



Melvin Eugene DeLoach

July 13, 1944 - May 17, 2024

Saluda, SC

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On May 17, 2024, Melvin Eugene DeLoach was welcomed to his heavenly home and is, today, rejoicing in his reunion with those he loved. Melvin, born July 13, 1944, was the child of Caleb Eugene DeLoach and Ella Louise Chapman DeLoach Adams. He was a life-long resident of Saluda County. Mr. DeLoach was married to the late Colleen Richard DeLoach for 57 years. He and Colleen are the parents of Trish DeLoach Blake (Todd), Melanie DeLoach Oswald (Lee Jamie) and Phillip Brewer (Vicky Lynn) and Franklin Eugene DeLoach (deceased). He is grandfather to Jacob Lee Oswald and Sarah Oswald. Melvin was selfless in his devotion to his family, and his most treasured times were those spent with them. He is the beloved brother of Betty Green (deceased), George DeLoache (Cathy), and Debra DeLoache Bishop (Barron). He is also survived by a brother-in-law Kenneth Richard (Carol). He is uncle and great uncle to many extended family members.

Melvin began a 37 year career at Monsanto Corporation after graduating from high school. His affability, work ethic, and ability soon earned him positions in supervision/management. In his active years, Mr. DeLoach was a lifelong member of Gassaway United Methodist Church and served the church in key

roles such as trustee, finance chair, and Sunday school teacher. During his confinement to his home, Melvin had an active prayer life, praying daily for family and friends.

The family is at their respective homes. They wish to thank Dr. Bill Sawyer and the staff at the Saluda Nursing Center for the care they gave to their father during his final days. The family request that memorials be given to ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, a cause that Mr. DeLoach supported throughout his life, or to the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Well Daddy this was the last memory you could give me, and I wish that you hadn't. But I also know that we all have a date and time. A year ago today I received a phone call from Trish, I missed the call. She left a message for me to call her back. When I listened to the message her voice told me something was wrong. But I guess I wasn't expecting to hear what she told me. Along time ago I realized that I had the smartest and strongest man as my Daddy. I often thought, and I know better, that nothing could take you away. Or at least for a very long time. You have no idea how much I love and miss you. There's not a day that goes by that I don't think of you and Mama. Most of the time 5 or 6 times a day and when I do it's as if it puts me in a trance. I stop doing what I'm doing, can't get nothing done. But it's like I hear you saying alright boy get back to work. Thank you both for taking care of me and giving me so many memories to hold on too. I'm going to do my best to see you both again one day. I truly believe that we, all 6 of us, will be together again. Always and forever love you and Mama.

Phil - May 17, 2025 at 10:38 AM

TR

I love this ❤️

Trish - May 29, 2025 at 08:21 PM

PH

“ On December the 7th 1964 I turned 9 years old. On December the 15th 1964 the most wisest, strongest, wonderful man I've ever known became my Daddy. He could take on and take care of any and everything that came along. There was no such thing as waiting. He handled it right then. I've never met any man that could hold a candle to him. In a word AWESOME. And all I can say is WAY TO GO MAMA. I love you both. Give each other a hug from me.

Phil - December 16, 2024 at 10:05 PM

MJ

“ May all the fond memories we have of Mr DeLoach bring peace and comfort to all who loved him. We look forward to seeing him again in paradise.

Matt Jones - December 06, 2024 at 04:42 PM

PH

“ I loved this man. I didn't realize just how much until he left us. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of you or a memory that I have of you. I'd give anything if I could just see you one more time and be able to say I love you daddy.

Phil - November 02, 2024 at 08:31 PM

PH

“ There is one evening I'll never forget. Frankie and myself had to go up to Grandma's for something, I don't remember what. We had walked around the road to go there, but we decided to go back across the pasture to get home, it was shorter. Close to the back of the pasture there is a dried up creek bank. Just as we got to it Daddy came up out of it with a white sheet over him. Frankie was going to run but for some reason my legs would not work. So I grabbed on to Frankie. I figured if I'm going we going together. I estimated that daddy took at least 10 years off of my life that night. He could always get you when you least expected it. So many memories and they keep running through my mind day after day. Thank you daddy for each and every one.

Phil - October 23, 2024 at 12:12 PM

TR



Trish - November 09, 2024 at 06:33 PM

PH

“ The first time I laid eyes on this man was 7 or 8 years old. He come to take my mama on a date. He rang the doorbell Mama told me to go open the door. I did then I slammed it in his face. Mama made me go back and open the door and he was still standing there, so I let him in. We have laughed about that for years. If it hadn't been for this wonderful man I really don't know where I may have ended up. He taught me so much I wouldn't know where to begin to list it all. Thank you Daddy for taking the time to take care of me and to show me what I needed to do through my life. I miss you. I love you. And I will never forget you. You just left us a little too early. But I know how happy you must be. And I'm happy for you. I want you and Mama standing there when I come through the gate. I'll see you both one day.

Phil - June 11, 2024 at 04:30 PM

TB

“ *My daddy was one of the greatest men I have ever known. He taught me so much throughout my life. He was my rock. I will miss him forever. I love you daddy. Until we meet again, give mama a big hug and kiss from me.*

Trish Blake - May 20, 2024 at 08:01 AM

PH

He truly was a great man.

Phil - October 23, 2024 at 11:58 AM

AS

“ *Anne Shuler lit a candle in memory of Melvin DeLoach*



Anne Shuler - May 19, 2024 at 11:45 AM

 Carrie Higbee

“ *Carrie Higbee lit a candle in memory of Melvin DeLoach*



Carrie Higbee - May 18, 2024 at 03:31 PM

DB

“ So many memories. One of my fondest is of him riding me in his bike up to Adams store and buying all the Krispy Kreme donuts or fudgesicles they had. But, then there were the days when we rode over to Mrs. Patsy Jones' and they ate tomato sandwiches, and I ate bread and mayonnaise.

Debra Bishop - May 18, 2024 at 10:43 AM

PH

Bread and mayonnaise that's funny

Phil - January 06, 2025 at 10:55 PM