



Bettis Grigsby "Grig" Herlong, III

November 15, 1947 - September 7, 2025

Saluda, SC

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Bettis Grigsby "Grig" Herlong, III, 77, passed away Sunday, September 7, 2025 at his home.

Born in Durham, NC and a son of the late Bettis Grigsby Herlong, Jr. and Ruby Corley Herlong, he was the husband of Alice Dawn Perry Herlong. Mr. Herlong was a graduate of Strom Thurmond High School and went on to play football at the University of Georgia, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education. He later retired from Lexington County School District One in Pelion. Mr. Herlong was a devoted member of Shiloh Methodist Church and a former member of the Saluda Young Farmers Association. He deeply loved his family and cherished the time he spent with them.

Surviving in addition to his wife of 55 years is a son, Bettis J. Herlong, Sr. (Anna) of Ridge Spring, two daughters, Jennifer H. Wertz (Lee) and Alicea H. Warren (Brandon) both of Saluda, two brothers, Rodney C. Herlong, Sr. (Charlene) of Saluda and Rev. Benjamin W. Herlong, Sr. (Barbara) of W. Columbia, a sister, Lora H. Atwood (Cal) of W. Columbia, twelve grandchildren, Miranda Wertz, Michelle Vereen, Mandy Drafts (Austin),

Meredith Wertz, McKenzie Wertz, Haleigh Herlong, B.J. Herlong (Chelsea), Hunter Herlong (Stephanie), Kaylyn Herlong, Bethany Herlong, David Warren and Caroline Warren, ten great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Herlong was preceded in death by a son, David Perry Herlong.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m., Thursday, September 11, 2025, at Travis Park Cemetery with Rev. Joe N. Long and Rev. Bob Huggins officiating. The family will receive friends following the graveside service.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial Processing, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or to Shiloh Methodist Church, c/o Kent or Glenda Rushton, 4036 John J. Rushton Rd., Saluda, SC 29138.

Cemetery Details

Travis Park Cemetery

Travis Avenue
Saluda, SC

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Travis Park Cemetery
407 E Butler Ave
Saluda, SC 29138-1415

visitation following graveside service

SEP 11 (ET)

Travis Park Cemetery
Travis Avenue
Saluda, SC

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I adored the time I worked with Grig at Pelion High School when I was an Assistant Principal under Jean Haggard. So trustworthy, so kind, and so darn funny. His humor helped make a tough day bearable. One time he brought an abused child to me because no one else she had told believed her. Her abuse allegations were true and I insured the perpetrator was punished. What a good man!

Sandy Jowers - December 15, 2025 at 11:05 PM

LA

Thank you so much. He loved his work at Pelion. I am Grig's sister. I just happened to look back at this and saw your recent post. I will pass along to his family.

Lora Herlong Atwood - January 14 at 02:14 PM

KA

“ Prayers for comfort and peace.
Karen Parker Anderson

Karen Parker Anderson - September 10, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bettis Grigsby "Grig" Herlong, III.

September 10, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bettis Grigsby "Grig" Herlong, III.*



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“ *Mose & Robin Salters & son's*



Mose & Robin Salters & sons - September 09, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ *Alice Dawn and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I wasn't aware of Grig's being ill. You will be in my prayers. Sincerely, Sethalene*

Sethalene Huff - September 09, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ *My prayers go up for Alice Dawn and Family for God to wrap his loving arms around them at this time in their lives,,
May God Bless You With Tender Care In This Difficult Time*



Sheila Rodgers - September 09, 2025 at 02:40 PM

LC

“ *Sending prayers to the family during this difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss.*
Lynn and Steve



Lynn Chapman - September 09, 2025 at 11:21 AM

BM

“ *Bonnie morelock lit a candle in memory of Bettis Herlong*



Bonnie morelock - September 09, 2025 at 10:07 AM

JH

“ *Prayers for you and your family Alice Dawn as my heart knows your pain.*



Judy Hall - September 09, 2025 at 05:16 AM

WG

“ *William Naomi & Brenda Goodman lit a candle in memory of Bettis Herlong*



William Naomi & Brenda Goodman - September 08, 2025 at 11:38 PM



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“ Prayers and thoughts are with the family. I can still hear his voice when i was caught doing something wrong (roy dean) he would say. He was a man full of wisdom and wise words. Can remember the conversations we would have about cows and the simple life. He was one my very first role models. So long my friend but not good bye.

roy jernigan - September 08, 2025 at 08:09 PM

MF

“ A man of quiet strength, deep wisdom, and unwavering kindness — Mr. Herlong touched countless lives with his big presence and big heart. He led by example, taught with grace, and always kept on track.

Though he may no longer walk among us, the legacy he leaves behind will continue to guide and inspire.

Rest in peace, Mr. Herlong. You will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

*Mike Farrell
class of 99 Pelion High*

Mike Farrell - September 08, 2025 at 04:43 PM

ER

“ Our sympathy goes out to all of his family. J. C. thought a lot of Grig from school bus times and later. Praying for all during this time.



Elise & J.C. Rodgers - September 08, 2025 at 04:42 PM

LS

“ Mr Herlong was a wonderful Man I've known him and his family for a long time always a bright smile when he would come to lunch n treats to eat or pick up meals for his family condolences to the family

Linda Smith - September 08, 2025 at 03:30 PM

WK

“ Prayers and condolences to the family .. Lora,Rod and Ben were in school with me while Grig was playing football at UGA .. Played FB for his dad Bettis Sr. at Brookland Cayce .. A wonderful family! Wish i could attend the service but will be unable to, but will have you in my thoughts..

Wade Kleckley - September 08, 2025 at 03:03 PM

LA

Thank you Wade. Lora

Lora Atwood - September 09, 2025 at 05:06 PM

LL

“ I loved Mr. Herlong very much! He was my football coach and always looked out for me throughout my middle school and high school years. He questioned my boyfriend decisions and when I told him I was getting married he sat me down and talked about my life and future. He was more than a teacher figure but a father figure. He was truly a wonderful man and I think God he was in my life over the years when I needed him most. He will always have a special place in my heart.

Lisa (Baker) Lloyd - September 08, 2025 at 01:12 PM

SR

“ We are praying for all of you during this time. He was a wonderful and blessed man to have such a loving wife and family.



Steve & Teresa Rodgers - September 08, 2025 at 11:35 AM

EM

“ *Emma Matthews lit a candle in memory of Bettis Herlong*



Emma Matthews - September 08, 2025 at 11:33 AM

BC

So sorry to learn of Grig's passing. Although we were fierce rivals on the football and baseball fields in high school, we became good friends after you and him returned to Saluda. Wanda and I will keep you and your entire family in our prayers and may God give you comfort during this time.

Bubby and Wanda

Bubby and Wanda Coleman - September 08, 2025 at 03:49 PM

AA

*Alice Dawn,
I am sorry for your loss. May God bring comfort and peace to you and your families.*

Annette Bledsoe Asbill

Annette Bledsoe Asbill - September 09, 2025 at 11:09 AM

AH

Thank you so much. Your prayers and concern mean a lot to me.

Alice Dawn Herlong - September 14, 2025 at 01:27 PM