



Jodie C. Galloway

April 18, 1937 - September 9, 2018

North Augusta, SC— Funeral Services for Mr. Jodie C. Galloway, 81, who entered into rest September 9, 2018, will be conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock at Sweetwater Baptist Church. Dr. Paul Noe and Rev. Gene Jennings officiating. Members of the Jesse C. Lynch Memorial American Legion Post 71 will serve as honorary pallbearers. Interment will be in Pineview Memorial Gardens.

Jodie Chandler Galloway endeared himself to everyone he met. Overflowing with God's love, joy and laughter, he was a sincere friend, caring brother, devoted husband, lively and sometimes mischievous son and loving father. He was a picture of health; a strapping specimen of vitality and vigor. He was not your typical 81-year-old, traveling, dancing, biking, kayaking, singing and playing guitar while praising God and making everyone he encountered feel like an instant friend. He was suddenly struck with acute pancreatitis and taken far sooner than anyone expected, given his spice for life and gregarious personality.

Jodie was born on April 18, 1937 in Joanna, South Carolina to Albert Bruce (A.B.) Galloway and Alma T. Galloway. He is survived by his darling wife, Mary W. Galloway, his four children whom he had with his loving wife of 49 years, Teresa W. Galloway (deceased), Natalie G. Pierce, her husband Lou Pierce and their sons Ian Pierce and Gavin Pierce of Windber, PA, Brannon Galloway and Shari Bishop of Aiken, SC, Lauren G. Coates and Matthew Coates of Lakewood, CO and Benjamin Galloway of Redmond, OR. Newly welcomed to his family were his step-daughter and her husband, Julie P. and Anthony Stanley and step-grandchildren Ashlyn, Alaina and Alyssa Stanley as well as step-grandchildren Caitlyn and Kyle Coates.

A family of educators, his father was superintendent of schools and his mother was a school teacher in Trenton, SC. Stories of Jodie and his brother, Bud Galloway's playful escapades keep the family laughing still today. Memories of road trips to the beach with the whole family, including his dear sisters Betty Galloway Eklund (deceased) and Sara Galloway Cooper, are full of hilarity. Their long-time neighbor and dear friend, Virginia Burton Kemp, recalls being rocked to sleep at night by the serenades of Jodie and Bud

playing guitar and singing songs on their screened-in porch on late summer evenings. The brothers spent summers picking peaches, lifting homemade weights, showing off their gymnastic prowess to impress the girls and escaping the local police while speeding down back roads in their hot rods.

Jodie was proud of his degree from Furman University where he threw javelin and discus on the track team. He and his Furman roommate, John Kemp, spent time one summer in New Mexico and Jodie worked in a saw mill in California one summer as well. Jodie enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1959 and was honorably discharged as Lieutenant Junior Grade in 1963, serving over 4 years. He served as the Recruit Regimental Commander during his training with Coast Guard recruit company Gold-40 in Cape May, NJ, giving commands for the Regiment and Battalion Commanders, and was proudly Captain of the Port in Savannah, Georgia, during his service.

Jodie followed in his parent's footsteps as a school teacher in his 20s and found his wife-to-be at 30. Only having known her for a couple months, Jodie Galloway arrived to meet Tess Waldrep's parents with a basket full of South Carolina peaches on July 4, 1967 and kissed Tess for the very first time that night. They prayed about their decision together, and Jodie asked Tess to marry him that very night. With a 6-week engagement, they married in August of 1967. Thirteen months later, their first daughter, Natalie, was born. Then, Brannon was born in 1970, Lauren in 1973 and Benjamin in 1977.

A strong foundation of faith was instilled in Jodie by his parent's Christian influence. Jodie and Tess were a testimony to God's love and shared it shamelessly with anyone willing to listen. A strong focus on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Jodie enjoyed prayer groups, like the Full Gospel Men's Fellowship. Jodie was prayer warrior and led many to Jesus. And, he was very proud of his years in the Coast Guard as well. He joined the American Legion in the early 2000s and became their chaplain in 2009, melding his passion for Christ and his pride of military service. Jodie was active with the American Legion, attending services and funerals of his comrades regularly, always proud to fit into his uniforms from 50+ years ago.

Jodie was well-known in the Aiken and Edgefield County public schools, as he met with teachers regularly through Horace Mann Insurance Company, selling insurance to educators. After nearly 30 years there, he branched off to become an independent financial planner, helping many retire early with his investment insights and offerings. He loved people, therefore loved his work and was still actively helping clients strategize their retirement planning when he passed away at 81.

After many years of caring lovingly and tenderly for his dear wife 'Tessie', she went to heaven in May of 2016. Jodie happily married a long-time family friend and sweetheart, Mary W. Pinion Galloway, later that year. They lived every moment to the fullest, thoroughly enjoying a trip to Seattle, Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, Grand Tetons National Park and Jackson Hole, WY in July. And, having just returned from a long weekend in New Orleans, LA, with a veterans group. They had a loving social network, laughed and danced often and enjoyed their 'reserved' seat at Sweetwater Baptist Church together.

His passing has shocked all who knew him, as his vibrancy, jubilation and sincerity was infectious. His family is heartbroken but know his legacy of love will continue to live on through them and his many friends here on earth while he praises the Lord with song and dancing in heaven with all who have gone on before him.

I will bless thee o Lord, I will bless thee o Lord with the heart of thanksgiving, I will bless thee o Lord...

The family will receive friends at Posey Funeral Directors this Thursday evening from 6 until 8 and at the church Friday morning from 10 until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: American Legion Post 71, P.O. Box 6036, North Augusta, SC 29861.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181).

Cemetery

Pineview Memorial Gardens

450 West Five Notch Road
North Augusta, SC, 29841

Events

SEP 13 **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC, US,
29841

SEP 14 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Sweetwater Baptist Church
198 Sweetwater Road, North Augusta, SC, US

SEP 14 **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Posey Funeral Directors - September 13, 2018 at 08:11 AM



“ One of the many loves of my life i watched you take your 1st breath. My heart my soul.
Misses you dearly Love you aunt jen

Jennifer fentress - September 13, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ Sandy and I will always remember a special time when Jodie and Tess reached out to us. We met Jodie and Tess through my cousin, Frances Weber, and got to know them during the summer of 1990. I had started working at SRS in May 1990, and the rest of my family moved down here that August. During the fall of that year, I was going through a very stressful and uncertain time with respect to my job. As i recall, one day, one of them called and asked if they could come by and talk with Sandy and me. Jodie and Tess did come to our home and shared some thoughts with us. Then, they prayed with us and for us. This gracious gesture on their part was very encouraging to Sandy and me during a time of difficulty in our lives.

George Burrus

George Burrus - September 25, 2018 at 10:51 PM



“ I only met Jodie a few years ago at American Legion Post 71. We were the only two active Coastguardsman in the post. However, Jodie and I became fast, famous and very dear friends. We discovered we were in boot camp together. Jodie and I both had enlisted in Sept. of 1959. My wife, Judy, loved Jodie as much as I did and loved being in his company. I'll miss his laugh more than anything. He used to delight in leaning over and whispering something in my left ear because he knew I couldn't hear a word he'd say. Then he'd get almost hysterical laughing. We sang together at a couple of Wednesday morning breakfasts at the post. In fact, the last breakfast I saw Jodie he said we'd be singing a couple of hymns the next week.

We both loved wearing our Coast Guard uniforms and marched alongside one another in the 2017 Aiken Memorial Day parade. With each step we took, Jodie was loving the march together more. I will miss my brother.

Ray and Judy Willis,

Aiken

Ray Willis - September 15, 2018 at 03:39 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barbara Willis - September 13, 2018 at 09:16 PM



“ Jodi Fowler sent a virtual gift in memory of Jodie C. Galloway



Jodi Fowler - September 13, 2018 at 02:52 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Kenneth, Estelle, Mark, Michelle & Steve Ellis - September 13, 2018 at 01:32 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jodie C. Galloway.



September 12, 2018 at 09:55 PM



“ From Lou purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jodie C. Galloway.



From Lou - September 12, 2018 at 06:55 PM



“ From Gary&Sandy, Lorrie&Dan, Art&Laura, Lou&Denise purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jodie C. Galloway.



From Gary&Sandy, Lorrie&Dan, Art&Laura, Lou&Denise - September 12, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jodie C. Galloway.



September 12, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ Jodie always made you feel like you were so important. Never forgetting your name. His Christian witness, friendly smile, and the way he conducted himself in our school district, Williston #29 will always be remembered. A great man and friend Heaven has gained. Jean Frederick

Jean Frederick - September 12, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ 68 files added to the album LifeTributes



Posey Funeral Directors - September 12, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ I met Jodie in 1975 through the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship. As a relatively new Christian, Jodie was a good example of someone who walked in the joy of the Lord. Our condolences go out to Mary, his children, and other family members. As Jodie would say often, "Hallelujah!" He is with Jesus in glory; we will see him again. Robert and Mary Moody

Robert Moody - September 12, 2018 at 09:22 AM



“ How blessed you and your family were to have this joyful soul as your dad! I loved reading his obituary and remember reading your mom's also. God bless you all as you say goodbye to his earthly life.

His memory will live on thru you every day! Love and prayers, and safety with the weather!

kay stiles - September 12, 2018 at 10:41 AM



“ Galloway family,
You are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that God will be with you during this very difficult time and memories of a life well lived with give you comfort.
With deepest sympathy,
Nancy Learnard

Nancy Learnard - September 12, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ Not much I can say. People who knew Jodie, knew of his love and joy for God, his family, and his friends. He is where he had prepared to go for years, and now in the presence of his Savior. I will miss him until we meet again. Love you Jodie, and my condolences to his wife and family.

Cheryl Williamson - September 12, 2018 at 01:14 AM



“ Mr. Jodie and Mrs Tess Galloway have both greatly influenced my life and path with God. They were like God parents to me. I thank God for meeting and having them both in my life. Heaven has gained two precious souls. May they both rest in heaven. I will forever love you guys.

Patti Jackson - September 11, 2018 at 08:03 PM



“ My condolences to the family. Jodie was truly a friend to everyone at Post 71 of the American Legion. Everyone knew Jodie. His prayers were greatly appreciated. I considered him a great friend and one who Jesus. Sincerely, Jack Kendall

JACK KENDALL - September 11, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ JACK KENDALL lit a candle in memory of Jodie C. Galloway



JACK KENDALL - September 11, 2018 at 01:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jodie C. Galloway.



September 11, 2018 at 12:56 PM



“ Jodie Galloway was truly a friend! He was a pure example of Christ's love! Never met a stranger, loved everyone and brought joy into every conversation I had with him. Yes... "Glory".... was the vocalized terminology he always spoke forth! Laughter was one of his attributes! I love the man!!!! He lived life well! He finished the race! His dignity was intact! Blessings to his family and may each of you continue in the JOY that Christ so richly bestowed upon you dad.... and husband!

With Great Affection,

Cal Bruce

Cal Bruce - September 11, 2018 at 10:57 AM



“ To his wonderful family I am so sorry for your loss I never known a bigger than life itself man than Jodie. He knew everyone and loved asking you if you knew Jesus. Never a dull moment with Jodie. He was my spiritual Father if it wasn't for Jodie's Boldness & Determination for Jesus Christ I would have never known Christ myself and received the Holy Spirit. I've never known someone that Loved The Word of God more than Jodie Galloway. My heart is sad but only for us who are left here because I know he is with the Love of his life his savior Jesus Christ. I even think I know his first words were “ Glory” Love Carolyn

Carolyn Lever - September 11, 2018 at 07:48 AM