



## Heyward Rodgers Trotter

June 15, 1925 - September 3, 2021

Heyward Rodgers Trotter, 96, passed away peacefully on September 3, 2021 in Saluda, South Carolina after living a long and blessed life. Mr. Trotter or Mr. Heyward as he was known by his friends was born on June 15, 1925 in rural Saluda County. He was the son of the late Ernest B. Trotter and Leona Rodgers Trotter. He was the husband of the late Maidie Pou Trotter, who was the love of his life. They shared life for 63 years together. Mr. Heyward loved the LORD, his family and his community. He loved everyone he knew and died having no ill will toward anyone.

Heyward resided at his farm on Ridge Spring Highway for almost 70 years. He and his wife, Maidie, made this their home. Heyward built their home, the barns, and the ponds. He cleared the pastures and put up his own fences as he loved working outdoors. Heyward was a hard working man, working full days, early morning to late evenings well into his 90's. Heyward loved nature and appreciated GOD's handiwork in all things. Heyward was always willing to help anyone he could in any way he could. He helped many people in ways most of us will never know.

Heyward loved the LORD, his church, Richland Springs Baptist Church and served in many areas including deacon, Sunday School teacher, finance and pastor search committees. Wherever there was a need in the church he was willing and ready to serve. Heyward worked for many years at the Saluda

Shenille plant. He left that job to farm, and he and his wife, Maidie, started Trotter Earth Moving Company, which they operated for many years. Heyward was very active in the Richland Creek Ruritan Club. He served many years as the President of this Club. His commitment was so strong to his community that he was recognized nationally for having the most new members in a year. He organized an outreach through the club to deliver Christmas baskets to the less fortunate in the community. Heyward and Maidie served for many years in the Richland Creek Ruritan Club.

Heyward loved animals and especially horses. He and Maidie were members of the Country Riders Club. He was known as the Trail Boss riding his Palomino horse, Blaze, leading large groups of riders all over Saluda County. Heyward loved this community of riders. He put a lot folks on a horse for the first time, and he loved sharing his love for people and animals with these riders. When he was no longer able to guide trail rides, he and Maidie enjoyed surrey rides. He loved being a part of the Saluda Christmas parade and driving his historic surrey being pulled by his paint horse, Miss Behave. Later in his life, he took such pleasure in being able to make a couple's wedding day special for them by riding them away from their ceremony in his horse drawn surrey. Heyward loved being a part of a couple's new life.

He enjoyed tending to his garden. He loved to can vegetables and share his produce with anyone he saw or anyone that stopped to visit. He was a very social man and loved to ride around the county in his truck with his his beloved dogs over the years.

He loved life and the promise life held. His memory will be cherished by his family,  
which include daughters, Margaret Ann Trotter, Barbara Trotter Sanders and husband, Bob, and son-in-law, Joe Halford who was married to Hazel Trotter Halford, who died in July 2020. He leaves two grandchildren, who loved him

dearly, Robert H. Sanders, Jr. and his wife, Rachel, and Dr. Rebecca Sanders Ward and her husband, Jason. He leaves 6 great grandchildren, Addison and Anna Claire Sanders, and Isabella, Jackson, Fisher, and Shepard Ward. Heyward is also survived by his youngest brother, Ansel and wife Mary Lynn Trotter, as well as Yvonne Taylor, who was his faithful caregiver for many years. Heyward's memory will be cherished by a number of cousins, nieces and nephews along with many, many friends who will miss him.

Heyward was preceded in death by brothers Truman Trotter, Billy Trotter, and sisters Ethel T. Banks, Winnifred T. Reames, and Doris T. Platts.

The family wishes to express a special thanks to caregivers, Marie DeLoache, Teresa Gregory, and Ruth Kirkland. Thanks also to Dr. William Sawyer and staff for their care.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 11AM at Richland Springs Baptist Church, Ward, SC. Burial service will follow in the Johnson Family Cemetery near the church. The family will receive friends and family in the fellowship hall one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials can be made to Richland Springs Baptist Church, 1895 Duncan Road, Ward, SC 29166.

# Cemetery Details

## Johnson Cemetery

Duncan Road  
Ward, SC 29166

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Richland Springs Baptist Church  
1895 Duncan Road  
Ward, SC 29166

## Funeral

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SA

“ *Sherri Rodgers Alveshire lit a candle in memory of Heyward Rodgers Trotter*



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**Sherri Rodgers Alveshire** - September 16, 2021 at 09:39 AM

SR

“ *Hayward was a true friend and loved everyone I rode the school bus when all the boys used to drive them , I graduated with Ansel , I knew the whole family ,Hayward was always willing to help my mother,Jennie Rodgers.Iwill always be grateful for that.My prayers are with the family.*

*Stanford Rodgers*

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**Stanford Rodgers** - September 11, 2021 at 09:14 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Heyward Rodgers Trotter.*



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September 08, 2021 at 10:22 AM

KH

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Heyward death. We just found out. He was such a kind, loving man. Years ago we all used to trail ride together. He was a joy to be around! You all in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerley, Kim Hartley Hall and Betty C. Hartley



KimH. Hall - September 08, 2021 at 10:04 AM

IT

“ Love you and hope you and your family are at peace and all my family loves yall.

Ira Trotter - September 07, 2021 at 10:05 PM

JT

“ In loving memory of Mr. Heyward Rodgers Trotter,  
Dear Margaret Ann,  
Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.  
"May perpetual light shine upon Mr. Heyward and may he rest in peace."  
~ James R. Turner, Columbia, SC



James R Turner - September 07, 2021 at 05:14 PM

JR

“ I have known Mr. Heyward since I was a child, he was such a kind gentle man, always a smile on his face. He was a wonderful neighbor to my mama and daddy. He will be missed, but I know he is happy in heaven.

judy rodgers - September 07, 2021 at 03:37 PM

FL

“ Frank Lukacs purchased the Bountiful European Dish Garden for the family of Heyward Rodgers Trotter.



Frank Lukacs - September 07, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Heyward Rodgers Trotter.



September 07, 2021 at 12:05 PM

KB

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Heyward's passing. He was always very kind to my husband, Derek, and me when we saw him. My prayers are with Barbara and Bob and the whole family at this difficult and very sad time.  
- Karen Basso

Karen N. Basso - September 07, 2021 at 11:57 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Heyward Rodgers Trotter.



September 07, 2021 at 11:52 AM

CE

“ *Crystal Edwards lit a candle in memory of Heyward Rodgers Trotter*



crystal Edwards - September 07, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Heyward Rodgers Trotter.*



September 07, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Heyward Rodgers Trotter.*



September 06, 2021 at 08:15 PM



CarlnJoye  
Cook

“ I always loved the smile with which my cousin Heyward greeted me each and every time that he saw me. As I don't remember my father who died when I was only 2 1/2 years old, I decided several years ago to ask other Trotter cousins about my Dad and about the Trotter family. One of those cousins was Heyward. Heyward told me this story:

*The family lived in the Speigner section of Saluda County (near the intersection of Old Charleston Road and Speigner Road) near Ward SC. There was a small baptist church in the community, and the Ernest Trotter family were the last members of that dwindling church. Mr. Foster Crepps had donated the land for the church, and the land and building were returned to his ownership. However, Heyward was able to salvage the lumber from the church and used it to build his home on the Ridge Spring Highway. I thought this was such a wonderful way for him to always have a part of, I suppose, his first church in his life.*

*Rest in peace, Heyward. You were much loved and will always be missed by so many people.*

*Joye Trotter Cook*

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**CarlnJoye Cook** - September 06, 2021 at 05:05 PM

BD

“ I will miss Heyward's smiling face at our Trotter Family reunions. He was always willing to make sure that the Ruritan Building was ready for us for all of the years that we met there. He was special to our family and we loved him so much.

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**Bob and Lynn Kirkland Diggle** - September 06, 2021 at 03:51 PM

RS

*rode the bus with trotter girls loved them will miss seeing their daddy  
take care billie stone one of stone sisters*

**Richard Starling** - September 10, 2021 at 10:09 AM