



Johnnie Ertle

July 25, 1953 - April 7, 2026

Saluda, SC

Johnnie Ertle

Johnnie Ertle, 72, passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at Lexington Community Hospice House surrounded by his family.

Born in Aiken, and the son of the late Alonza Ray Ertle and Sadie Sanders Ertle, he was the husband of Kathy Rogers Ertle. Mr. Ertle was a devoted and hardworking man who dedicated many years of his life as a loan officer in the finance industry, where he built lasting relationships through his integrity and willingness to help those in need. He was a graduate of Ridge Spring-Monetta High School and a member of Saluda Baptist Church.

Outside of his career, he found great joy in life's simple pleasures and in the people he loved most. A passionate fan of the Clemson Tigers, he rarely missed an opportunity to cheer them on and especially treasured taking his children to Clemson football games, creating memories that will be cherished for years to come.

Mr. Ertle's greatest happiness, however, came from his family. He loved supporting his grandchildren and great-grandchildren while playing sports and dancing. He was always their proudest fan and a constant source of encouragement and love.

He also had a deep appreciation for music. Gifted with a natural talent, Mr. Ertle enjoyed playing the piano beautifully by ear, bringing joy to his children with every note. His love for music, his generous spirit, and his devotion to family will be remembered fondly by all who knew him.

Surviving alongside his wife, Kathy Rogers Ertle, are four children, George Roy Herndon (Jenny) of Charlotte, NC, Clyda Herndon Bodie, of Lexington, Kelly Ertle Minick (Burt), and Jonathan Kirk Ertle (April) all of Saluda, nine grandchildren, Helena Herndon, Charlie

Herndon, Cheyenne Bodie, Kirksi Bodie Smith (Chris), Arrie Bodie Harrison (Reid), Sadie Minick, Sophie Ertle, and William Ertle, and five great-grandchildren, Selah Bodie, Tracen Jones, RaeLee Jones, Dayson Stockton, and Haisleigh Harrison.

The family extends a special thank you to Gina Schultz (niece) and Lexington Community Hospice House for the compassionate care they provided to Mr. Ertle.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026, at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Burton Campbell officiating. The family will receive friends following the service and at other times, at the home of Burt and Kelly Minick.

Memorials may be made to Saluda High School Athletic Department, c/o Jeanette Ertle Wilder, AD, 240 Ivory Key Road, Saluda, SC 29138.

Please share your memories and condolences online at www.rameyfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery
164 Mt. Pleasant Road
Ridge Spring, SC 29129

visitation following graveside service

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Mrs. Kathy,
You are in my prayers now and in the days to come . I am so sorry for your loss .
Love,
Donna Chalmers Shealy*

Donna Shealy - April 09 at 11:50 AM

CB

Thank you Mrs. Donna. We appreciate your prayers

Clyda Bodie - April 13 at 08:05 AM

DS

“ *Clyda, Kelly, Jonathan and family,
Losing a Dad is so difficult. I have experienced this myself . My prayers are with
all of you. Hold those memories close now and in the days ahead .
Love,
Donna Chalmers Shealy*

Donna Shealy - April 09 at 11:44 AM

CB

Thank you

Clyda Bodie - April 13 at 08:06 AM

MH

“ *Johnnie once told me that one of his great pleasures was talking. I am so glad it
was because I enjoyed our phone calls so much. Johnnie was a dearly beloved
cousin, who loved his family deeply, and I will cherish our calls, his comical
emails, his proud posts about his family, and my childhood memories of a ruddy-
faced, milk-loving boy.*

Maryanne Ergle Hintson - April 09 at 11:00 AM

CB

Thank you for sharing.

Clyda Bodie - April 13 at 08:07 AM

WT

“ With love, NIET Central Regional Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Johnnie Ertle.



With love, NIET Central Regional Team - April 08 at 10:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnnie Ertle.



April 08 at 09:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnnie Ertle.

April 08 at 09:39 PM

KC

“ We are so very sorry about this news . Sending comfort and prayers during this difficult time . His cousin Kay

Kay Rogers - cousin - April 08 at 06:10 PM

CB

We appreciate your prayers during this time.

Clyda Bodie - April 13 at 08:08 AM