



Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr.

December 6, 1942 - August 1, 2021

Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr., 78, of Blythewood, died on Sunday, August 1, 2021. Born December 6, 1942, in Blythewood, he was the only son of the late Thomas Marion Trapp and Nannie Eloise Branham Trapp.

Mr. Trapp was an active member of the Blythewood Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He and Martha Ann began their marriage with humble beginnings and with absolutely nothing. Through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and devotion to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he honored his covenants. From that humble beginning, he and Martha Ann created a legacy that will be noticed throughout the eternities.

He was a hard worker. If hard work was a recipe for success, he would be the most successful person around. He began his career as a meat cutter and eventually started two successful businesses, Red Knoll Landscaping and Joe Trapp's Stone Ground yellow grits and cornmeal. He was a skilled woodworker and many of his wood projects could be found in the local BP in Blythewood.

He didn't fool around with the truth--he was honest with all of his fellow men. If you didn't want to know the truth, don't ask him. If he thought you needed him, he would make himself available anytime. When he was there and there were problems, you knew that everything was going to be all right. He didn't meet a stranger and was well-loved by everyone he met.

He enjoyed gardening and farming and always shared his harvest with everyone around him. He was a great storyteller. He was also a big time prankster and was always catching people up in his pranks involving dead snakes or shocking pens and lighters.

In his later years, he planted a small vineyard and enjoyed pruning and harvesting grapes. He loved visiting with the people that came through the vineyard to pick and eat many pounds of grapes. He loved riding his golf cart around his beautiful property. He was the

happiest when he was surrounded by his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Joe is survived by his wife, high school sweetheart, and love of his life of almost 58 years, Martha Ann Branham Trapp; 4 children, Joey (Andrea) Trapp, Bill (Jennifer) Trapp, Shannon (Jamie) Benson, and Aubrey (Yadira) Trapp; 11 grandchildren, Wyatt (Thalia) Trapp, Hannah Trapp, Will Trapp, Brian Trapp, Eli Benson, Logan Trapp, Katie Benson, Nathan Trapp, Ginny Benson, Laura Lynn Benson, and Helen Trapp; 2 great-grandchildren, Luke and Camila; sisters Eloise Raines and Minnie Smith and brother-in-law Richard (Sybil) Branham; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters Beatrice Howard and Betty Belk along with sisters-in-law Adelle Mattox and Sarah Mae Campbell and brothers-in-law Charles Smith and John Raines.

The funeral service for Mr. Trapp will be held at 5 o'clock, Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1391 Centerville Road, Ridgeway, SC 29130. Burial will follow at the Centerville Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 5-7pm at the Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia. Those who would like to pay their respects before the funeral may also do so prior to the funeral service starting at 4pm at the church. A livestream of the service may be seen by visiting ShivesFuneralHome.com.

Pallbearers will be Wyatt Trapp, Will Trapp, Eli Benson, Nathan Trapp, Richard Branham Jr., Duane Mattox, Greg Belk, and Randy Wilson.

Honorary pallbearers are Brian Trapp, Dean Branham, Jeff Branham, Tommy Belk, Randy Silvia, and Larry Thompson.

The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Scott Sommers and the staff at South Carolina Oncology Associates for all of their support over the past months. The family would also like to give a special thanks to family friends Harvey Cruzan and Susie Sommers for their love and support of Joe for many years.

Memorials may be made to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Blythewood Ward Missionary Fund.

Cemetery

Events

Centerville Cemetery

Centerville Road
Ridgeway, SC,

AUG **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel
7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC, US, 29223

AUG **Funeral Service** 05:00PM

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Blythewood
Ward
1391 Centerville Road, Ridgeway, SC, US

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - August 04 at 04:23 PM



“ A tribute video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - August 03 at 01:56 PM



“ What a wonderful life journey of a wonderful, good man!! Our hearts go out to each family member and friend as we endure this separation, and we share your joy in sweet celebration of all the memories that are forever! We send our love and prayers, dear ones!....Ronnie and Jo Ann (Barentine) Hightower

Ronnie Hightower and Jo Ann Barentine-Hi - August 07 at 05:00 PM



“ Rod & Katherine Albertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr.



Rod & Katherine Albertson - August 07 at 08:12 AM



“ To Martha and family,
Our heartfelt condolences and prayers for the Lord's comfort and peace for you and Joe Trapp's family and friends during this difficult time.
For several years my husband, Sherman, and I enjoyed coming to your vineyard and picking scuppernongs and visiting with Joe. On one visit, he told of us his yellow grits and gave us a bag. Afterwards, we gave up Quaker grits and have been purchasing Joe's yellow grits ever since!
Once Joe Trapp gave us a tour of his gardens and extensively shared details about his various crops.
On another visit he gave us a tour of his man cave! And the last time we were there, right before we moved to the opposite end of rural, Richland County, Joe insisted on giving me a tour of his farm in his golf cart.
After obtaining a farm tract number, we talked of inviting Joe down to give us farming instructions and advice. We were also hoping to return to the vineyard this year.
Although we only saw Joe Trapp once or twice a year, we had a wonderful relationship with him and will sorely miss his earthly presence.
May the Lord's presence in your life and your fond memories of Joe, strengthen you and bring you healing and joy in the days ahead.

Warmly,

Charlyce Goodwin - August 04 at 06:40 PM



“ To Eloise and Minnie, again I want to send my deepest condolences to you and you families for the loss of your brother Joe. I think I remember we called him Buddy when we were growing up in Blythewood as your neighbors. So soon after the death of your little Sister, seems too much pain to endure.
I will keep you all in my prayer for strength during the saddest of times.
Frances Nelson Allen, Columbia, SC

Frances Nelson Allen - August 03 at 09:42 PM



“ God is getting a great corn and sugar cane farmer. We here on Earth will miss him greatly. Kay and i will think of him every time we eat corn from now until we make the same trip. We love you.

David Roper - August 03 at 06:14 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family.



Jerrr&Vanessa Smith - August 03 at 06:13 PM



“ Kathryn Carson Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr.



Kathryn Carson Howard - August 03 at 05:58 PM



“ My late husband, James W. Howard, Sr., spoke fondly of Joe and shared memories of hunting and fishing with him. Joe was Jim's brother-in-law, brother of his first wife Beatrice. My prayers are with the family and friends during this difficult time.

Kathryn Carson Howard - August 03 at 06:01 PM



“ This man—this man is loved by more people than anyone can possibly imagine. If you didn't know him, you have no idea what you've missed. Brilliant, compassionate, loving, handsome, charming, funny, the words are never good enough to describe him. Rest In Peace our Precious Joe.... We will always love you!

Josie Atkinson - August 03 at 04:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr..



August 03 at 02:25 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies for Martha Ann and Trapp family from the Watts family. Joe will be missed but our memories are still strong and cherished. Buddy and Mary Watts

Buddy Watts - August 03 at 11:43 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr..



August 03 at 10:49 AM



“ Joe Trapp was a true Blythewoodian, have known Joe all my life, he was a very godly man. Joe will be missed very much, prayers for Martha Ann and family.



pete and joann branham - August 03 at 09:04 AM



“ Flint John Deere family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr..



Flint John Deere family - August 03 at 08:26 AM



“ 'We love this family and of course who would not love Joe with his great sense of humor, gardens and zest for life. Our deepest regrets to the family for their loss.
Roger and Charlene Herring

Charlene N Herring - August 03 at 08:23 AM



“ Our love and sympathy to Martha Ann and all of the Trapp family. I remember meeting Joe right after I was baptized in 1973. Our son, David Powers, who lives in Bangkok, Thailand, sends his love to all of you. Joe is a wonderful man and great Christian.

Treci Senecal - August 03 at 07:54 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr..



August 03 at 07:32 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr..



August 03 at 03:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr..



August 03 at 02:24 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr..



August 02 at 08:38 PM



“ I consider myself blessed and fortunate to have known Joe Trapp. He was a kind, funny, hard working and willing to help anyone. Seemed that he took a liking to our little family when we lived there. When I deployed back to Iraq in 2010 he took special notice of Emma and the kids. Joe and Martha Ann were at the airport waiting to welcome me home when I got back. All the kids, but especially Charlee, loved to eat Papa Joe Trapp’s grits. We aren’t related, but Joe and Martha Ann always made you feel like you were - the kids called him Papa Trapp. We were able to stop in and visit them numerous times during trips - the kids always liked to go over to the Trapp’s - to go fish in his pond, buy grits, pick black berries or muscadines, ride around in the golf cart, chase cats and chickens, and hang out in the man cave. Most recently they discovered a treasure of marbles in his famous man cave. He deeply loves his family. Joe, you will be missed by many. I’m sure you are already working on building a table big enough for the whole family to sit at.

Nick George - August 02 at 07:45 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr..



August 02 at 07:12 PM



“ I’ll never forget you Mr. Joe. You hold a special place in my heart and I will cherish every memory that we shared. I love you and I will miss you something awful. Love your buddy RED



Dedra Wilson RED - August 02 at 06:52 PM



“ Grace H Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr.



Grace H Taylor - August 02 at 06:36 PM



“ I am just one of many who loved Joe and his family. He left his mark on God's earth as well as many, many hearts. We all have been blessed to have crossed paths one of the Lord's finest.

Harold Branham - August 02 at 03:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr..



August 02 at 02:14 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr..



August 02 at 12:58 PM



“ I did not know Joe Trapp personally, but I have always heard about what a good man he was to everyone he met, but I know Martha Ann very well. I am so very sorry for your loss. Beverly Casey Moore-

Beverly Casey Moore - August 02 at 11:52 AM



“ We will never let her forget about you Papa! We love you and miss you.



Thalia Trapp - August 02 at 11:49 AM



“ Jim Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr.



Jim Carter - August 02 at 11:29 AM



“ RIP Joe! God Bless...

Jim Carter - August 02 at 11:29 AM



“ Love you papa



Wyatt Trapp - August 02 at 11:18 AM



“ Nothing more I loved as a child than tractor time with papa! One of my first words was “tracta”. Pop bought a tractor when I was a child just to have room for me so I could ride with him. I was always his little farming buddy. 📷



Wyatt Trapp - August 02 at 11:15 AM



“ Linda Jones Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Nathan Trapp, Sr.



Linda Jones Simmons - August 02 at 10:57 AM



“ Brother Joe Trapp to me was such an extraordinary wonderful christian man !! One of the best friends I have ever had !! Joe loved his wife , his children , his grandkids and anyone who ever knew him !! A world class farmer with exceptional skills , a pure legacy in Blythwood SC and God will welcome Joe into his Kingdom with open arms !! God Bless you Brother Joe Trapp !! Now and Forever !! May Peace come to your blessed and amazing family now and forever !! Elder Colie B. Faust Jr. LDS

Elder Colie B. Faust Jr. - August 02 at 07:59 AM