



Russell Fletcher Baltzegar

January 1, 1948 - November 28, 2021

Clarks Hill, SC – Memorial Services for Mr. Russell Fletcher Baltzegar, 73, who entered into rest November 28, 2021, will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Posey Funeral Chapel, Chaplain Dexter Lambert officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Mr. Baltzegar was born January 1, 1948, in Columbia, SC to the late John Bunyan Baltzegar, II and Elizabeth Leonhardt Baltzegar. He served his country in the United States Army as an illustrator in Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. Baltzegar worked as an illustrator for the Medical College of Georgia, the Augusta Chronicle Newspaper, and the VA until he retired in 2003. He was an artistically talented man and enjoyed blacksmithing, sculpting, oil painting, woodworking, photography and turning wood on a lathe.

Survivors include his son, David Andrew “Andy” (Jennifer) Baltzegar; brothers, John Bunyan (Caroline) Baltzegar, III and William “Bill” Baltzegar; nephews, John Bunyan (Jennifer) Baltzegar, IV and Brian Baltzegar; niece, Shannon Baltzegar.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or SPCA Albrecht Center for Animal Welfare, 199 Willow Run Road, Aiken, SC 29801.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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

DEC **Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Posey Funeral Directors - December 04, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ A tribute video has been added.



Posey Funeral Directors - December 03, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ I worked with Ross at the medical college of Georgia back in the late 70s. Russ actually had a big influence on me concerning photography, illustration and graphic design. I worked with him building a float in the shape of a giant frog for the great Savannah River raft race back I guess in 78 or 79. We had a great deal of fun and I actually learned a great deal about sculpting something like that from him. I have thought about Russ throughout the years as my career moved on and I always appreciated his amazing talent and drive. – Ken Andruk

Ken Andruk - May 11 at 11:32 AM



“ Andy and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have many fond memories of the 30 years we were neighbors. Russ was a good friend, wonderful artist and a generous gardener. He will be missed. God be with you as you go through this period of grief and May your memories bring smiles amid the tears!
With love,
Anne Rikard

Anne L Rikard - December 04, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ 55 files added to the album LifeTributes



Posey Funeral Directors - December 03, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ Very talented man. Privileged to have been a friend and neighbor.

Tim Flake - December 03, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Russell Fletcher Baltzegar.



December 03, 2021 at 09:39 AM



“ John Hagen lit a candle in memory of Russell Fletcher Baltzegar



john hagen - December 03, 2021 at 01:29 AM



“ Russ was a good friend of mine. We worked together from 1980 to 1984. Then I moved back home to Minnesota. We did a lot together. We had kept in touch. When i came back to visit Augusta, I always stayed with him. He was a good friend and great guy. I will truly miss him. God bless. Sympathies go out to Andy and Marty. Hope you remember me.

john hagen - December 03, 2021 at 01:40 AM



“ Dear Andy and family, We are so sorry for the loss of your father. We have many fond memories during the 80's and 90's when you stayed with us after school, everyone getting together during our neighborhood gatherings over holidays, shooting fireworks and summer weekend cookouts. Please know our thoughts are with you during this time of losing your Dad.

Love, The McKie Family.

Vicki McKie - December 04, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ Nick Newell and Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Russell Fletcher Baltzegar.



Nick Newell and Family - December 02, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Russell Fletcher Baltzegar.



December 02, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ I met Russell when I started work as a graphic artist at the Augusta Chronicle in the very early 1970s. At the time I, Christine and Lindsey were immigrants from the Bahamas. We struck up a friendship that has lasted 51 years. Russell's family 'adopted' us even to the point of us spending many a Christmas morning with the Baltzegars opening presents and being 'extra' members of the family. That generosity of spirit from Betty, John, Russell and Bill lasted throughout our friendship - years during which I was in awe of Russell's artistic and mechanical talent. We shared an immense curiosity about the world around us, the topic of many a conversation on the front porch of his log home out in Edgefield County. His was a life rich in accomplishment and memories of the best kind. We will miss him always, a singular character never likely to fade in our memories. God Speed my friend.

Mark, Christine, Lindsey, Nicholas and Rachel Newell.

Mark Newel PhD - December 02, 2021 at 01:28 PM