for you. I loved him and I know he is happy now with his family in Heaven. Thank you Uncle Frank for be you. LOVE YOU! Tell mom and dad hello for me.



Karen Bailey - August 05, 2020 at 05:23 PM

DL

Frank was the epitome of a Christian man. I will always remember that smile when I would walk into Willow Creek. I will always remember his love for his church. Most of all I will always remember his love for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Well done Frank. Well done.

David Latour - August 05, 2020 at 05:44 PM

KH

Frank was the perfect example of a human being. Always made me laugh with his jokes. He will truly be missed by all who had the honor of knowing him. RIP Frank.

Kathy Switzer Haynes - August 05, 2020 at 06:50 PM

TG

I knew Frank when we were both teenagers and working on the staff at Camp Coker. He was a delightful friend. Even recently, many years later, whenever we happened to meet, we seemed to pick up where we last left off, reminiscing about the camp, Flora the cook, and his expertise as the camp bugler. I regret not being able to talk to him again, and my sympathies to his family.

Tom Gasque

Thomas Gasque - August 07, 2020 at 01:53 PM

PW

Frank was an Eagle Scout in Troop 510 in Hartsville. He was also in Sea Scout Ship 525 on Prestwood Lake in Hartsville. I first met Frank in October 1982 after our neighbor Mrs. Alnettea Cook Howell died. Her son Skeeter Howell and Frank had grown up together near Sonoco Products Company. I heard him say at Skeeter's house (after Mrs. Howell died) that he had been the Lodge Chief of Santee Lodge (Order of the Arrow at Camp Coker). That got my attention and I asked him plenty of questions! I asked him when he was lodge chief and he said after Tommy Gasque and before Warren Adkins (he couldn't remember the exact year). Many years later I saw an OA newsletter dated January 1956 that listed Frank as the Lodge Chief. He also told me that he was on the committee that designed the first Santee Lodge patch (the black background, red border, point up arrowhead with the Carolina Parakeet first issued in 1954). He said none of them had ever heard of a Carolina Parakeet before Ed Fowler suggested it and they went with Ed Fowler's suggestion and the Carolina Parakeet is still the totem of the Santee Lodge today. The Carolina Parakeet had been extinct since sometime in the 1800s so that is why they didn't know what it was.

He loved to talk about his days at Camp Coker in the 1950s and he came to the reunion at Camp Coker in 1988 and was thrilled when Flora Bull (the camp cook) remembered him after not seeing him for about 30 years. He also came to the reunion in Myrtle Beach in January 1996 before the Order of the Arrow Banquet. He also went to the small reunion at Camp Coker on a Sunday afternoon in June 2019 but he left before I got there so I didn't see him that day. He loved to talk about his days in Scouting at Camp Coker. My sympathies to all of his family.

Phil Whittle - August 08, 2020 at 12:47 PM