



Joseph Kincaid Byrd, Jr.

July 9, 1949 - Aug. 31, 2025

Joseph Kincaid Byrd, Jr, 76, passed away unexpectedly on August 31, 2025.

Born in Durham, NC on July 9, 1949, he was the son of the late Joseph Kincaid Byrd, Sr. and Gleta Harris Byrd. Joe was a generous man when it came to helping others or animals in need. He would openly help in any way he could, whether it was a chat, advice, or a simple place to be or stay. His smile was contagious. He knew Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

Joe cherished his two daughters and their families more than words could express. He would often refer to them as his greatest blessings in life. His dogs were a top priority for him. He loved the beach and to shag. Joe was a graduate of UNC Law School and an attorney in Burke County for many years.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughters, Cheryl Byrd Brackett (Chad) and Tonya Byrd Williams; grandchildren, Kreg Fulbright (Sara), Brentani Detter, Leiton Young, Chase Brackett, and Cydney Brackett; great-grandchildren, Triton Fulbright, Josie Fulbright, Stevie Fulbright, Kamden Morris, and Kylie Duckworth; brothers, James Byrd, Philip Byrd (Rhonda), and Eric Byrd; sisters, Elaine Farge, Ann Martin

(Frank), and Jane Poteat (Johnny), and four nieces.

The family will have a Celebration of Life at a later date.

Those wishing to honor Joe's Life, a donation can be made to [Burke County Friends for Animals](#).

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" Ephesians 4:32.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



—Kim Coggins

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Oh my word, family. I am so sorry about Joe. I did not know about him. passing until now. Please forgive me. I truly thought a lot of Joe. Saying a prayer for the family.

—Ann Smith

So sorry to hear of Joe's untimely passing. I always had a good relationship with Joe as an attorney and friend, and I appreciate his caring for animals, especially dogs.

—Ellis Aycock



So very sorry to hear about Joe K he was always so sweet and kind to me since we were just kids , he will be missed .

—Pamela Garrison



So sorry to learn of Joe's unexpected transition on August 31, 2025. We had many a spirited conversation on FB, and I appreciated it. I offer my sincere condolences to his family. May he, Joseph Kincaid Byrd, Jr, now SIHP. Your journey is finally over.

—Ruth Roseboro



I met Joe in a courtroom in the 1980's when I was a new lawyer in the local bar. He was so helpful and always had a positive comment to offer to his colleagues. He came in everyday with his bright smile which was contagious! You are at peace now with your Lord. I thank God for the blessings of your friendship!

—Beverly Teague

I am praying for daughters and family. Joe meant a lot to me. I loved it when he was at Drexel First Baptist working with the kids. I loved keeping up with him on

Facebook also. Loved him dearly and his family.

—Tracy Crump

We are so very sorry for your loss. Praying for Gods peace to comfort you during this most difficult time. Tina and Bob

—Bob and Tina Still

To the family, I want you to know that Joe showed me kindness and friendship. I spent several days working with him on his property. He had me laughing all day. He was very funny. His love for dogs was so special At the time I worked for him he had dogs everywhere I think he had 5 puppies under his bed. He couldn't let even one go cause he was afraid they would t be taken care of He will be missed by a lot of people. I will be praying for the family in the comming weeks.

—Donna Hughes



Dear family I can't imagine how you feel. I loved Joe. He was a sweet neighbor to my mom and dad bringing them enchiladas he had made. He was a dear friend. You are all in my prayers. Much love

—Libby Arney

—Shelby lingle

Cheryl, Tonya and the rest of your dear family, I know your worlds have been absolutely shattered!!! Your dad was an amazing man. I always enjoyed our xonversations. I will miss him dearly myself. I reached out to him anytime I had a legal question and he always responded promptly and gave the best advice, then we would do a catch up session. I have wonderful memories from our younger days, I remember us having to go to him when we thought we may be in trouble and needed to be advised!!!! And he always gave it to us straight up and then

usually ended the conversation with something like. 'You two dummies!!! What's wrong with you?". (shaking his head as he gave a little chuckle.) Of course it was anything serious. However seeking his advice always gave us the reassurance we nwzseeded. I love that man and I love you guys and if you need me you know I'm here The world is definitely going to miss his presence. But he left u with wonderful warm memories. I am praying you guys.

—Tracey Smith



Had many laughs working with you.. Rest High. Prayers for the family..

—Linda Kincaid



I am at a loss of words for this man and this senseless tragedy. I known Joe all my life and Cheryl and Tonya very well from school, Tonya actually went k-12 with me so to say I'm upset to is an understatement. You sit back and wonder why but I've been taught never to ask why something happens. But somewhere in this I hope God can be a beacon of light for this family and help them through this difficult time . God bless y'all Love Brad Reece

—Brad Reece



My deepest sympathy to you Cheryl and You Tonya. It literally broke my heart when I heard this. I had just talked to your Daddy a week before this. . He was such a great guy and an even better friend. We've been friends since he was my lawyer at 18 years old when fighting for custody of my son. The most kind caring man that I knew. And the love he had for animals was unreal. He would starve before an animal went without food or water. What a generous and

Loving man he was. Always bring you both into the conversation when talking to him. I definitely know your Dad is heaven talking to God and loving on them doggies.

—Jodi Bowman

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—jim belote

Sincere condolences to the family and friends. Joe was always so kind and enjoyed sharing his love of his daughters.

—Katie Edwards



Sending my deepest sympathy to all of Joe's family. So sorry for your loss.

—Vanessa Clontz



—Patricia



To all of Joe's family. I am so sorry for your loss. I grew up in Drexel and knew all of this family. I am thinking and praying for all of you.

—Carol Wingate and Luke Wingate



I don't have the words to say how much sympathy I feel for your entire family. Growing up with your family was a blessing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

—Connie Brendle



—Joan McNeil



So very sorry for the devastating loss of what sounds like, a wonderful human being. God bless him and his family. Sincere condolences sent from the UK.

—Joan McNeil

Please know that you are in mine and Sharon's thoughts and prayers as you mourn the loss of Joe. He was one of the very best gone way too soon. We had some wonderful times together in years gone by. A gifted lawyer and great friend. Though Joe is gone the wonderful memories will live on with those who knew him. RIP my friend!

—C. Gary Triggs



—Janie Causby



You were always kind and welcoming and made your house a home that welcomed all of us kids. I will always remember the times we all spent there growing up. I will always appreciate you. I enjoyed our FB dog chats and seeing all of the animals you helped. You had a heart of gold. Rest easy and take special care of all of my fur babies that are waiting for me!! Until we meet again....

—Melanie Robbins

My sincere condolences to each family member in the loss of your loved one. Your memories of Joe 's good heart will always be with you.

—Reba P Reece



Joe ive known you since i was a little girl my whole family knew an.respected you my mom an dad an grandmother spoke of you as being a great man 2yrs ago I worked a day for you an my cousin donna did you will be missed an dogs always came out to greet.even though they could be.alittle intimidating rest in peace joe

—Kim Coggins

Sending everyone in the family my heartfelt condolences, much love and many prayers.

—Beth Horton Walker



We are so saddened to hear of the loss of Joe Jr. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of such a wonderful friend today and in the days ahead.

—Dean and Vickie Icard

Dad was best friend. I miss him more than words can express. My heart is broken into a million pieces. I pick up my phone a million times a day just to text. I miss our conversations, your laugh, and advice (even when it wasn't solicited) . You were my world. I miss you Pop. Until I see you again.

—Tonya Byrd Williams



Family, please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

—Betty Powell Pendergrass

To the family: May all of you know the Peace that Passes Understanding in this very difficult time. God's hands are around you, believe in Him!

—Gary and Libby Schneggenburger

Joe has been a great friend over the years. He was the most caring person I've ever met. He will be truly missed. My deepest condolences to his family and many friends.

—Michael Rector

— Tara McGarrigan