



## Watson Earl Byrd

May 7, 1922 - January 4, 2014

North Augusta, SC—Funeral Services for Mr. Watson Earl Byrd, 91, of Courtney Drive, North Augusta, SC, who entered into rest January 4, 2014, will be conducted Wednesday morning at 10:30 from the First Baptist Church of North Augusta. Rev. Roy Kiser officiating. Interment in Pineview Memorial Park with Veterans Honors and Masonic Rites.

Mr. Byrd was a native of Gracewood, Georgia, having made North Augusta his home for the past 66 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of North Augusta and the Stan Bryant Sunday School Class. Mr. Byrd was a US Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II, retired owner of W. E. Byrd Construction Company, a member of the Acacia Masonic Lodge #315 AFM, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the American Legion Jesse C. Lynch Memorial Post #71 and the Hephzibah Agricultural Club. He had served two terms as President of the Aiken Home Builders Association, was a former President of the Augusta Home Builders Association and was a Life Director of the National Association of Home Builders. Mr. Byrd was the husband of the late Helen Matthews Byrd.

Survivors include a son, Lanny Byrd, North Augusta; two daughters and their husbands, Donna and John Sherman, North Augusta and Beverly and Dean Welch, Murrels Inlet, South Carolina; nine grandchildren, John Sherman, III, Matt Sherman, Luke Sherman, Joy Bruder, Ashley Melton, Adam Welch, Amy

Wates, Courtney Simmons and Gracelyn Byrd; ten great-grandchildren. Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Acacia Masonic Lodge #315 AFM and the American Legion Jesse C. Lynch Memorial Post #71. Active Pallbearers will be Key Kernaghan, Trey Kernaghan, Jimmy Byrd, Mike Byrd, Randy Mosley and Bill Scott.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday evening from 5 until 7. The family will be at the residence of Donna and John Sherman, 1843 Courtney Drive, North Augusta, SC.

Memorials may be made to the American Legion Jesse C. Lynch Memorial Post #71 Building Fund, PO Box 6036, North Augusta, SC 29861.

The family expresses appreciation to Mr. Byrd's caregivers for their devotion and compassionate care.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Pineview Memorial Park

450 West Five Notch Road  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Ave  
North Augusta, SC 29841  
(803) 278-1181  
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## Service

JAN 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of North Augusta  
602 Georgia Ave  
North Augusta, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Watson Earl Byrd*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - January 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Watson Earl Byrd*

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October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Watson Earl Byrd*

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September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Dear Lanny, Donna, Beverly, and family,  
Our sincere condolences on your loss..... Earl was always a gentle and warm individual and we were so happy we could visit with him on our last visit down to you all.  
He is now with Helen, Tommie & Brad as well.  
Love to all from cousins , Susan, Jack, James (JB ), and Cara*

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**jack** - January 10, 2014 at 12:47 PM

AA

“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Byrd's passing he will be missed by all his friends in the homebuilding business HBAof SC Past Pres. 1985  
James L " Andy" Anderson

Andy Anderson - January 08, 2014 at 04:11 PM

SL

“ Donna, Linda and I were so sorry to see about your father's death. We know it has been a long, difficult road for you all and now he is at peace. We saw how much he wanted to be able to go on. Know that you are in our prayers during this time.

Sue Lotspeich  
Linda Talbert

Sue Lotspeich - January 08, 2014 at 09:06 AM

PS

“ Donna I'm sorry for your loss. May God comfort you with your grief and console your heart to understand your emptiness in the days and weeks to come.

Peggy Story

Peggy Story - January 07, 2014 at 10:43 PM

WF

“ Mr.Byrd was a gentle and kind soul and always displayed his faith in God in every aspect of his life. North Augusta has a great loss in his passing.



Love and Sympathy to Donna, Beverly, Lanny and all their families,  
Wayne and Trish Ford

Wayne and Trish Ford - January 06, 2014 at 01:15 PM

MB

“ Donna and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you in the coming days. May God comfort you, Mary Ruth

MaryRuth Blackstock - January 06, 2014 at 01:02 PM

JB

“ Our sincere sympathies go out to Earl's family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May God comfort you at this time.

Jimmy and Janice Bell

Jimmy and Janice Bell - January 06, 2014 at 10:36 AM



LB

“ We have known Mr. Byrd for many many years and we just wanted to express our deepest sympathys. God Bless! Butch and Lisa Burdick

Lisa Burdick - January 06, 2014 at 10:23 AM



NB

“ Condolences to the family of Mr. Byrd from the staff of Georgia Carolina Heating and Air. We have lost a good friend. Nell Brown, Chuck Washington, Glenn Landrum, Mike Mitchell, Daryl Butler

nell brown - January 06, 2014 at 09:38 AM

SM

“ *Dear Lanny and Family,  
We are sorry to hear of your loss. Your father was a wonderful man  
and will be remembered fondly by so many people. Our prayers are  
with all of you.*

*Love and Prayers,  
Sherry and Felix McKie*

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**Sherry McKie** - January 05, 2014 at 07:41 PM

KK

“ *Byrd girls and family,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. I know how much both of your parents  
meant to all of you.*

*Thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during your  
time of grief..*

*Karen Copeland Kight (Dr. Servy's office)*

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**Karen Copeland Kight** - January 05, 2014 at 04:24 PM