



## William Alexander "Alex" Wylie Jr.

October 1, 1938 - September 18, 2020

William Alexander Wylie, Jr., joined the choir celestial on September 18, 2020. He'll be the one singing that low, low note. A 2:00 PM Graveside Service will be held Thursday September 24, 2020 at Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church Cemetery with Reverends Clint Davis and Buzzy Elder officiating.

Alex was born on October 1, 1938, in Dorchester County, South Carolina. According to family legend and his own report, by the age of five he was riding the bus from North Charleston to Charleston proper by himself to go to the movies every Saturday afternoon. His love of movies stayed with him throughout his life, particularly westerns. He went on record several times to say that the remakes of True Grit, The Magnificent Seven, and most particularly 3:10 to Yuma were abominations which ought never to be mentioned. He was also a voracious reader throughout his life. This love of story he inherited from his own parents and shared with his siblings was a gift he obviously passed on. The people he considered his beloved children includes three professional writers, two educators, an artist, and a librarian.

Alex graduated from The Citadel in 1960, one of the proudest achievements of his life. He was always proud to wear The Ring. While stationed with the Army at Fort Lee, Virginia, he met the love of his life, Anita, and they married in 1963. Theirs was a long and happy marriage which produced three smart-alecky daughters and lasted for 45 years until Nita's death in 2008. The aforementioned daughters are glad to know they are together again. But they do feel kind of bad for Patrick Swayze, who has almost certainly lost his favorite dance partner.

After the Army, Alex went to work as a bookkeeper. He eventually found his work family at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he served as assistant comptroller for many years and made many lifelong friends. When he retired early, faculty and staff staged a sit-in on the campus lawn to protest. That was another proud day.

After he retired, Alex opened his own freelance bookkeeping business in his hometown of Chester, South Carolina, but he never had an office. He visited his clients where they were or met them at Gene's Restaurant where he became as much a fixture as the cans of "potted possum" on the shelf over the hot bar. Even his kids knew, if you can't find Daddy

anywhere else, call down to Gene's. He loved working with and supporting small, local businesses and probably helped more potential barmen acquire liquor licenses than anyone else in the history of the state. He loved and respected all his clients and cherished their friendship. He is probably putting in a good word for their continued success right now.

Because despite his long and storied association with honkytonks, Alex was very much a man of faith. He was a lifelong member of the Chester ARP Church and held all the pastors who have served there during his adulthood in the dearest center of his heart. In addition to singing bass in the choir, he served as treasurer for the church for many years. He was also an enthusiastic and reportedly quite entertaining Sunday school teacher. (His daughters would like to take this opportunity to say that while they have always had mixed feelings about being used so often as cautionary examples, they confess that most of the stories were true.) On one memorable occasion, he wore a turban fastened with his wife's fake ruby brooch to play a Wise Man in the Christmas pageant. As he recalled, he brought the frankincense.

In addition to Anita, Alex was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Bill and Marietta Wylie; his parents-in-law, Hike and Evelyn Counts; and his brothers-in-law Ainsley Grant and John Henson and Pete and Phil Counts. He left us with a sure knowledge that he was about to see them again. He was also pretty sure that when he got there, Phil would need a ride.

He is survived by three daughters (Jessica Glanville, Sarah Johnson, and Rachel Johnson), three sons-in-law (Justin Glanville, Derek Johnson, and Tally Johnson), a daughter of his heart (Marcia Addison), and a most cherished grandchild (Kathryn Johnson). He is also survived by his sisters (Sarah Grant, JoAnn Henson, Marietta Turner, and Miriam Butler) and his brother (David Wylie), his sisters-in-law (Kathryn McGovern, Neina Counts, and Sandra Wylie), his brother-in-law (Terry McGovern), a sister not of blood but of choosing (Alice Addison), and many nieces and nephews.

Alex was a loving husband, a wonderful father, a devoted son and brother, a loyal and unwavering friend. He was a faithful servant of his fellow man and of his God. We know that he has left us for a better place. But we will surely miss him.

Memorials may be made to Chester Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church PO Box 174 Chester, SC 29706.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.barronfuneralhome.com](http://www.barronfuneralhome.com).

# Events

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<b>SEP</b>	<b>Graveside Service</b>	02:00PM
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	Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church Cemetery	
	1660 Pleasant Grove Road, Chester, SC, US, 29706	

# Comments

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“ Mike Gentry lit a candle in memory of William Alexander "Alex" Wylie Jr.



**Mike Gentry** - October 02, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ I knew Alex from one of his honky tonk stops in Chester, The Fishing Supply. He was a fine man.

**Mike Gentry** - October 02, 2020 at 02:54 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers and comfort to the family during this time.  
John Jones, Jr.

**John Jones** - September 25, 2020 at 06:37 PM

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“ So sorry of the passing of Alex. God bless another "Citadel Man". Carl Wunderler '60

**Carl J Wunderler '60** - September 24, 2020 at 07:21 AM

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“ I remember many many years of our family reunions together. We will be missed.  
Prayers for family and friends

**garey gibbs** - September 23, 2020 at 08:54 AM

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“ Kay S Hoag lit a candle in memory of William Alexander "Alex" Wylie Jr.



**Kay S Hoag** - September 22, 2020 at 09:26 PM

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“ Jackie Mobley lit a candle in memory of William Alexander "Alex" Wylie Jr.



**Jackie Mobley** - September 21, 2020 at 09:57 PM

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“ Alex is a great person who loved to tell you the story.  
Thoughts and prayers are with Alex's family!  
Will miss him!  
Diep Tong- CPCC Retiree

**Diep N Tong** - September 21, 2020 at 12:19 PM

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“ Sarah, Derek, Kathryn & all,  
Our hearts were saddened to hear of the home going of your dad and grand father.  
Please know that we are praying for comfort and peace at this time. May God wrap  
each of you in His comforting arms.  
Love,  
Karen, Phil, & Ty

**Karen & Phil Hall** - September 20, 2020 at 03:58 PM

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“ So sorry prayers for all of the family

**John and Robbie love** - September 20, 2020 at 02:34 PM

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“ So sorry, we will miss him



**Michael Johnson** - September 19, 2020 at 11:25 PM

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“ In 1973, we were sharing the Sunday school lessons in class. On one particular day, I had not prepared my part very well and was quite sick that Sunday morning. But, thank goodness, Alex was able to teach the lesson without me. I was admitted to the hospital later that day for appendicitis!!!

**Jenell White** - September 19, 2020 at 11:22 PM

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“ Offering my condolences and deepest sympathy for your loss. Cherish your memories!



**Jennifer Bellamine** - September 19, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ Deepest sympathy offered to all. Keeping all the family in our prayers. Live, Debbie and Keith Hudspeth

**Debbie Hudspeth** - September 19, 2020 at 05:01 PM



“ alex was very kind to us He always helped us when he could. The family has our sympathy. He will surely be missed.Helen and Bobby Perry

**Helen and Bobby Perry** - September 19, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I will continue to keep your family in my prayers.

Claudette Graham

**Claudette Graham** - September 21, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy for Rachel and her family at this difficult time, may your joyful memories hold strong and be a comfort.

Mollie & Jon Cardell

**mollie cardell** - September 22, 2020 at 11:13 AM