



Ted Godfrey

August 22, 1949 - April 27, 2024

Ted Godfrey, 74, of North Augusta, South Carolina passed peacefully on April 27, 2024, after a tough fight with cancer.

Ted was born to Lois Mariam and Moultrie Rhame Godfrey, Sr. on August 22, 1949, in Charleston, South Carolina. Ted was the baby of the family, although you would not know it by his take charge attitude. His two adored older sisters, Faye Allison and Harriet Stephens, survive him along with their families.

Ted went to Clemson University for college in the late 1960s, and Clemson became one of his favorite places in the world. Ted could be found for a large part of his life on Saturdays at Death Valley cheering on his beloved Clemson Tigers. Ted's life cannot be captured without mentioning his life-long friends from Clemson, Fuzzy, Marty, and Marion—who their collective children referred to as the Four Fathers. Fuzzy and Marty predeceased Ted, and the three of them will be waiting for Marion singing Tiger Rag.

Ted finished college at Baptist College in Charleston where he met his first wife, Suzy. Ted and Suzy were married for eighteen years and had two wonderful daughters, Mandy and Amy.

Ted's children will tell you that he loved to tell people what to do—he would call it “giving advice”. He naturally became a teacher after graduating from college and moving to North Augusta. Ted made a huge impact in his

students' lives throughout his years of teaching. Many of his former students continued to have a close relationship with him up to his passing. They recall stories of Ted teaching them in school, but also in life. He took some of these students to their first KISS concert and their first cruise. For some of his students, Ted was the first person who told them they could make a difference, that they were important. Ted changed lives in his work.

Ted then took his classroom teaching into the kitchen, through the restaurant business at Wife Saver. Known to some as a "fried chicken ninja", Ted spent many, many weekdays, weekends, and late nights working and catering at Wife Saver. He continued to recruit people, including his children's friends, to work at Wife Saver and his coworkers became like family. Nothing creates a bond like spending all night making pimento cheese sandwiches for the Masters or waking up at 3 am to fry hundreds of turkeys for Thanksgiving.

Ted's friends will tell you that he was happiest when he was cooking, entertaining, traveling, on a porch in the Carolina mountains, or spending time with family. He loved life and he lived that way—every day was a day to rejoice in and celebrate. But he loved nothing as much as he loved people. He loved his students, he loved his employees, he loved his friends, and he especially loved his family.

Ted met the love of his life Marcia in 1990, and together they would enjoy thirty-two thrilling and wonderful years of marriage. Marcia gave Ted the gift of a bonus family, including her son, Scott, his wife Christina and, a few years later, Ted and Marcia's first grandchild, Courtney. Ted loved being a grandfather—he loved traveling with and spoiling his grandchildren without regret (although he still loved to tell them what to do).

Known as "Papa T" to his seven grandchildren, Ted loved to spend time with his family, which continued to expand over the years to his delight. Scott and

Chris had another daughter—Caroline. Mandy had three children—Felix, Katie, and Cooper. Amy married David Helmick and had two children—James and Sarah.

Ted's family loved to spend time with him, and they will remember trips abroad, football games, and bountiful Christmases at Papa T's house. Ted and Marcia spent many weekends on the road for birthdays, recitals, graduations, or just a weekend to see the kids. Late in life, Ted indicated that one of his few regrets is that he will no longer be able to attend his grandchildren's special events, weddings, and graduations.

Ted's one other concern was for his wife Marcia. Ted thought his decline in health was too soon; thirty-two years was simply not enough, he hated to leave her. Ted had plans for many more nights where he could cook for his family, visit with friends, and he had planned a large number of trips that will not be taken.

Ted lived a life full of love. He loved each person that he came across and loved to meet new people and bring them into his fold. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will continue in each life he touched.

Ted was predeceased by his parents, Moultrie and Lois Godfrey, and his parents-in-law Winona and John Vernberg.

Ted is survived by his loving wife Marcia Godfrey, his children and children-in-law, Scott and Christina Lewis, Mandy Godfrey, and Amy and David Helmick, his seven grandchildren, Courtney and Caroline Lewis; Felix, Katie, and Cooper Snoddy; and James and Sarah Helmick, his stepmother Elizabeth Godfrey, and his sisters and brothers-in-law, Faye and Dennis Allison and Harriet Stephens and Wayne Grace.

A memorial service will be held for Ted on Saturday afternoon, May 11, 2024, at 3 o'clock at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 471 W Martintown Road,

North Augusta SC, 28941. The family will host a celebration of life reception at the Palmetto Terrace located the North Augusta Municipal Building, 100 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841, immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to Ted and Marcia's favorite charity, Food for the Poor, <https://foodforthe poor.org/>.

Posey Funeral Directors is assisting the family with their arrangements (803)278-1181.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Bartholomew 's Episcopal Church
471 West Martintown Road
North Augusta, SC

Reception Following the Celebration of Life

MAY 11 (ET)

Palmetto Terrace
100 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall

MR

“*Ted was a fine man. He taught me school and was the kindest human and encourager for his students . He never forgot his students even as we aged and married and had kids of our own. We still would see him at times and we would sit and talk. Prayers for all. Heaven just received a very special angel. Michelle Roy Rohrbach Class of 1981*

Michelle Roy Rohrbach - May 14, 2024 at 05:39 PM

PL

“*Penny Jones Lanham lit a candle in memory of Ted Godfrey*



Penny Jones Lanham - May 14, 2024 at 12:45 PM

DS

“*Mr. Godfrey was the best history teacher ever! Sometimes it was just a Story that he would tell. He was the first person in my life that truly believed in me and thought me to believe in myself! Praying for the family. He was a great Man!*

Diona Slade - May 08, 2024 at 04:22 PM

KH

“*Kevin & Diana Hackett purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ted Godfrey.*



Kevin & Diana Hackett - May 06, 2024 at 01:55 PM

FM

“ Mr. Godfrey made American History interesting for me while enrolled at North Augusta Junior High in 1977. He took the time to teach me life lessons, as well. I was one of few he took to see Aerosmith and Kiss at the Caroline Coliseum but he also laid a paddle to my backside in the principal's office when I needed and deserved it. He had a passion for teaching and I am a better man for it. Rest in peace, Mr. Godfrey. You will be missed.

Frank Mink
NASH Class of '81

Frank Mink - May 01, 2024 at 03:12 PM

LM

Teddy and I were in school together from 5th grade through high school. He was a really nice guy with a kind and caring spirit. My sympathy goes out to Teddy's family and friends during this difficult time.

Linda Griffith Manus
St Andrews Parish High School, Class of 1967

Linda Manus - May 04, 2024 at 08:08 AM

AW

When Fuzzy & I were lavaliered in college, we double dated with Ted & his date. When Fuzzy graduated & went in the Army he asked Ted & Danny to look out for me and escort me to various sorority & fraternity events. I went to see the Fifth Dimension in Charleston with Ted & stayed with his parents. We all had such fun at all the fraternity parties & football weekends at Clemson. Ted was always a class act. I will always remember him as a dear friend. To Marcia, the children & grandchildren, Ted's sisters, & his former wife, please know I am keeping all of you in my prayers. May your faith, the support of family & friends, and your dear memories give you comfort & peace in the days ahead. I will be unable to come to the funeral as I will be out of the country. May God hold all of you in the palm of his hand. Anne Walker

Anne Walker - May 05, 2024 at 08:58 PM

PG

Mr. Godfrey was my first Boss at Wife Saver on North Leg in 1984. He was a wonderful man, so smart, giving and fair. He helped mold me into the person I was to become through his examples of leadership, ethics and friendship. He supported me throughout my life always available to aid and assist. He was the same to my family and so many others. He will surely be missed. Our deepest condolences to Marcia, his daughters and his entire family. Hold tight to your precious memories. I know I will.

Pam and Frank Gould

Pamela W. Gould - May 08, 2024 at 07:54 PM