



Roy M. Blackwell

June 2, 1962 - September 30, 2015

Clarks Hill, SC—Funeral Services for Mr. Roy M. Blackwell, 53, who went to be with his Lord and Savior September 30, 2015, will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Sweetwater Baptist Church. Dr. Paul W. Noe and Pastor Phillip Howle officiating. Interment in Sweetwater Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mr. Blackwell was a life-long resident of Edgefield County and a member of Big Stevens Creek Baptist Church. He was the founder, publisher and editor of the Edgefield Daily Newspaper. Mr. Blackwell served as an Edgefield County First Responder, was a strong supporter of the Jimmy Shay Memorial Fishing Rodeo, an honorary member of the Merriwether Mavericks Chess Club and an avid Carolina Gamecocks fan. He was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Blackwell was preceded in death by his father Verdy Blackwell and sister, Laura Baker.

Survivors include his high school sweetheart and wife of 32 years, Regenia A. Blackwell; his oldest daughter and a son-in-law, Leia and Joel Mattson, Graniteville, SC, a son, Matthew Blackwell, Clarks Hill, SC, his youngest daughter Christin Blackwell, Clarks Hill, SC; his mother, Eleanor Barney (Oscar), Evans, GA; three sisters, Janelle Keener (Mac), Winter Springs, FL, Deborah Blackwell, Lawrenceville, GA and Cindy Elam, Evans, GA. He also leaves behind his precious granddaughter, Lacey Mattson, who he called his

heart.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Sheriff Adell Dobey, Cpt. Chris Wash, Lt. Mark Howard, Lt. Randy Duran, Sgt. Phil Ireland and Nancy Luquire. Active Pallbearers will be Matthew Blackwell, Robert Brazell, Tim Crane, Joey Smith, Ashley Morgan and David Whatley.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday afternoon from 4 until 6.

Following the Funeral Service the family will host a reception at the Sweetwater Community Center for family and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Jimmy Shay Memorial Fishing Rodeo, PO Box 238, Edgefield, SC 29824 or to the Merriwether Fire Department, 1879 West Martintown Road, North Augusta, SC 29860.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry at www.poseycares.com

Cemetery Details

Sweetwater Baptist Church Cemetery

198 Sweetwater Road
North Augusta, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Service

OCT 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

Sweetwater Baptist Church
North Augusta, SC

Tribute Wall



“ Roy M. Blackwell

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Roy M. Blackwell

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ Bill Robinson lit a candle in memory of Roy M. Blackwell



Bill Robinson - October 04, 2015 at 07:24 AM



“ Genia and Family,

Roy meant a lot to me. He was a good friend, father, husband, and grandpa! He loved his family! He will be missed, and the "Daily" will never be the same. I'll miss him coming by the courthouse and giving the security guards hell!

Love,

Sonny



Sonny Reel - October 03, 2015 at 01:44 PM



“ Genia I was so saddened to hear of Roy's passing. Players and love sent to you and your sweet family.

Love
Tammy Black Benenhaley



Tammy Benenhaley - October 03, 2015 at 11:41 AM



“ Joel & Dolly Bridges lit a candle in memory of Roy M. Blackwell



Joel & Dolly Bridges - October 03, 2015 at 09:32 AM



“ John Kemp III lit a candle in memory of Roy M. Blackwell



John Kemp III - October 03, 2015 at 08:52 AM



“ Dana Harmon lit a candle in memory of Roy M. Blackwell



Dana Harmon - October 03, 2015 at 02:45 AM

MR

“ *Dear Blackwell Family
My deepest sympathy to you all and may God Bless you during this
time of grief
He will be greatly missed. My prayers and thoughts are with you*

*sincerely
Mary Herring Rikard*

Mary Herring Rikard - October 02, 2015 at 07:30 PM

KB

“ *So sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.
Edgefield County lost a great person. Kathy Peeler Benfield*

Kathy Peeler Benfield - October 02, 2015 at 06:52 PM

SH

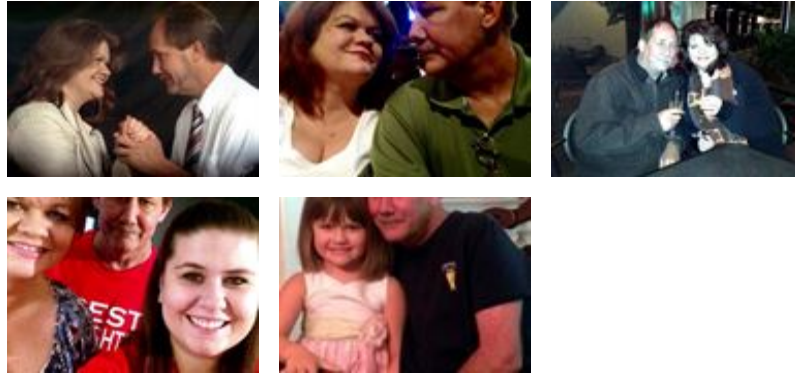
“ *I hadn't seen Roy in probably 30 years but have fond memories of
stuff we used to do way back "in the day". I have enjoyed the
Edgefield Daily site so much over the years, which let me keep up
with the goings on in my home County. I pray God grant the
Blackwell family peace, comfort and a measure of understanding
during the days ahead. Sincerely,*

Scott Harmon

Scott Harmon - October 02, 2015 at 02:47 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Posey Funeral Directors - October 02, 2015 at 01:53 PM

BB

“ Our entire office is deeply saddened for your loss. Genia we are all praying for God's peace and surpasses understanding in your heart and your children's heart. We love you all. God Bless You!
Robert Oswald, Bonnie Bradley and staff



Bonnie Bradley - October 02, 2015 at 12:32 PM

BH

“ Brenda Hartley lit a candle in memory of Roy M. Blackwell



Brenda Hartley - October 02, 2015 at 08:13 AM

BH

“ I got the chance to meet and work with Roy during the last election, he was an honest and true to his word. He will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers go to his family. Soar high my friend!

Brenda Hartley - October 02, 2015 at 08:12 AM

KK

“ Kathy Chrisco Kirby lit a candle in memory of Roy M. Blackwell



Kathy Chrisco Kirby - October 02, 2015 at 12:12 AM

KK

May God Bless you Genia and your family during your time of loss. I truly understand how you feel because I loss my husband several years ago. Roy was a classmate of mine at Wardlaw. I reach out to him a few years ago through Edgefield daily and he was the same kind schoolmate of many years ago. May God place his caring arms around you and your family during this sad moment and all the ones to come. God Bless You

Kathy Chrisco Kirby - October 02, 2015 at 12:16 AM

VH

“ *May God Bless you Genia and your family during this time of grief I am thankful Roy grew to know and serve Lord in his life may he rest in peace*
Roy was a good friend when I knew him back in the day at STHS We both went on with our lives and made wonderful families,Roy did a great job with Edgefielddaily and I know all who knew Roy will miss him dearly
I pray the lord will hold the family in his loving arms

Van Herring

Van Herring - October 01, 2015 at 10:05 PM

TB

“ *Sending up prayers for the family of Roy Blackwell. Roy wasn't always the most popular person with those who fear the bright light and unblinking eye of the Fourth Estate, and because he was human he made a few mistakes along the way, but when he was at his best, his work embodied the best of the fundamental principles of the First Amendment and the free press in America. I grew to respect deeply what he accomplished with Edgefield Daily.*

May his family and close friends be comforted by God in this, their time of grief.

Tony Baughman - October 01, 2015 at 08:39 PM

GB

“ *Greg&Alicia Byars lit a candle in memory of Roy M. Blackwell*



Greg&Alicia Byars - October 01, 2015 at 08:21 PM

CA

“ Cody And Starr Adams lit a candle in memory of Roy M. Blackwell



Cody and Starr Adams - October 01, 2015 at 08:18 PM

ME

“ Mei lit a candle in memory of Roy M. Blackwell



Mei - October 01, 2015 at 07:13 PM

CW

“ Charles & Donna Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Roy M. Blackwell



Charles & Donna Wilkes - October 01, 2015 at 06:39 PM