



## Emily Joyce Bestpitch

May 14, 1941 - April 23, 2016

Emily Joyce Bestpitch, wife of C. Burke Bestpitch, passed away Saturday, April 23, 2016 at McCleod Seacoast Medical Center in Little River.

Mrs. Bestpitch was born in Johnsonville, SC, a daughter of the late Joseph Thompson and Kathleen Altman Thompson Hatcher. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brother, Joe Thompson.

In addition to her husband she was also survived by her son, Shawn Dewayne Thompson and his wife, Karen, of Loris; her step-son, Bret Bestpitch and his wife, Renee, of FL; her step-daughter, Michele Holden and her husband, John, of PA; her five grandchildren, Dante Thompson, Taylor Holden, Blake Holden, Isabellea Thompson, Gabriella Thompson; her three brothers, Rutledge Thompson and his wife, Claudia, Douglas Hatcher and his wife, Jewel, Harold "Buster" Hatcher and his wife, Susan; her four sisters, Cleo Larsen, Dessie Wright, Iris Ewing, Reba McCaffrey and her husband, Greg; and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at Goldfinch Funeral home, Conway Chapel with Rev. Danny Banks officiating.

Entombment will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery Mausoleum.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Care Home Health Care Service, 8216 Devon Ct., Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.

Please sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 347-4909  
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Ceremony

APR **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home  
606-610 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 248-4211  
[info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ BURKE and SHAWN,

*We just learned of EMILY's passing and are sorry for your loss. I recall how kind she was to both of us when we were your neighbors in MARYLAND. Take care, and we wish you nothing but good memories, hoping that you are doing well.*

*DAVE & IRENE LEIBOLD  
Williamsburg, VA*

Dave Leibold - May 03, 2016 at 09:27 AM



JB

“ Burke,  
*Jeff and I wanted to let you know that you, and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.*

*Love you,  
Jeff and Grey Bracken*

Jeff Bracken - April 27, 2016 at 09:35 AM



*This is Emily's sister I will see he gets the message. He's still seems to be in a daze. Thank you*

Reba Mccaffrey - April 28, 2016 at 03:17 AM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - April 27, 2016 at 09:03 AM



“ Paul Fisk lit a candle in memory of *Emily Joyce Bestpitch*



Paul Fisk - April 27, 2016 at 05:00 AM



*Emily you were such a sweet soul your family all adored you I'm sure Jesus will be glad you're by his side now*

Paul Fisk - April 27, 2016 at 05:01 AM



“ Brenda Oden lit a candle in memory of *Emily Joyce Bestpitch*



Brenda Oden - April 27, 2016 at 12:46 AM

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*My Cousin I will never forget when we met. You will always be missed.*  
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**Brenda Oden** - April 27, 2016 at 12:49 AM

MJ

“ *Mary Jackson lit a candle in memory of Emily Joyce Bestpitch*



**Mary Jackson** - April 26, 2016 at 09:09 PM

SG

“ *Sandra (Sam) Griffiths lit a candle in memory of Emily Joyce Bestpitch*



**Sandra (Sam) Griffiths** - April 26, 2016 at 08:27 AM

SG

“ *Mr. Burke, Shawn grandchildren and famliy members. Mrs. Emily was a sweet wonderful lady and always soft spoken. It was about 4 weeks ago Mr. Burke and Mrs. Emily was at mom and dads eating lunch and as she got up from the table said "That was some good country cooking". Going to is ya lady.*

**Sandra (Sam) Griffiths** - April 26, 2016 at 08:26 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emily Joyce Bestpitch .*



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April 25, 2016 at 11:46 PM



“ *Reba, Iris, & family, I am so sorry for the loss of your sister. My thoughts and prayers are with you!*



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**Sandra Lewis** - April 25, 2016 at 08:17 PM



“ *How I miss you. Your phone calls our talks.. You were not only my sister, you were my friend. I can't believe this has happened, such a freak accident that took you away.*  
*I know our hearts are to be grateful you have entered the Heavily Home. Selfish as we are, I find no happiness in my loss. Perhaps as God wraps you in his arms you can tell him, I am ready too.*  
*Loving, missing, and praying to see you again with mama and the rest of our family. Love you my Angel Sister.*

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**Reba Mccaffrey** - April 25, 2016 at 04:46 PM

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“ From my first memories in my 66 year life, Emily was part of me. She had the kindest heart and loving personality that in my mind was matched only by our loving and forever-caring Mother Kathleen (Kat) C. Altman-Hatcher.

*They lived most of their lives together until we lost Mom in 2011. I cannot think of a single memory of Emily where I was angry at her. She always gave of herself and was so kind and gentle to everyone and everything.*

*She never spoke a bad word about anyone and chose instead just to remain silent. Her Husband Burk has, long ago, become an internal part of this family and is loved for his kindness toward Mom and the patience to put up with me and my brother Doug, as we harass him continuously..*

*Thank you Burk for being who your are and Reba for giving so much of yourself to the family. Dessie, your heart shows through, everytime someone is hurting and like Mama and Emily, you both want to make everything alright. This time it will take time and there is nothing to say and nothing to do that can speed it up. So, just know that I love you and we hurt together.*

*Rut, Iris, Cleo, Doug and Maryland, I love you tool and I am fortunate to be a part of this wonderful family. Emily became the center of our love after Mama's death and I will sorely miss her, but she is seeing things now so beautiful that we cannot even imagine them. She no longer strives to breath and even if she were given the opportunity, to come bak to us, I believe she would choose to wait for us to join her because giving up the peace and beauty she enjoys now, to come back to a painful, uncertain world would be an impossible choice.*

*I love you Ammy.*

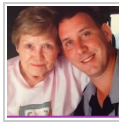
*Buster*

**Harold Hatcher** - April 25, 2016 at 10:35 AM



*My heart is shattered, my life at a time I can't imagine this shocking and unexpected absence from our life. My life intertwined with yours more than most know. Ordering doubles on face cremes, always our yripes to visit mama grave, just because we felt closer to her. I cannot tell what life has in store, but mine has all but shut down my heart. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!!!! Your baby sister.*

**Reba Mccaffrey** - April 25, 2016 at 03:32 PM



*I will miss you always mom. You were such a wonderful mother and was proud to be your son. You were always kind and loving. I know that i tested you in life but you and pop never gave up on me to make me the man I am today. You and pop gave me the tools i needed in life to become and good person. I hope that I made you proud. Just very sorry i wasnt able to say good bye. I talk to you every night all night long. Telling you how much I miss and love you and so sorry we were not able to say good bye. I love you mom now and forever. I know grandma will keep you company until we meet again. Love you mama.*

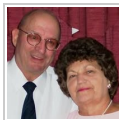
**Inidian IronWolf** - April 25, 2016 at 09:57 PM

**BT**

*Dear Emily,*

*We will miss you terribly. You were such a blessing to Burke and our family. Mom loved you dearly, also, and I am sure she is hugging you right now. Burke will be lost without you, but I know your family will take good care of him. I'm so sorry that we cannot be there tomorrow. We love you! Barb and Gene*

**Barbara Thurber** - April 26, 2016 at 08:11 AM



*Reba, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved sister. She is now in God's hands, free of the pain of this world. You now have another guardian angel watching over you. Mom and I send our love.*

*Linda and Sue Simons.*

**Linda Simons** - April 26, 2016 at 07:02 PM



*To the Family,*

*May you find comfort in your many beautiful memories. Please know that others care and that our hearts are with you during this sad time.*

*Carol Ann Para*

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**Carol Ann** - April 27, 2016 at 05:11 AM