



Mr. William Paul Raines

April 2, 1946 - February 18, 2024

William Paul Raines, 77, husband of Judy Raines, of Walhalla, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, February 18, 2024, at the Cottingham Hospice House.

Born April 2, 1946, in Greenville, SC, Paul was the son of the late Rev. Carl Henry and Helen Singleton Raines. Paul graduated from Walhalla High School in 1964, where he was quarterback of the Walhalla Razorbacks Football Team. Paul later retired from Duke Power as an Electrical Warehouse Materials Supervisor. Paul was a Minister of Music for over 50 years, having led music at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Beaverdam Baptist Church, Temple Baptist Church, Walhalla First Baptist Church and many other churches across South Carolina.

In addition to his wife, Paul is survived by his sons: Chris Raines (Cookie) of Blacksburg, SC and Chad Mason (Christi) of West Union, SC; daughter: Page Fowler Dixon of Beaufort, SC; brother: Alan Raines of Greenwood, SC; grandchildren: Will Raines (Madison) of Spartanburg, SC, Alex Raines (Stevie) of Greer, SC, Hunter Mason of West Union, SC, Lauren Dixon of Beaufort, SC and Wales S. Dixon IV of Spartanburg, SC; great-grandchildren: Jackson and Jonathan Raines and Beau Raines; and special niece: Anna Sanders (Cody) and great-nephew: Ridge Mac Sanders.

In addition to his parents, Paul was preceded in death by his sister: Jane Jones.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM, Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at Walhalla First Baptist Church with burial to follow at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Wednesday, prior to the service, at Walhalla First Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Prisma Health Hospice of the Foothills, Cottingham Hospice House, Attn: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672.

The family will be at their respective homes.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Gardens

970 Highlands Highway
Walhalla, SC 29691

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Walhalla First Baptist Church
403 East Main Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

Walhalla First Baptist Church
403 East Main Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Steve Debbie Morehead lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Steve and Debbie Morehead - February 25, 2024 at 02:13 PM

JC

“ John Collins lit a candle in memory of William Raines



John Collins - February 22, 2024 at 11:17 PM

DL

“ Dennis Lusk lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Dennis Lusk - February 22, 2024 at 10:34 PM

AR

“ Always remember, those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.
May the peace which comes from the memories of loved shared, comfort you all now and in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Al and Annette Rochester.

Al & Annette Rochester - February 21, 2024 at 04:50 PM

AR

“ Al Annette Rochester lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Al and Annette Rochester - February 21, 2024 at 04:40 PM

GB

“ Gaston and Stephanie Bettis purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. William Paul Raines.



Gaston and Stephanie Bettis - February 21, 2024 at 09:54 AM

BP

“ Barbara Pearson lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Barbara Pearson - February 21, 2024 at 09:43 AM

LF

“ *Much love, hugs, and prayers for you Mrs. Judy and the family! We were so blessed to have have known Paul.*

Dale and Laurel Franklin

Laurel Franklin - February 21, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ *Doug and Linda Reese Nix sent a virtual gift in the memory of William Paul Raines.*



Doug Linda R. - February 21, 2024 at 08:49 AM

AA

“ *Praying for your family during this time.*



Alton & Kathy Alexander - February 21, 2024 at 07:57 AM

SH

“ Mrs. Judy , I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and the entire family at this time. Mr. Paul will be deeply missed. I will never forget him , he always had a smile on his face and he always had an encouraging word to say . I will never forget when I came to into the choir room one Sunday night after practice and asked him if I could sing a solo , Mr Paul asked me what I wanted to sing , and I told him Amazing Grace , he said yes , and after working with Ms. Sue and him on it for about 3 weeks I sang it . He let me sing the solo even though I had and still have no singing voice or even a clue of how to read or follow music , we practiced and I did it . I will also never forget him pulling up his pants leg , when he did that it was singing time , he was always such a joy to be around and I will always remember him . My mother remembers him as well . Again I am so sorry for your loss . My prayers and thoughts are with you all .

Stephanie Hoffstetter

Stephanie I Hoffstetter - February 21, 2024 at 06:11 AM

JK

“ John Kelley lit a candle in memory of William Raines



John Kelley - February 20, 2024 at 10:51 PM

JD

“ Chris and family we are sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one, May God be with all of you at this time, your are in our thoughts and prayers. With deep sympathy, Jerry and Sherry Darwin



Jerry and Sherry Darwin - February 20, 2024 at 10:02 PM

VW

“ virginia weeks(Hall) lit a candle in memory of William Raines



virginia Hall weeks(Hall) - February 20, 2024 at 09:27 PM

SH

“ Susan Hollifield lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Susan A. Hollifield - February 20, 2024 at 07:39 PM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.



Patricia Graham Holcombe - February 20, 2024 at 07:19 PM

LC

“ *Lois Collins lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Lois Collins - February 20, 2024 at 06:41 PM

LH

“ *Larry Wanda Laye Harden lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Larry and Wanda Laye Harden - February 20, 2024 at 02:23 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*



Alice Long - February 20, 2024 at 01:56 PM

EH

“ *Eula Holland lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Eula Holland - February 20, 2024 at 01:35 PM

JL

“ Judy I am so sorry to hear about Paul. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jerrie Bell Lusk - February 20, 2024 at 01:07 PM

PC

“ Judy, my prayers are with you and Family, pray God will surround you with his love and Peace..Pat Culbertson



Pat Culbertson - February 20, 2024 at 12:01 PM

DT

“ Sending along prayers for God’s grace and peace as you mourn the loss of one of God’s favorites. He has heard the greeting we all long for from his Lord and Savior, “Well done good and faithful servant! You have fought the good fight and run the good race! Welcome home!”



Derrill Thompson - February 20, 2024 at 09:58 AM

LT

“ The Walhalla High School Class of 1964 sends our condolences to Paul’s family. He is remembered as our quarterback wearing #14 and as a great tenor in Miss Brandt’s chorus. He will be missed. We send our prayers, love and support to Judy and his family.



Louise Towe - February 20, 2024 at 09:34 AM

LL

“ *Larry Martha LeCroy lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Larry and Martha LeCroy - February 20, 2024 at 09:07 AM

JS

“ *John Snead lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



John Snead - February 20, 2024 at 08:04 AM

RT

“ *Reg Tatum lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Reg Tatum - February 20, 2024 at 07:50 AM

HF

“ *Rhett and I have fond memories of our high school classmate. We are praying for your comfort and peace.*

Helen Frady - February 20, 2024 at 06:39 AM

BM

“ I first met Paul when he was about six. His father became our pastor at Rocky Knoll. Lost touch with him while I served in the Navy. Fast forward about fifty years he blessed us at First Baptist for I think four years as our music director and getting MS Sue to serve with him. What a team they were! I know they are contributing to the joys of heaven right now. I was honored to be a part of our old trio. So Judy, Chris and family my condolences on your loss and know we all cherish his memory.

Bob Moss - February 20, 2024 at 05:22 AM

FB

“ Frankie Burrell lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Frankie Burrell - February 20, 2024 at 04:33 AM

WS

“ Warren Smith lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Warren Smith - February 19, 2024 at 08:25 PM

AD

“ *Anna Duncan lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Anna Sue Duncan - February 19, 2024 at 08:00 PM

WS

“ *Walt Judy Deal Stephens lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Walt & Judy Deal Stephens - February 19, 2024 at 07:55 PM

LL

“ *Leonard Loudermilk lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Leonard Loudermilk - February 19, 2024 at 07:28 PM

JS

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. My friendship with Paul goes back a long time, more that 60 years.I am thankful for him to have been my client, but more than that, my friend. May God allot his understanding to you and grant you peace!*

Julian Stoudemmire - February 19, 2024 at 07:02 PM

CH

“ I’m so sorry Judy ☐

Carol Harvey - February 19, 2024 at 06:56 PM

SH

“ Prayers for the family 🙏 Steve & Debbie



Steve Harvey - February 19, 2024 at 06:44 PM

ND

“ Neal and Donna DuBose purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. William Paul Raines.



Neal and Donna DuBose - February 19, 2024 at 06:37 PM

ND

“ Neal and Donna DuBose planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Paul Raines.

Neal and Donna DuBose - February 19, 2024 at 06:37 PM

TC

“ So sorry for your loss! You are all in my prayers!



Teresa and Phillip Craig - February 19, 2024 at 05:55 PM

KH

“ Karen Harmon lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Karen Harmon - February 19, 2024 at 05:31 PM

JH

“ John Judy Higgins lit a candle in memory of William Raines



John and Judy Higgins - February 19, 2024 at 05:14 PM

MH

“ Michael Diane Hughes lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Michael & Diane Hughes - February 19, 2024 at 04:43 PM

EB

“ *Elaine Baumgarner lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Elaine Baumgarner - February 19, 2024 at 04:17 PM

WT

“ *William Trasher lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



William Trasher - February 19, 2024 at 03:56 PM

JL

“ *Jess&Marcella Langston lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Jess&Marcella Langston - February 19, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William Paul Raines.*



February 19, 2024 at 03:45 PM

RE

“ Rick Ertzberger lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Rick Ertzberger - February 19, 2024 at 03:42 PM

BL

“ Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Bobbie Jean Ledford - February 19, 2024 at 03:41 PM

JV

“ JE & Linda Vaughn lit a candle in memory of William Raines



JE & Linda Vaughn - February 19, 2024 at 03:40 PM

GK

“ So sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Our prayers will be with you as you face the days ahead. So thankful for the opportunity to have served with him at Mt Pleasant Baptist Church and how the Lord continued to use him through the years. 🙏



Glenn and Joyce Kelly - February 19, 2024 at 03:37 PM

JD

“ *Jerry and Becky Dyar lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Jerry and Becky Dyar - February 19, 2024 at 03:21 PM

JB

“ *Joyce Brewer lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Joyce Brewer - February 19, 2024 at 03:18 PM

GK

“ *Gary Long and LaTonya Kelly purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. William Paul Raines.*



Gary Long and LaTonya Kelly - February 19, 2024 at 03:00 PM

NS

“ *Praying for Judy and family*



Nita Smith - February 19, 2024 at 02:52 PM

PW

“ Sorry to hear about Paul, thoughts and prayers are with you Judy and the family. Paul and Christine Winchester

Paul winchester - February 19, 2024 at 02:40 PM

JU

“ Our hearts and prayers are with Judy and all the family. Paul was so special to us May the Lord give all the family comfort in the days to come.

Robert & JudyBailey

JudyBailey - February 19, 2024 at 02:37 PM

LB

“ Larry Pamela Ball lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Larry and Pamela Ball - February 19, 2024 at 02:35 PM

IR

“ Dink&Iris Duncan lit a candle for Mr.Paul Raines



irisduncan - February 19, 2024 at 02:16 PM

DM

“ *David Medlin lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



David Medlin - February 19, 2024 at 02:03 PM

NW

“ *Norman Brenda Winchester lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Norman & Brenda Winchester - February 19, 2024 at 01:43 PM

DA

“ *DON DARLENE ALBERTSON sent a virtual gift in memory of William Raines*



DON & DARLENE ALBERTSON - February 19, 2024 at 01:07 PM

JH

“ *Judy we are so sorry. You are in our prayers. John and Judy*



John and Judy Higgins - February 19, 2024 at 12:42 PM

WS

“ Wayne Peggy Sibbett lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Wayne and Peggy Sibbett - February 19, 2024 at 12:42 PM

KH

“ Judy, So sorry to hear about Paul. You have our thoughts and prayers and our deepest sympathy



Kay and Pat Hall - February 19, 2024 at 12:25 PM

FO

“ Faye Owens lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Faye Owens - February 19, 2024 at 12:12 PM

CA

“ cathy Addis lit a candle in memory of William Raines



cathy Addis - February 19, 2024 at 12:06 PM

JM

“ *Jim Becky Manley lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Jim & Becky Manley - February 19, 2024 at 12:05 PM

TR

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Paul. Sending our prayers for strength and comfort. Our Singleton bond keeps us connected even though we are miles away - our family ties are forever strong. I am sure heaven and all our kin rejoiced in his home coming even though you are filled with such sorrow now. We will continue to pray for God's healing arms to surround you and bring you peace.*

Joe and Theresa (Farmer) Ramsey



Theresa Farmer Ramsey - February 19, 2024 at 11:57 AM

JN

“ *Janet nichols lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Janet nichols - February 19, 2024 at 11:52 AM

ML

“ Mike and Janice Looney purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. William Paul Raines.



Mike and Janice Looney - February 19, 2024 at 11:51 AM

ML

“ Mike and Janice Looney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Paul Raines.

Mike and Janice Looney - February 19, 2024 at 11:51 AM

BL

“ Burgess (Bird) Laye lit a candle in memory of William Raines



Burgess (Bird) Laye - February 19, 2024 at 11:32 AM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss. Sincere condolences To the family.



Byrd & Sue Williams - February 19, 2024 at 10:57 AM

SA

“ *Sherry Matthew Abbott lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Sherry and Matthew Abbott - February 19, 2024 at 10:57 AM

IM

“ *Many memories of Paul dating back to our high school days. Years later, as he recovered from a hospital stay at Lila Doyle, he gave me a music cd of his church choir as a testimony of God's grace.* 💙🙏



Iris Manley - February 19, 2024 at 10:57 AM

NG

“ *Nancy Goehle lit a candle in memory of William Raines*



Nancy Goehle - February 19, 2024 at 10:46 AM