



## Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson

August 24, 1940 - March 17, 2017

Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson, 76, entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior on Friday, March 17, 2017.

Rev. Bryson was born in Oconee County on August 24, 1940, to the late Harvey Randolph and Elrie Brown Bryson. He was a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for over 37 years. He spoke God's love to all those he knew and met along life's way.

He leaves behind his wife of 37 years, Jo Ann Robins Bryson; children: Phyllis B. Williams (Rick), Wanda B. Weldon (Marty) and J. "Randy" Bryson; stepchildren: R. "Steve" Robins (Janet) and Phyllis R. Wood (Tommy); brother: Harold Bryson (Evelyn); sisters: Hazel B. Patton, Bobbie B. Wood and Nancy B. Regina. He was adored by his twelve grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and his namesake Bryson Chansa of Kawambwa-Zambia, Central Africa.

In addition to his parents, Rev. Bryson was preceded in death by his first wife, Martha Laws Bryson, and infant daughter.

His life will be celebrated at 2:00PM, Monday, March 20, 2017, at Davenport Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens in Clemson, SC.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00PM, Sunday, March 19, 2017, at Davenport Funeral Home.

Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607 or American Diabetes Association via <https://donations.diabetes.org>.

The family is at the home.

The Bible gives us comfort in our time of grief and loss in Psalm 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants."

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens

586 Issaqueena Trail  
Central, SC 29631

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
311 S Highway 11  
West Union, SC 29696  
(864) 638-3611  
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<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davenport Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



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**Davenport Funeral Home** - March 30, 2017 at 11:09 AM



“ *Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*

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January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Bobbie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



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**Bobbie Duncan** - March 27, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ *I just found out that Preacher Bryson had passed. I'm truly saddened by this news. He was a wonderful man of God. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

*God bless,  
Melissa Elrod Cromer*

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**Melissa Elrod Cromer** - March 23, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ Jo Ann I just learned of your husbands passing. I was so sad when I heard and my prayers and thoughts have been with you. God Bless a wonderful lady. May the Lord help you get thru these difficult days. Love to all your family.



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**Jerrie Lusk** - March 22, 2017 at 08:36 AM



“ Joyce Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



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**Joyce Wyatt** - March 21, 2017 at 08:17 PM



“ Clarence and I were deeply saddened by the news of Pastor Ed's death. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God bless and comfort you today and in the days to come.

*With love and prayers,  
Carolyn L. Blankenship*

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**Carolyn Blankenship** - March 21, 2017 at 05:13 PM



“ Phyllis I just read about your Dad I am so sorry for your loss. I know how much you loved him and we know he loved you the same. Love and prayers.

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**Jill Patterson** - March 21, 2017 at 03:44 PM

TB

“ JoAnn and family. Bill and I are saddened to learn of Ed's sudden passing. We just heard today and are thinking of you and remembering you in prayer. Pastor Ed was a great man and the reunion he must have shared with Jesus cannot be described in it's full Glory. We know he is in a better place and that your hearts will ache for him and his place in your home, but he will always be in your heart and take great comfort in knowing that he is reunited with Jesus himself! Praise the Lord! Grateful that his passing was quick and that he didn't have to suffer. If there is anything we can do, please let us know. Sending love and hugs.



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**Tammy Brunson** - March 21, 2017 at 10:50 AM

CF

“ Cecil Foster lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



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**Cecil Foster** - March 20, 2017 at 04:57 PM

KF

“ Kathy Fitzgerald sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



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**Kathy Fitzgerald** - March 20, 2017 at 04:13 PM

RL

“ *Ruth Bryson Leger lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



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**Ruth Bryson Leger** - March 20, 2017 at 01:53 PM

JD

“ *Jo Ann, Steve and Phyliss, just a note from Becky and me to let you know that we are thinking about you at this time. Ed Bryson was one of God's better creations. Am very happy to have known him. Jerry and Becky Dyar*

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**Jerry Dyar** - March 20, 2017 at 10:07 AM

SO

“ *Shirley Owens lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



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**Shirley Owens** - March 20, 2017 at 09:28 AM

TM

“ *Trudy Morrow lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



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**Trudy Morrow** - March 20, 2017 at 06:27 AM

TM

*I know he was more fondly knew around Keowee as Preacher Ed but I knew him as Mr. Bryson first, Phyllis's daddy. He always spoke to us with a smile on his face, a twinkle in his eye, a cute question for us, and a hug for Phyllis when I became Phyllis's friend in our 9th grade year. He was a wonderful and loving person as he taught his children. His loving, giving, and kind traits he left in the heart's of his children to be a part of his legacy for the Lord that Mr. Bryson left on this earth for me. My heart hurts with you, Phyllis, and the rest of your family and friends. I know he will be missed so dearly but a twinkle will be in you all's eyes as his knowing he is asking our Lord a cute question and probable hug. I love you girl.*

**Trudy Morrow** - March 20, 2017 at 06:37 AM

MM

“ *Medlin Family, David, Becky, & Matthew lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



**Medlin family, David, Becky, & Matthew** - March 20, 2017 at 12:50 AM

ML

“ *Martha Ledford lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



**Martha Ledford** - March 19, 2017 at 10:37 PM

BS

“ *Preacher Ed was definitely one of a kind, a kind and loving person who never met a stranger. One of the best and most God loving man I've ever known, our loss is heaven's gain. I can still hear him say "Hey BB how you doing today. Always caring for others. He will be greatly missed. My prayers go out to Joann and all of his family.*

Brenda Stasney - March 19, 2017 at 09:31 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Stasney sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



Brenda Stasney - March 19, 2017 at 09:25 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Stasney lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



Brenda Stasney - March 19, 2017 at 09:22 PM

FC

“ *Frank & Judy Crowe lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



Frank & Judy Crowe - March 19, 2017 at 08:50 PM

JM

“ *JANICE OKELLEY MCALLISTER lit a candle  
in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



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**JANICE OKELLEY MCALLISTER** - March 19, 2017 at 08:34 PM

LT

“ *Louise L & Clarence Towe lit a candle in  
memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



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**Louise L & Clarence Towe** - March 19, 2017 at 04:12 PM

LT

“ Just found this out today Sunday afternoon from Kenneth. We are so sorry to learn of Ed's passing even though we know he has fought the good fight for years. It has been a pleasure having him and his children join "the Robins Family" and become one of our uncles. I think of the time when he had to go on a diet and at the Robins Christmas Party the only dessert he could eat was a meringue made from egg whites. Not sure he should have eaten those, but he sure enjoyed them. He was always a favorite of my dad's especially when he visited dad in the hospital. In my dad's words he said Ed comes in and says "How are you doing today?" After Dad's reply Ed would ask him if there were any things he could do for him and then he would pray, shake hands, and be on his way. That's the way dad liked visitors' visits: short, sweet, kind, to the point and then leave!!  
We will sure miss him.  
Our love,  
Louise L & Clarence Towe

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Louise L & Clarence Towe - March 19, 2017 at 04:12 PM

NM

“ Nancy Madden lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



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Nancy Madden - March 19, 2017 at 04:04 PM

FS

“ *Frances Swaney lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



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**Frances Swaney** - March 19, 2017 at 03:49 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Horton Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



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**Sandra Horton Smith** - March 19, 2017 at 02:51 PM

TS

“ *Tina Smith lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



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**Tina Smith** - March 19, 2017 at 02:44 PM

TS

*One of the nicest people I ever knew, he baptized my husband in the lake behind our house, he had several there, he loved doing it there !!*

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**Tina Smith** - March 19, 2017 at 02:48 PM

RH

“ Randy Holmberg lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Randy Holmberg - March 19, 2017 at 01:31 PM

DL

“ Danny, Karen & Micah Lee lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Danny, Karen & Micah Lee - March 19, 2017 at 12:13 PM

SL

“ Scott & Connie Lindley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson.



Scott & Connie Lindley - March 19, 2017 at 11:40 AM

JC

“ Joe & Pat Culbertson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Joe & Pat Culbertson - March 19, 2017 at 08:41 AM

RB

*Sorry for your loss.He will be missed.*

**Renee Butts** - March 19, 2017 at 02:14 PM

CB

“ *Ed was a sweet man, he served God as a pastor, we were so proud of the man he became..our Thoughts and Prayers are with the family during this time of loss. We love ya'll. Bobby and Cindy Bagwell* 🌹

**Cindy Bagwell** - March 19, 2017 at 07:57 AM

AW

“ *Angelia Winn lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



**Angelia Winn** - March 19, 2017 at 06:47 AM

UB

“ *Uncle Palmer, Bebe Davis and Brittany Bailey purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson.*



**Uncle Palmer, Bebe Davis and Brittany Bailey** - March 19, 2017 at 12:41 AM

MF

“ *Morrow Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



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**Morrow family** - March 19, 2017 at 12:11 AM

DM

“ *Joann and Family sorry to hear about Preacher Ed passing away. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord comforts you in the days ahead. I went to the Block Mt pleasant Baptist church when Preacher Ed preached down there.*

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**Donna Mccall** - March 18, 2017 at 11:20 PM

PD

“ *Palmer Davis lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



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**Palmer Davis** - March 18, 2017 at 11:19 PM

SA

“ *Sherry Abbott lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



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**Sherry Abbott** - March 18, 2017 at 11:08 PM

RB

“ Rusty And Charolotte Bradford lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Rusty and Charolotte Bradford - March 18, 2017 at 10:39 PM

JJ

“ Juanita Johns lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Juanita Johns - March 18, 2017 at 09:27 PM

BA

“ Bonnie Alexander lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Bonnie Alexander - March 18, 2017 at 09:18 PM

DN

“ Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - March 18, 2017 at 08:51 PM

JR

“ *John & Nancye Reeves lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



John & Nancye Reeves - March 18, 2017 at 08:24 PM

JR

*Jo Ann and Family so saddened by the sudden loss of Ed, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

John & Nancye Reeves - March 18, 2017 at 08:26 PM

TL

“ *Thad And Wanda Long lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



Thad and Wanda Long - March 18, 2017 at 08:17 PM

BC

“ *Bobby And Doris Cassell lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



bobby and doris cassell - March 18, 2017 at 07:53 PM

KL

“ *Kent And Lynda Leard lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



**Kent And Lynda Leard** - March 18, 2017 at 07:50 PM

LS

“ *Lewis And Frances Swaney lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



**Lewis and Frances Swaney** - March 18, 2017 at 07:49 PM

JS

“ *Jim And Shelby Stamey lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



**Jim and Shelby Stamey** - March 18, 2017 at 07:47 PM

LT

“ *Leland And Richadene W Talley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



**Leland and Richadene W Talley** - March 18, 2017 at 07:02 PM

FK

“ Frankie King lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Frankie King - March 18, 2017 at 05:57 PM



“ Becky Manley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Becky Manley - March 18, 2017 at 05:43 PM

AO

“ Anne B Opperman lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Anne B Opperman - March 18, 2017 at 04:26 PM

WD

“ Wilma Dain lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Wilma Dain - March 18, 2017 at 04:09 PM

FC

“ We are so sorry to hear about our Brother and Friend... A good and great man of God... Frank will miss him.. But He beat him home... We are praying for the family... You have our sympathy and prayers.. Love you all



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**Frank & Judy Crowe** - March 18, 2017 at 04:05 PM

JU

“ Judy lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



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**Judy** - March 18, 2017 at 03:56 PM

RL

“ Ed always loved to remembered my joke of the black preacher. he'll be missed down here but in paradise is with Jesus enjoying the flowers, eating and that he enjoyed. if any fried chicken up there he eating it. Hold on to the memories and look forward to the future on resurrection day in glory.

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**Rev. R. Harlan Ladd** - March 18, 2017 at 03:27 PM

LB

“ Jo Ann, you and your children are in our prayers. Our sadness for Connie now expands to hold you sisters in our hearts. God now holds two brothers-in-law together in His loving arms.



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**Lamar and Rosemary Bailes** - March 18, 2017 at 03:19 PM

RI

“ *Ruby Isbell lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



Ruby Isbell - March 18, 2017 at 03:15 PM

CM

“ *so sorry to hear but we all know he is with the lord in heaven today god bless all his family we will certainly miss him rick and casina metz*

casina metz - March 18, 2017 at 03:14 PM

DG

“ *Debra Goss lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



Debra Goss - March 18, 2017 at 02:54 PM



“ *Judy Shook lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson*



judy shook - March 18, 2017 at 02:21 PM

BF

“ Bessie Fortson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Bessie Fortson - March 18, 2017 at 02:01 PM

BN

“ Billy And Wanda Nix lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Billy and Wanda Nix - March 18, 2017 at 02:00 PM

BL

“ Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Bobbie Ledford - March 18, 2017 at 01:17 PM

WB

“ Wayne Barton lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



Wayne Barton - March 18, 2017 at 01:00 PM

WB

“ Wayne Barton sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



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**Wayne Barton** - March 18, 2017 at 12:23 PM

RA

“ Rod & Katherine Albertson lit a candle in  
memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



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**Rod & Katherine Albertson** - March 18, 2017 at 11:56 AM

JW

“ Julian & Deweena Williams lit a candle in  
memory of Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



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**julian & deweena williams** - March 18, 2017 at 11:24 AM

GP

“ Glenn And Jan Price lit a candle in memory of  
Rev. Joseph Edward Bryson



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**Glenn and Jan Price** - March 18, 2017 at 10:48 AM