



Olin D. "Snake" Masters

March 21, 1935 - April 25, 2025

Olin D. "Snake" Masters
Pickens, South Carolina

Olin D. "Snake" Masters, age 90, loving husband to the late Lillie Mae Smith Masters, was welcomed into the arms of his Lord and Savior on Friday, April 25, 2025, passing peacefully at home, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on March 21, 1935, in Pickens, South Carolina, Olin was the beloved son of the late Millard Masters and Edith Grace Hargrove Masters. He was a faithful member of New Hope Baptist Church in Pumpkintown, where his love for the Lord was evident in both word and deed.

A man of deep devotion, Olin lovingly cared for his late wife, Lillie Mae, often expressing his affection by singing to her—a tender reflection of the bond they shared. He served his community with honor as a firefighter for 30 years, and also dedicated 40 years of hard work at Singer/Ryobi.

In his spare time, Olin found joy in the simple pleasures of life—working on cars and nurturing his garden, both of which brought him peace and pride.

More than anything, Olin lived a life that reflected his faith, his love for others, and his unwavering hope. His parting words remain a powerful message to all

who knew him: “I have preached my own funeral with my life. I love the Lord, and I love you. Get ready and meet me in heaven—and I love you!”

Survivors include his children, Ronald O. Masters (Debra) of Pickens, Kathy Medlin of Pickens, Marie Burgess (Donald) of Pumpkintown, and Shelia Turner (Daniel) of Easley; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews. Olin was the last surviving member of his beloved siblings, marking the closing of a cherished chapter in the Masters family legacy.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Masters was predeceased by his granddaughter, Courtney Turner, and grandson-in-law, John Gilstrap.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Hospice of the Upstate for their compassionate care during Olin’s final days. A special expression of gratitude goes to Toby and Gary, whose kindness and attentive care brought comfort and peace to both Olin and his loved ones.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM in the chapel of Mountain View Funeral Home with a funeral service to follow at 2:00 PM. Burial will follow the service in Hillcrest Memorial Park in Pickens.

The family is at the home of Danny and Shiela Turner.

Flowers are accepted or memorial donations in Olin’s honor may be made to New Hope Baptist Church General Fund, 108 New Hope Rd, Pickens, SC 29671.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Masters family.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park

2410 Gentry Memorial Hwy
Pickens, SC 29671

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 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

MAY 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

MAY 1 (ET)

Hillcrest Memorial Park
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Tribute Wall

CT

“ Carl B. & Cheri Turner lit a candle in memory of Olin D. "Snake" Masters



Carl B. & Cheri Turner - May 09, 2025 at 11:51 PM

TF

“ The Monzel Anderson Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Olin D. "Snake" Masters.



The Monzel Anderson Family - May 01, 2025 at 06:34 AM

BN

“ I remember my dad "George Nix " talking about him fondly. They also worked together at Ryobi. Bless the family. Barbara and David Nabors



Barbara Nabors - April 29, 2025 at 05:27 PM

PS

“ Phillip A Snow lit a candle in memory of Olin D. "Snake" Masters



Phillip A Snow - April 28, 2025 at 04:51 PM

PS

Mr. Masters was one of a kind. I fondly remember visiting your home with my "Granny". God bless all of you.

Phillip A Snow - April 28, 2025 at 04:53 PM

DL

“ *Sending my deepest prayers to the entire family .you are all in my prayers .Rest in peace Mr masters !*
Diane Lipscomb



Diane Lipscomb - April 28, 2025 at 03:36 PM

TC

“ *Kathy and family,*
So sorry to hear about Olin. We enjoyed working with him for many years always willing to help in QC. Our thoughts and prayers for the whole family.

Terry&Judy Chandler - April 27, 2025 at 08:47 PM

AM

“ *So sorry about the passing of Uncle Olin. He was a great husband, father, friend. He will be missed by all who knew him. Love you all!*
Allen and Donna Masters

Allen Masters - April 27, 2025 at 12:45 PM

AM

“ *Allen M. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Olin D. "Snake" Masters.*

Allen M. - April 27, 2025 at 12:38 PM

LF

“ LC Smith & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Olin D. "Snake" Masters.



LC Smith & Family - April 27, 2025 at 09:41 AM

HB

“ I knew of Olin since I was since I was a young girl and then working at Ryobi. He was always kind to me. Everyday making his rounds on quality he would smile, talk and laugh. My prayers for his family. I pray for peacethat only God can bring.

Heather Burgess - April 27, 2025 at 12:55 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Olin D. "Snake" Masters.



April 26, 2025 at 10:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Olin D. "Snake" Masters.

April 26, 2025 at 10:39 PM

CE

“ Carolyn Elrod lit a candle in memory of Olin D. "Snake" Masters



Carolyn Elrod - April 26, 2025 at 05:34 PM

DT

“ Sympathy and prayers to his family and friends from Doug and Rosemary Thomas.

Doug & Rosemary Thomas - April 26, 2025 at 05:30 PM

EC

Thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Olin was a fixture at Ryobi. Always willing to help.

Emily and Delbert Chamness - April 30, 2025 at 07:04 PM