



Earnest Grady Merck

September 10, 1928 - August 8, 2023

Earnest Grady Merck
Liberty, South Carolina

Earnest Grady Merck, age 94, loving husband of 20 years to Marion Brooks Merck, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at his home, surrounded by his family.

A native of Pickens County, South Carolina, Grady was born September 10, 1928, the son of the late Frank Merck and Nettie Swords Merck. Mr. Merck was an avid Christian who previously served as a deacon at Smith Grove Baptist Church. He was a faithful member of Jones Avenue Baptist Church. He was owner and operator of GM Grading Company. Retired in his 80's and re-entered the work world continuing his passion operating earth moving equipment several more years. In his early years he participated in the rodeo, calf roper and judge. Cowboy at heart; he always had his hat, boots and western belt buckle that he wore proudly. He was a member of a bluegrass gospel quartet, sang lead and played guitar.

Survivors include his wife, Marion Brooks of the home; his children, Jean Watson and Sue Wade and bonus daughter Lana Roper, all of Liberty; grandson, Jason, and bonus grandchildren, Andrea, Nate, and CeCe; nine loving and caring great-grands; six great-great-grands; and a brother, Fulton

Merck.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Merck was predeceased by his first wife, Martha Nalley Merck; son-in-law, Randy Broome; grandson, Shane Watson; six brothers and three sisters.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 11, 2023, in the sanctuary of Jones Avenue Baptist Church from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM with a funeral service to follow at 3:00 PM. Burial will follow the service at Smith Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Grady's honor may be made to the American Cancer Society by visiting their website at <https://www.cancer.org/donate/memorial-giving.html>, by mailing P.O. Box 6704 Hagerstown, MD 21741, or by calling 1-800-227-2345.

Mountain View Funeral Home – Pickens Chapel is serving the Merck family.

Cemetery Details

Smith Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

1220 Smith Grove Rd
Liberty, SC 29657

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Jones Avenue Baptist Church
614 Ross Ave
Easley, SC 29640

Funeral Service

AUG 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

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614 Ross Ave
Easley, SC 29640

Burial

AUG 11 (ET)

Smith Grove Baptist Church Cemetery
1220 Smith Grove Rd
Liberty, SC 29657

Tribute Wall



“ *A congenial and dedicated Christian Man who served his many earthly efforts dedicated to his fellow man with dignity.. May you rest in peace Grady.* ”



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earnest Grady Merck.* ”



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