



## Joseph Ashley, Jr.

April 12, 1928 - February 14, 2010

Mr. Joseph Ashley, Jr.

Orangeburg, SC—Memorial Services for Mr. Joseph Ashley, Jr., of Orangeburg, SC, who entered into rest February 14, 2010, will be conducted Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from the St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Rev. Kristen Richardson-Frick officiating. Private interment will be Thursday in Sunset Hill Cemetery, North Augusta.

Mr. Ashley was born April 12, 1928, on Ashley Place Plantation, Barnwell County, to Joseph and Mabel Ashley. He graduated from Dunbarton High School in Dunbarton, South Carolina, and Clemson College in 1949. He received a Masters Degree from South Carolina State University in 1973. He served as director of Calhoun-Orangeburg Vocational Education Center (COVEC) from 1979 through 1991. One of the highlights of his career was an invitation from the Science and Technology Department of the Chinese government to present a teacher training paper in Wuhan, China in the late 1980's. In Orangeburg County, he was active in community organizations for many years including serving on the Board of the Orangeburg County Junior Achievement until his retirement from COVEC. Mr. Ashley served as chairman of the Edisto District Boy Scouts of America, Indian Waters Council and was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award for his contribution to Scouting. He served as a board member of the Hillcrest Golf Club for 27 years. He was member of the Orangeburg County Disabilities and Special Needs Board. He was a proud supporter of Clemson University and a member of IPTAY for 62

years.

Mr. Ashley has been a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Orangeburg, South Carolina for 37 years. During that time he was a member of the Pastor Parrish Committee, Commission on Education and a past member of the Administrative Board.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Rhea von Lehe Ashley, a son & daughter in-law, Joseph & Cary Ashley III, Charlotte, North Carolina, a daughter & son-in-law, Phyllis & Jim Beasley, West Columbia; granddaughters Kathleen Ashley, Sarah Ashley and Caroline Beasley. He was preceded in death by his sister, Jane Ashley Foster.

The family will receive friends at the church following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1356 Amelia Street, Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115 or the Orangeburg County SPCA, P. O. Box 1584, Orangeburg, SC 29116.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry online at [www.poseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.poseyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
1356 Amelia Street  
Orangeburg, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Ashley, Jr.*

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October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Joseph Ashley, Jr.*

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September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ Dear Ashley family,

*I am sorry to hear of the recent loss of Joseph. I send my heartfelt condolences to the family.*

*When the enemy death strikes, we cannot put into words the pain and sadness that we experience. Death makes us feel helpless like a little child because there is nothing we can do to alter the situation. When we are faced with trials such as this, we may wonder where we can receive comfort to help us cope. We can receive this comfort from Almighty God. At 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, it calls God the Father of tender mercies and the God of ALL comfort. Isn't it encouraging to know that God can by means of his Holy Spirit give us what we need to endure and cope with whatever trials that come our way?*

*The scriptures hold out a wonderful hope for those who have died. It promises us that those who are in God's memory will be resurrected.(John 5:28-29). So in the near future, we will have the prospect of being reunited with our loved ones again.*

*When Jesus Christ was here on the earth, he showed that he has the power to bring the dead back to life. On one occasion, he resurrected his friend Lazarus.(John 11:11-44). On another occasion, he resurrected the only son of a widow.(Luke 7:11-17).*

*These miracles give us the assurance that Jesus will do the same for our family members who have fallen asleep in death.*

*Here are some additional scriptures that I know you will find comforting: Revelation 21:3-4, Acts 24:15, Isaiah 25:8, Isaiah 26:19##imported-begin##Sandra##imported-end##*

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February 23, 2010 at 02:15 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Ashley and family,  
I would like to express my deepest sympathy to you in the loss of Mr. Ashley. He was a GREAT man and will be remembered that way by many. Mr. Ashley was my director while I served as teacher at COVEC from 1978 until his last year there. He was like a father figure to me and many others who worked under his leadership. Mr. Ashley will always hold a special place in my heart. I will continue to pray for you as you get through this difficult time. You can rest assured that he deserved his place in heaven because he was truly a wonderful person! May God Bless you all!###imported-begin###Brenda Martin###imported-end###

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February 22, 2010 at 03:35 PM



“ We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family in the loss of Joe Not only will he be sorely missed by you and your family, but his many friends, associates and all those whose lives he touched Hopefully, the deep sadness you feel now will be brightened in the days ahead by the happy and wonderful memories that you shared together.###imported-begin###Dave & Mary Blewer###imported-end###

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February 20, 2010 at 11:41 AM



“ Rhea:  
  
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. My love to you all.

Nell Irick###imported-begin###Nell Irick###imported-end###

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February 17, 2010 at 11:42 AM



“ Dear Rhea, Joseph and Phyllis, I was deeply saddened to learn the passing of Joe, your wonderful husband and father and my great friend and former co-worker. Joe was my mentor at VR and I learned a lot from him not only workwise but more importantly about life itself. He made a everlasting impression upon me and though I have not been able to see him and you all in recent years I often thought of you. Please accept my regrets of not being able to see you during this difficult time but know I am thinking and praying God's great way of comforting each of you. Our condolences and Love to all...Larry Oswald and family##imported-begin##Larry Oswald##imported-end##

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February 17, 2010 at 09:49 AM



“ Mrs. Ashley,  
I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. You were my teacher at NA Jr High School in the early 70's. You were always so sweet and such a beautiful lady.##imported-begin##Ashlyn Thiede Hardy##imported-end##

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February 17, 2010 at 09:18 AM



“ Phyllis, your dad was a man with many accomplishments under his belt. I hope you find peace in knowing that the contributions to his community will continue to be remembered for years to come.

Regards, Tom Cameron##imported-begin##Tom Cameron##imported-end##

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February 17, 2010 at 08:25 AM



“ Dear Rhea and family, I have just read of Joe's death. Joe was an exemplary educator in the field of Vocational Education. It was a joy to see you two through the years and to talk of Walterboro and our friend in Edisto Elementary. Take care, Love, Jean###imported-begin###Jean Parker###imported-end###

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February 16, 2010 at 04:18 PM



“ Mrs. Ashley,  
I was deeply sadden to learn of the passing of Mr. Ashley. You were wonderful neighbors when we lived on Ellis Ave. Hayward worked under Mr. Ashley at COVEC and only had good things to say about him. If we can be of any assistance to you during thses difficult days or the days to come, please do not hesitate to call on us. God bless###imported-begin###Roberta Seegars###imported-end###

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February 16, 2010 at 01:58 PM



“ I have very warm memories of Joe as he earned his MA in Rehabilitation Counseling at SC State. I was his faculty adviser as well as his instructor in several of the courses he took. We had many wonderful chats about his work at what is now the Technology Center. He supervised internships for several of our students over the years.

*I will miss him and my prayers are with the family.*

*Brannon Underwood###imported-begin###Dr. Brannon Underwood###imported-end###*

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February 16, 2010 at 12:02 PM



“ We are deeply distressed with Joe's passing.##imported-begin##Joanne and Bud Zobel##imported-end##

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February 15, 2010 at 09:01 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Martha Bentley Brunson##imported-end##

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February 15, 2010 at 08:51 AM