



## Kenneth Russell "Rusty" Yarbrough Jr,

June 7, 1962 - October 30, 2022

Dateline: Saluda, SC

Kenneth "Rusty" Yarbrough

Kenneth Russell Yarbrough Jr. "Rusty", 60, of Saluda, SC, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on Sunday, October 30, 2022.

Born June 7, 1962 in Prosperity, SC, he was the son of the late Kenneth Yarbrough and Johnette Yarbrough Harmon. In 1980, he graduated from Saluda High School and then from Lander University, going on to become a Unit director at Whiten Center, then to a Director of Emerald Center. He finished his work career as the Saluda County Recreation Director. He was a member of Butler United Methodist Church.

Rusty was an avid golfer and the biggest supporter of Saluda athletics. He had a special place in his heart for individuals with disabilities. Rusty never met a stranger and knew someone everywhere he went. He rooted BIG for the Clemson Tigers.

Back in 2013, Rusty survived a massive stroke. After extensive Physical and Occupational Therapy, he learned how to walk again and perform daily

activities. He worked so hard on regaining physical ability to have a good quality of life. In January 2018, Rusty was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in which he was given a 35% chance to live. Again, he defeated all odds and was in remission since the end of 2018. Rusty did anything and everything to keep fighting for his wife and children. Unfortunately, his health began declining in 2022. His wife, Pam, is an angel on this earth, and has been a full-time caregiver for Rusty.

Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Pamela Yarbrough, his daughter Andrea Higgins (Cody) of Clearwater, FL, his son Caleb Yarbrough (Carli) of Greenville, SC; one sister Lisa Yarbrough of Saluda SC, Father In-Law (DV Lewis), and Mother In- Law (Nancy Lewis) of Great Falls, SC.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at Butler United Methodist Church with Rev. Bob Huggins officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service at Butler Fellowship Hall. A private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Butler United Methodist Church, c/o Karen Ringer, 178 Andrew Coleman Road, Saluda, SC 29138.

The family would like to give a special thanks to his Primary Care Physician, Dr. Bill Sawyer, his Oncologists, Dr. Clint Wood and Dr. Ruling Yuan, his Home Health Nurse, Monica Burnett, and Agape Care of Greenwood, SC

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Butler United Methodist Church  
165 Butler Church Road  
Saluda, SC 29138

## Visitation

NOV 2 (ET)

Butler United Methodist Church  
165 Butler Church Road  
Saluda, SC 29138

*Fellowship Hall following service*

# Tribute Wall

WW

“ Wayne White lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Russell Yarbrough



Wayne White - November 16, 2022 at 09:34 AM

WG

“ William Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Russell Yarbrough



William and Naomi Goodman - November 06, 2022 at 01:09 AM

SR

“ What a great man Rusty was. He was always so kind and sweet. We're praying for all of you. 🙏



Steve & Teresa Rodgers - November 02, 2022 at 11:02 AM

MS

“ So sorry for y'all's loss. Y'all are in our thoughts and prayers. Rusty was a class mate of mine and my husband Mose .



Mose & Robin Salters - November 02, 2022 at 10:05 AM

MA

“ *MaryHelenCMartin lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Russell Yarbrough*



---

**MaryHelenCMartin** - November 01, 2022 at 10:33 PM

LA

“ *I have so many fond memories of Rusty. He was so much fun to work with at Burton Center. Of course that was years ago but the memories are still there!*  
*He was all over the place! Working hard and having fun.*  
*I remember going to conferences with him and our team and he had us all laughing.*  
*What a great guy and great soul. He loved his family and he loved the individuals he worked with at Burton Center.*  
*No matter how things ended up , he had a gracious heart.*  
*We would joke about his Clemson Tigers and me about my NC State Wolfpack!*  
*My kids went to school In Ninety Six, of course he called it “97”! I graduated from Winthrop, he called it “Win-throw-up”*  
*I visited him a few years ago and hate I did not return. No excuses.*  
*Just know he made an impact on so many peoples lives.*  
*Pam, you are truly an angel and God has a special place for you!*  
*He talked about his kids all of the time. I can’t believe they are all grown up. RIP*  
*Laurie M Cordell*

---

**Laurie** - November 01, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Kenneth Russell "Rusty" Yarbrough Jr.,*



November 01, 2022 at 07:54 PM



“ *joe newtonj lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Russell Yarbrough*



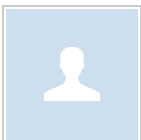
**joe newtonj** - November 01, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Russell "Rusty" Yarbrough Jr.,*



November 01, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Kenneth Russell "Rusty" Yarbrough Jr.,*



November 01, 2022 at 10:21 AM

SH

“ *Sethalene Huff lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Russell Yarbrough*



---

**Sethalene Scurry Huff** - November 01, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of  
Kenneth Russell "Rusty" Yarbrough Jr.,*



---

November 01, 2022 at 09:47 AM

MS

“ *Rusty was a great guy that never failed to make me laugh! My  
thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends! Mark Smith-  
Abbeville*

---

**Mark Smith** - November 01, 2022 at 08:52 AM

TC

“ *Thinking of you!  
Tammie Covington*

---

**Tammie Warren Covington** - October 31, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Russell "Rusty" Yarbrough Jr.,*



---

October 31, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ *Pam, Lisa, Andrea, Caleb, where do I begin? We got to know each other in Goff's Kindergarden way back when and came up through school together. Rusty was one of the nicest persons that I ever had the pleasure of knowing. I have had my share of trials this year in having my left foot amputated back in May due to a recurring foot ulcer that just wouldn't go away. Sadly, I won't be able to attend the service as I'll be at Carolina Prosthetics & Orthotics in Greenwood getting my prosthetic. I know that he loved the Saluda Tigers and didn't let what happened to him stop him from attending the games. Yes, as Carrie put it, I know that Hug was waiting for him along with Keith Brazell, Geri Padgett, John Bennett, and the rest who have gone before us. I'll never forget you, Catfish.*

---

**Keith Lester** - October 31, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ *Karen wertz lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Russell Yarbrough*



---

**Karen wertz** - October 31, 2022 at 03:28 PM



 Carrie Higbee

“ I'm so very sorry! Always know Rusty was met by his good friend Billy at heavens gate. Sending prayers, love, and hugs to all family and friends!! 💜

-----  
**Carrie Higbee** - October 31, 2022 at 02:27 PM

TG

“ "REST IN PEACE" Rusty!! I know you all are having one hell of a Family Reunion!! I love u!!



-----  
**Teresa Yarborough Griffin** - October 31, 2022 at 02:18 PM

AW

*Rest in Peace (Rusty) My Deepest Condolences to his family and love ones.*

-----  
**Andri Williams** - October 31, 2022 at 06:23 PM