



Mr. Joe Earle Berry, Jr.

August 28, 1931 - December 31, 2019

A memorial service for Joe Earle Berry, Jr. will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 6, 2020 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 1100 Sumter Street, Columbia, SC. The family will receive friends in Satterlee Hall following the service.

Mr. Berry passed away on Tuesday, December 31, 2019. Born in Columbia, S.C. on August 28, 1931, Joe was the son of the late Joe Earle Berry, Sr. and Agnes Frost Berry.

Joe was a graduate of Dreher High School and received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of South Carolina. He continued his education earning his law degree from the USC School of Law and admittance to practice in 1955. While attending law school, Joe completed the US Air Force ROTC and was commissioned as a second lieutenant serving as assistant staff judge advocate at Abilene Air Base, Texas as well as Northeast Air Command, Canada. After his service, Joe returned to Columbia where he practiced law for over 60 years. His long and distinguished career included serving as Special Judge, Associate Municipal Judge, and service to the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline for the S.C. Supreme Court. For over 40 years, Joe worked tirelessly for the interest of higher education in South Carolina serving on the State College Board of Trustees as well as the College of Charleston Board of Trustees. Joe's strong sense of community involvement was formed by his parents' examples of hard work and dedication to public service including his work with the Oliver Gospel Mission, American Red Cross, Capital City Club Board, Jubilee Academy Board, Richland County Bar Association, and Crossover Global. This was evidenced on Joe receiving the Order of the Palmetto from Governor McMaster in February 2017. A dedicated family man and faithful servant of God, he was deeply involved in bible study and prayer groups and a longtime member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. Joe was a lifetime Gamecock supporter and avid golfer.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Charlotte Lunsford Berry; children, Joe Earle Berry, III of Camden; Paula Berry Joseph (Bobby) of Camden; Agnes Berry Dixon (Ben) of Johns Island; stepchildren Chip Lunsford (Jennifer) and Marsha Lunsford; grandchildren Lucas,

Clark, Nellie, Lily, Jack, Benjamin, Caleb, Laura Ann, Melodie, Jacob, and Christian. He is preceded in death by his parents and infant son, Paul John Berry.

Memorials can be made to Crossover Global, Oliver Gospel Mission, or Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

Events

JAN **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
1100 Sumter St, Columbia, SC, US, 29201

JAN **Visitation** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Satterlee Hall of Trinity Cathedral
1100 Sumter Street, SC, US, 29201

Comments



“ Charlotte, Joe, Paula & Agnes,

Deepest sympathy is extended from the entire Finch family for the loss of Joe. He was a very good friend of my late father, Mike Finch Sr., as well as my late uncles Raymon Finch Jr and Henry Finch Sr. There was no one whose legal opinion was trusted more by my father than that of Joe. A tremendous void has been left in the legal community of Columbia,, as well as in the higher education community in SC and in the various charitable causes Joe supported. We have lost a great Southern Gentleman indeed. We pray for peace and comfort for your families during this difficult time. Rest In Peace, and Godspeed, Joe!

Michael T Finch Jr MD

Michael T. Finch Jr MD - January 06, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ Big Joe was one My Favorites!

Joey Copley - January 06, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ Mr. Berry was more than my boss of almost 20 years. We was my dear friend, mentor and father figure. The finest man I have ever known. I will treasure and miss our Lizard Thicket lunch dates and talks. A huge part of my life is missing. My prayers are with all of his family and friends. .

Kim Salane - January 06, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ It was a pleasure to know Mr. Joe Berry and he will be missed.
Tombo Grille

virginia mason - January 04, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe Earle Berry, Jr..



January 03, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe Earle Berry, Jr..



January 03, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe Earle Berry, Jr..



January 03, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ We always loved seeing Joe either at church or Forest Lake and it just won't be the same. I'm sure he and my dad, Bill Gibbes, are enjoying each other's company again in heaven and reminiscing about the good ole days.
God's peace be with you during this tough time.
Lynn Gibbes Haynes

Lynn Gibbes Haynes - January 03, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe Earle Berry, Jr..



January 03, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ Joe Berry was one of the finest gentleman I've ever known. We know he's smiling down on us from heaven. This world has lost the epitome of a fine southern gentleman.

Margarette Mills - January 02, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ RIP Dear Joe ... you have made many people laugh with your great sense of humor and you have added zest to our lives ... you were always moving and doing and had such a happy spirit wherever you went. We'll miss you. Pam (James)

Pamela James - January 02, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ Saddened to hear of Joe's passing. Joe was a kind and wonderful man with an enthusiasm for life and those around him. He cared about our community. When Joe spoke to you, it was as if you were the only one in the room. He had a great sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with the Berry family.

Chris Burnette - January 02, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great man and a friend to my late mother Clara L. Bartlett . My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Avery K. Bartlett - January 02, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ It's been a pleasure knowing you. You have given a real gift to your community, your profession, and your family and friends. A life well lived. We loved you.
Frances Hagood Gibbes

Fran Gibbes - January 02, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe Earle Berry, Jr.



January 02, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe Earle Berry, Jr.



January 02, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ Laurie Walden purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Joe Earle Berry, Jr.



Laurie Walden - January 02, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe Earle Berry, Jr.



January 02, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ What a wonderful man! Such a gentleman, with a sparkle in his eyes. So devoted to Charlotte!

Laurie - January 02, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. He was a gentleman and scholar.

Chuck and Leslie

Chuck Plowden - January 02, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ Joe and I were born of Richland County icons. Our great fathers' grave sites lay close to each other. Joe and I 'reconciled' our families' differences of long ago when he and I rode side by side in a limousine together to lay to rest Margarett Moore Adams Frost, Joe's aunt, my close friend and employee of many years and a Spigner Family supporter for the longest time. She did love my father and me, and I loved her, and I love the Berry Family to this day. God bless you all.

A. Fletcher Spigner III
FSpigner@aol.com

Fletcher Spigner III - January 01, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ Joe and I were best friends all through High School and If you found one of us you found both of us. He picked me up every morning on the way to Dreher High in his Durant or Crosley. We played football together at Dreher and, I have to confess, he was a much better player than I was. We double dated together every weekend and had many good times and a lot of laughs. We both were in that bad group called the Dark Horsemen but we managed to stay out of trouble. His passing has devastated me but, at least, I had the privilege of having him as a friend, one that I will always cherish. I have lost a big part of my life.

Stewart Blume - January 02, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ It was my great honor to have practice law with and been a partner with Mr. Joe Berry; all of the messages about this southern gentleman are most true; let me add that he was my true friend, he was a " brother in the law"; and this man served others as a real servant of his LORD; GOD has a special room ready for JOE; may GOD give his beloved family peace at this time; We ALL need to celebrate Joe Berry life by living our live as this GOOD MAN DID. I will miss my friend.

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John - January 03, 2020 at 08:54 AM