



John Tilson Hostetler

June 28, 1939 - October 23, 2025

John Tilson Hostetler
Easley, South Carolina

John Tilson Hostetler, age 86, loving husband of 66 years to Mary Frances Ballew Hostetler, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at Greenville Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on June 28, 1939, in Laurens County, South Carolina, Tilson was the beloved son of the late Edward Stewart and Winfred Aiken Hostetler Stewart. He was a devoted member of Amazing Grace Fellowship in Pickens and deeply enjoyed serving through mission work in Mexico. Tilson was a true family man who cherished time spent at family gatherings, where laughter and good memories were always shared. A lifelong car enthusiast, he took great pride in restoring classic cars to both drive and show. He also enjoyed camping and was an avid fan of NASCAR and boxing.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Frances Ballew Hostetler of the home; son, Johnny Hostetler (Lisa) of Easley; daughter, Tammy Handschumacher (Brian) of Greenville; grandchildren, Scott Hostetler, April Floyd (James), Caleb Handschumacher (Brooke), Levi Handschumacher, and Olivia Olson (Logan); great-grandchildren, Landon, Sumer, Kaden, Rilan, Ethan, Madison, Aly, and

Isla; sister, Patricia Ann Benton; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Hostetler was predeceased by his brothers, Jerry Hostetler and Jerome Hostetler.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM in the chapel of Mountain View Funeral Home in Pickens with a funeral service to follow at 2:00 PM. Burial will take place following the service at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Flowers will be accepted or memorial donations in Tilson's honor may be made to Amazing Grace Fellowship, 229 Pearl St, Pickens, SC 29671.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Hostetler family.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park

2410 Gentry Memorial Hwy
Pickens, SC 29671

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - Pickens Chapel
105 Florence St
Pickens, SC 29671
(864) 878-4441
mountainviewfunerals@gmail.com
<https://www.mountainviewfunerals.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

OCT **25** (ET)

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2410 Gentry Memorial Hwy
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Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Cory & Kristin Jackson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Tilson Hostetler.



Cory & Kristin Jackson - October 25, 2025 at 07:47 AM

CJ

“ Cory & Kristin Jackson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Tilson Hostetler.

Cory & Kristin Jackson - October 25, 2025 at 07:47 AM



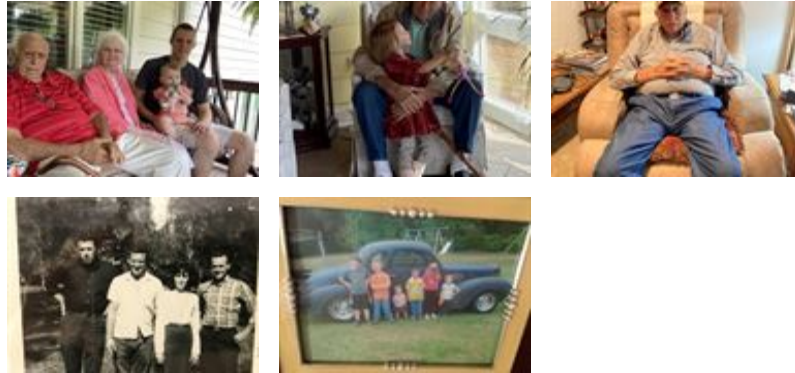
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Tilson Hostetler.



October 24, 2025 at 07:11 PM

Mo

“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - October 24, 2025 at 02:31 PM

WA

“ With Love The Van Ackers purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Tilson Hostetler.



With Love The Van Ackers - October 24, 2025 at 11:27 AM

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“ With Love The Van Ackers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Tilson Hostetler.

With Love The Van Ackers - October 24, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Tilson Hostetler.



October 24, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ Gap Hill Holiness Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Tilson Hostetler.

Gap Hill Holiness Church - October 24, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ Precious memories of daddy's girl



Lisa Hostetler - October 24, 2025 at 09:50 AM



I never got to know but you raised a great son and daughter

Mike - October 24, 2025 at 06:20 PM



Tammy Handschumacher - October 25, 2025 at 06:31 AM

JC

“ I always had nothing but respect for Mr. Hostetler from the time I was in High School and went to their house to see Johnny. I was told that he was real religious and that he believed it was not okay to wash a car on Sunday. I always found him to be that serious. He was a car lover and I know of several that he had over the years. I know he loved his family (you could tell). He will be missed but I know he has seen Glory and he wouldn't come back to this sinful world.

James Cassell - October 24, 2025 at 12:23 AM

LH

😭 Johnny was always grounded after he would sneak off to cruise uptown on Sunday 😊 thanks for sharing ur memories James 💕

Lisa Hostetler - October 24, 2025 at 09:45 AM

RH

I haven't told but only a few people this but it's funny now at Cedar Rock Church of God but Tilson , Charles Blair, Leonard Baker and I think Ray Holcomb they took all of us boy's from Church camping and fishing man they were brave but I couldn't swim well I must have said something like I ain't gonna get out of this boat cause I can't swim well next thing know Tilson grabbed me up and threw me in the lake with a life jacket on thankfully! I was kinda of bad about saying bad words i know if I did or not but Tilson got me out of the lake and back in the boat that's one camping trip I'll never forget lol that has been around 50 years ago but he gave me a good baptism but I never learned to swim. Rest in peace brother.

Rick Hamlett - October 25, 2025 at 04:18 PM

LH

Yea that sounds like daddy, been long time but seems like I remember some of those memories 😭 thanks for the memories 🙏 Johnny an Lisa

Lisa Hostetler - October 25, 2025 at 06:13 PM

ST

“ *Saf-guard Security Technologies purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Tilson Hostetler.*



Saf-guard Security Technologies - October 23, 2025 at 07:22 PM

GS

“ *Sister Mary and Family, our hearts are sad at your loss. I always thought highly of Brother Tilson and will surely miss him, he was a character. Things like little side ways grins when I would call him Hotrod or poking me with his cane to get my attention or blowing by me on the way home from church in that '55 and grinning about it and asking me later why I had stopped even though I hadn't. I will miss him a lot and had a lot and I had a lot of respect for him and will always remember him. Heaven got another good one!*



Gary Stewart - October 23, 2025 at 06:25 PM

TH

Thank you! Classic John Tilson behavior! 🥰

Tammy Handschumacher - October 23, 2025 at 10:38 PM

LH

“ He was always a great man of God and always set the example for all his family, friends and nieghbors, you will be greatly missed, I'll see ya again, your daughter in-law Lisa



Lisa Hostetler - October 23, 2025 at 01:12 PM

DA

Mary and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of Tilson from my childhood. I really appreciate the more than 65 yrs of friendship that he gave my dad. Your family is lifted in prayers. 🙏
Donna Carter Albright

Donna Carter Albright - October 23, 2025 at 10:30 PM

TH

Thank you! What times they had thru the years !

Tammy Handschumacher - October 23, 2025 at 10:53 PM