



Joseph Furman "Joe" Mims

November 6, 2020

Joe Mims, 89, went home to be with the Lord November 6, 2020
Graveside services will be held Monday at 11 AM at Grove Hill Cemetery conducted by Reverend Will Altman. Those serving as pallbearers will be Marvin Lawson, William Lawson, Mark Barber, Brad Taylor, Mike Sprott, and Howard Cross.

Joe was the son of the late Charles Book and Maggie Hill Mims. He lived his entire life in Darlington county, except when he served his country in the United States Navy. He had a long and prosperous career at James River and retired with over 40 years of dedicated service. He, along with his late wife, Nan, were dedicated servants to the Lord. They were members of Trinity United Methodist Church, and the Charles Wesley Sunday School Class. After Mrs. Mims passed away in 2010, Joe was steadfast in his dedication to his church. As long as he was able, he was there. Over the years he had served Trinity in many capacities, one being the annual barbeques that lasted over 50 years, and another as a founding member of the Trinity Men's Club Ice Cream Social. When it came to making ice cream, he was the master! He loved coaching baseball and the boys he has coached span over three generations. He enjoyed playing golf and was a member of The Darlington Country Club for many years. He was also quite the gardener. Joe was a avid Clemson fan and great papa " big pop pop".

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Mims of The Manor, His son Mitch Mims and wife Donna; his daughter Robynn Taylor and husband Brad; his brother

Charles Mims and wife Doris; his grandchildren, Heather Gainey and husband Derrik, Chad Mims, Robby Veronee, and Gage Taylor; his great-grandchildren, Samantha Odom, Brayden Mims, Demi Gainey, Shane Gainey, Mason Gainey, Blake Gainey, and Bane Veronee.

He was predeceased by his grandson, Christopher, and eight brothers and sisters.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity United Methodist Church, Post Office Box 16, Darlington, SC 29540

Tribute Wall

FI

“ I was very saddened by Joe's passing. He and Nan became friends shortly after I moved to Darlington and joined Trinity Methodist Church 28 years ago. They continued to be friends after I moved to Pawleys Island. i was able to see them when they visited his son Mitch and his wife Donna who also lived in Pawleys Island. Later after Nan's untimely passing and I moved to Florence I was able to visit Joe frequently at the Manor. He was a joy to all of the residents. I think he knew every one of them! He will be missed by his family and many friends for sure.

Frederick C Bischoff III - November 14, 2020 at 06:56 PM

“ Though I'm only one of his many friends and admirers, I'm most grateful for the tributes written here by Larry and by Alita, who knew Joe and the Charles Mims family as early as I did. I'm grateful for long memories and for people who share them in this dark year of 2020.

Our families have been friends my whole rememberin' life. As my father's only child, I could only wonder what it must be like to have 9 brothers and sisters to play with every day. George Spears beamed with pride at Joe's baby brother Dwight, studying to become a Methodist minister. Big brother Gary Mims married Maisie Smothers, of the Mineral Springs Road family, and they have a whole chapter in my book *Unsolved*. Confidentially, my father's baby brother Hart was more than half in love with Maisie Mims (Hartsville's wonderful trained nurse) for his entire adult life -- maybe longer. Living out on a farm, I had no idea what life was like on West Broad, but we were together every Sunday in Trinity Methodist Church. Nan Mims and I once partnered to visit "inactive members," and Joe's sweet wife was 'way better at that than me. They were both inspired servants of the Lord.

When I saw "James River" listed in the paper, I had to think a minute: oh, that's the Dixie Cup. We all called it that. We still do. Joe was a proud and valued worker and manager there, and often spoke of it later.

Joe and Nan moved to The Methodist Manor but remained faithful to Trinity and to Darlington. After Nan's totally unexpected death, Joe became the favorite chauffeur of many Darlingtonians at the Manor, including glamorous Billie Peavey and our 2nd-grade teacher from St John's, Carol Davis, formerly of Davis Drug Store on the Square. As Carol's frequent guest, I enjoyed fresh baked salmon (Joe's choice too) at a longish table with Joe's sister and with Himself in the head chair. There was never any place Joe couldn't make better just by being a part of it. He threw himself into life. In 89 years he missed as little as he could. God must love him very much.

Thanks to Alita (see her tribute), I now know when he was 20 he hitchhiked to his California naval base in the rain. He was always

such a good-looking man -- always slender and boyish looking. I can just picture him in his uniform, grinning at the guy who drove that 18-wheeler.

Beverly (M B) Spears

Beverly Spears - November 14, 2020 at 07:16 AM

OB

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Joe's passing. He was a treasure to his community and will be sorely missed. Please know I'm holding you all in my heart and prayers.*

Olivia Baird - November 12, 2020 at 10:28 AM

PH

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Joe's passing! I had the pleasure of knowing Joe when I worked at the Manor. He always had a smile on his face and would always make your day! Joe would always take the time to speak to me whenever I saw him in the dining room, in the hallways, or in his sister's apartment! I'm glad that I had the pleasure to get to know Joe! His family and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of sorrow! May God Bless and Comfort his family and friends! RIP JOE. 🥹💔💜🙏🙏*
Peggy Hawkins RN
Effingham, SC

Peggy Hawkins - November 10, 2020 at 02:56 PM

 Erika
Davis

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was such a kind and loving man and will be missed by many. We have so many great memories of Joe. Our thoughts and prayers for all you you. Ricky and Erika Davis*

Erika Davis - November 09, 2020 at 05:17 PM

FD

“ *Franklin & Gloria DuRant lit a candle in memory of Joseph Furman "Joe" Mims*



Franklin & Gloria DuRant - November 09, 2020 at 02:04 PM

RG

“ *Joe was a friendly and Godly man. Our sympathy and love to his family during this time of sorrow. We know that God must have greeted Joe, saying "Well done, good and faithful servant ! "*

Randy and Joyce Gore - November 08, 2020 at 02:15 PM

RJ

“ *My prayers are with this precious family. Mr Joe was always a part of my family growing up and I feel like I know u all. He was such a kind and humble man. He was my mom (Betty Jean) boss as well as a family friend at James River aka Dixie Cup. The Dixie Cup crew were all like family. He was always there even when my dad and mom passed I ran into him quite a few times and talked with him. He was a special man to my family and I know he will b greatly missed. Prayers to u all. Fly high Mr Joe*



Rhonda Jones-Norton - November 08, 2020 at 11:17 AM

DB

“ *Des Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Furman "Joe" Mims*



Des Brown - November 08, 2020 at 08:34 AM

DL

“ *Mitch,
I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a wonderful man and will be missed by all that knew him. Praying for you and your family during this difficult time.
Diane Dove Lee*

Diane Dove Lee - November 08, 2020 at 07:04 AM

MG

“ *Mitch and family, I was very sad to hear of your dads passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Marvin Gardner*

Marvin Gardner - November 07, 2020 at 11:09 PM

AG

“ As a young child I remember Uncle Joe when he was in the navy. Mom had a picture of him in his navy uniform and would tell me that Joe would be coming to see us on his way from California as he hitchhiked home to South Carolina. Joe came in his uniform. He could catch a ride with a trucker in minutes when in his uniform. When Joe got ready to leave I went with Dad to take him to Highway 45 where he could hitch a ride. It was raining and Dad was hesitant to let Joe get in the rain. Joe was about 20 years old so nothing was a problem to him. He jumped out of our car and stuck his thumb out and immediately jumped into the cab of the biggest truck I had ever seen. That was my earliest memory of him. Each time I got to see him throughout my life he was always smiling and pleasant. Prayers for his family.

Alida Johnson Gookin - November 07, 2020 at 09:52 PM

RC

“ My love, thoughts and prayers are with the family. Joe will always be remembered for his love of helping others and his wonderful coaching abilities. May God be with each of you.



Ruth Campbell - November 07, 2020 at 09:44 PM

GH

“ Gene Elaine Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Joseph Furman "Joe" Mims



Gene Elaine Hubbard - November 07, 2020 at 08:19 PM

GH

“ Thoughts and prayers for for Joe’s family and friends. He will be remembered for his friendly smile

Gene Elaine Hubbard - November 07, 2020 at 08:19 PM

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“ Have great memories of Mr. Joe and family growing up in Darlington... West Broad Street days childhood and community . God comfort family and friends...
Ladson L. Fraser Jr. (Larry) High Point NC

Ladson L Fraser (Larry) - November 07, 2020 at 06:24 PM

DS

“ Danny And Phoebe Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Furman "Joe" Mims



Danny and Phoebe Stokes - November 07, 2020 at 12:28 PM