



Michael Thomas "Stumpy" Wertz

September 10, 1944 - August 2, 2025

Saluda, SC

Michael "Stumpy" Wertz

Michael Thomas "Stumpy" Wertz, 80, passed away Saturday, August 2, 2025, at the Hospice House of Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont.

Born in Greenwood, and a son of the late Advill Dupre Wertz Sr., and Katie Harrison Wertz, he was the husband of Joanna Tolbert Wertz. Mr. Wertz served his country early in life by joining the National Guard. Following the service, he built a steady and respected career in the telephone industry, where he spent decades installing and repairing lines. He attended Shiloh Methodist Church.

Outside of work and church, Mr. Wertz was most at home in the outdoors. He had a deep love for the mountains and spent countless hours hunting, fishing, and soaking in the peace that only nature can offer. He was a founding member of Big Red Hunting Club, a group that brought together fellow sportsmen and friends to share in the joys of the hunt. He also served his local community as a former member of the Mason Fire Department.

Surviving alongside his wife are two sons, Lee Wertz (Jennifer) and BJ Wertz both of Saluda, seven grandchildren, Miranda, Michelle, Mandy, Meredith, McKenzie, Courtney, and Austin, seven great-grandchildren, a sister, Laura Storey (Ted), and a brother, A.D. Wertz all of Saluda.

Mr. Wertz is preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Hammond and a brother, Ernie Wertz.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Shiloh Methodist Church. The family is requesting casual attire.

Memorials may be made to Shiloh Global Methodist Church, c/o Kent or Glenda Rushton,

4036 John J. Rushton Road, Saluda, SC 29138.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shiloh Methodist Church
1305 Shiloh Road
Saluda, SC 29138

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Joanna, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Janice Powell

JANICE - August 09, 2025 at 02:20 PM

RB

“ *Rhonda Bryant lit a candle in memory of Michael Wertz*



Rhonda Bryant - August 09, 2025 at 10:47 AM

LB

“ *Linda Beach lit a candle in memory of Michael Wertz*



Linda Beach - August 06, 2025 at 04:12 PM

LP

“ *Love from Jenny & Wayne Patterson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Thomas "Stumpy" Wertz.*

Love from Jenny & Wayne Patterson - August 05, 2025 at 11:50 PM

LP

“ *Love from Jenny & Wayne Patterson purchased the Sweet Tra
nquility Basket for the family of Michael Thomas "Stumpy"
Wertz.*



Love from Jenny & Wayne Patterson - August 05, 2025 at 11:50 PM

LC

“ I worked with Stumpy at the phone company. He was one of the best, funniest & more genuine person you would ever meet. My prayers are with his close family members. Stumpy was surely one of a kind. RIP Stumpy. Laverne Creel

Laverne Creel - August 05, 2025 at 10:28 AM

MD

“ Joanna, thinking of you and your family at this time. So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort 🙏❤️

Melvin & Alice Derrick - August 05, 2025 at 08:15 AM

KA

“ I thought the world of uncle stumpy he was awesome and always happy with a great smile

karenwertz - August 04, 2025 at 05:42 PM

LW

“ Lucky Werz lit a candle in memory of Michael Wertz



Lucky Werz - August 04, 2025 at 04:23 PM

BL

“ Barbara Buff Lowe lit a candle in memory of Michael Wertz



Barbara Buff Lowe - August 04, 2025 at 04:22 PM

AM

“ Andy and Pam McClinton lit a candle in memory of Michael Wertz



Andy and Pam McClinton - August 04, 2025 at 01:44 PM

WG

“ *William & Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of Michael Wertz*



William & Naomi Goodman - August 04, 2025 at 10:53 AM

SH

“ *Joanna, I am sorry for your loss.*



Sethalene Huff - August 04, 2025 at 10:39 AM

RS

“ *so sorry to hear this he truly enjoyed life and family*

Richard Bradley Starling - August 04, 2025 at 10:38 AM

RS

“ *Richard Bradley Starling lit a candle in memory of Michael Wertz*



Richard Bradley Starling - August 04, 2025 at 10:38 AM

MS

“ *MaryAnne Smith lit a candle in memory of Michael Wertz*



MaryAnne Smith - August 04, 2025 at 12:23 AM

PD

“ Polly Derrick lit a candle in memory of Michael Wertz



Polly Derrick - August 03, 2025 at 08:48 PM

CS

“ Cathy Stone lit a candle in memory of Michael Wertz



Cathy Stone - August 03, 2025 at 08:38 PM

FD

“ I have many fond memories with Stumpy spending time chasing the wild turkeys looking for deer or a good place to hang a stand loved spending time with Stumpy he will be missed last time I talked with him I was in a deer stand in the mountains of Tennessee his last words were get a biggen prayers for all his family and friends God bless

Frank A Duncan - August 03, 2025 at 05:24 PM

JD

Met Stumpy at the phone company and were friends from the start. He taught me a lot about how to hunt but more inportant he taught me a lot about life in general. In short, he was just a good person who we all respected and loved. So sorry for his loss.
Jerry duncan

Jerry Duncan - August 06, 2025 at 01:29 AM

KA

“ karenwertz lit a candle in memory of Michael Wertz



karenwertz - August 03, 2025 at 03:43 PM