



Sgt. Gordon Best

November 12, 1990 - January 1, 2021

Myrtle Beach...

Sgt. Gordon Best, age 30, passed away Friday, January 1, 2021 while serving in the line of duty.

Sgt. Best was born November 12, 1990 in Myrtle Beach, a son of Gordon and Renee' Best. Sgt. Best enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a member of the FFA, where he served as a state officer. Sgt. Best earned his associate degree in Criminal Justice from Horry-Georgetown Technical College and was a graduate of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

Even though he was Methodist, Sgt. Best insisted on being baptized in the Waccamaw River. He was a member of Grand Strand Masonic Lodge #392 AFM. Sgt. Best was an all-around great guy that everyone liked, and he especially loved his Lord.

Sgt. Best loved serving his community as a police officer and will be most remembered as a devout husband and father.

He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Irene and Bill Fansler and his paternal grandparents, Neal and Dorothy Best.

In addition to his parents of Loris, Sgt. Best is survived by his wife, Taylor Best of Myrtle Beach; two children, Braxton Best and Blakely Best of Myrtle Beach; one sister, Olivia Worley (Barrett) of Tabor City, NC; two nieces, Ellie Worley and Sawyer Worley of Tabor City, NC; a brother-in-law, Chris Fowler (Amanda) of Myrtle Beach; one nephew, Bryson Fowler of Myrtle Beach; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Gregg and Deana Gore of Myrtle Beach; grandparents-in-law, Enoch and Kathleen Dix of Myrtle Beach; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Friday, January 8, 2021 at the Alabama Theatre with Chaplain Jay Ortiz and Chaplain William McLeod officiating. Committal services, with Masonic Rites, will follow at Southern Palm Memorial Gardens in North Myrtle Beach.

Visitation will be held Thursday evening, from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM, at the Alabama Theatre.

Due to COVID-19 and CDC Regulations, masks and social distancing are required.

Memorial donations may be made to Fund the First
<https://fundthefirst.com/campaign/fallen-officer-sgt-gordon-william-best-e9tdj3>

Please sign the online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Alabama Theatre
4750 Highway 17 South
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

Funeral Service

JAN 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Alabama Theatre
4750 Highway 17 South
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

Interment

JAN 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

Southern Palms Memorial Gardens
5000 Highway 17 South
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

Tribute Wall

MS

“ There are no words to express our deepest thoughts, we are truly, truly sorry. We not only cry for you, but with you.

Mr & Mrs Russell G. Strickland Sr. - January 10, 2021 at 08:34 PM

JC

“ Joseph And Florence Cicino lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best



Joseph and Florence Cicino - January 09, 2021 at 12:20 AM

SH

“ I want send my condolences to all of the best family especially his wife and children! I'm praying for you!! Fly High Sargent Gordon Best💔💔 You were an amazing cop! Keep doing what you do best in the streets of heaven!!💔💔💔💔💔



Serena Heffner - January 08, 2021 at 05:26 PM

ST

“ Stevie And Alicia Tyler sent a virtual gift in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best



Stevie and Alicia Tyler - January 08, 2021 at 01:03 PM

DM

“ My sincere condolences to Sgt. Best family and his North Myrtle Public Safety Family. I never met this young man but we had something in common, LE. I can think of no more than to salute your service...
Peace



David McConaughy
Retired MBPD


David McConaughy - January 08, 2021 at 07:46 AM

CB

“ Olivia and family, I'm so sorry to learn of the passing of Gordon. Olivia, I know I was your school nurse at LMS, and I feel sure Gordon was one of my students too. There are no words to say that will take your pain away. Just know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏

Carol Boyd

Carol Boyd - January 08, 2021 at 12:24 AM


Pamela
Grainger

“ Taylor and family, My heart goes out to you all. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Pamela Grainger - January 07, 2021 at 11:55 PM

BM

“ I was lucky enough in my life to be a co-worker of Gordon’s Mama & Daddy back in the days when they met,
& to still be a part of their lives as their beautiful family grew into what we all know it is today,
The loss of Buddy is painful beyond all measure, But he very much made his mark on us all in the time we enjoyed knowing him,
And what on earth could more meaningful ?

Ben McCaskill - January 07, 2021 at 09:01 PM

T(

“ Gordon
A Brother Cop and neighbor
for years. I will miss our cop stories we shared prior to and sometimes after your tours. I will always remember when you got promoted and the pride that I could sense in you that day!!! You were a special young man and based upon my 30 years of policing, I KNOW you were a great cop, father, husband, son etc.. and a friend and Brother Cop!!
Yolanda and I will always watch over Taylor, Braxton and Blackely (sp) and your home. May you Rest In Peace Brother and may the Lord always give your entire family the strength to endure without you. You have left an outstanding positive Legacy upon many.
God bless you my friend.
Tommy and Yolanda Kilbride

Tommy and Yolanda Kilbride (Neighbors) - January 07, 2021 at 07:34 PM

MB

“ Mary Bartelotte lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best



Mary Bartelotte - January 07, 2021 at 07:08 PM

NS

“ *Sending our sympathy and prayers to the family and coworkers from North Myrtle Beach Christian School.*



NMB CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - January 07, 2021 at 04:15 PM

BM

“ *From friends and employees at Barefoot Marina. RIP Sergeant Best*

Barefoot Marina - January 07, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sgt. Gordon Best.*



January 07, 2021 at 02:43 PM

SG

“ *Taylor and family,
My heart is so broken for you all. Gordon,
thank you for your service to the community.
May God bless you during this difficult time.
Thinking of you all. RIP sir.*



Sarah Grady - January 06, 2021 at 07:31 PM

NM

“ NMBRS purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sgt. Gordon Best.



NMBRS - January 06, 2021 at 01:47 PM

FB

“ from everyone at Molly Darcy's on the beach purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sgt. Gordon Best.



from everyone at Molly Darcy's on the beach - January 06, 2021 at 01:21 PM

BI

“ Brad and Leslie Ingram purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sgt. Gordon Best.



Brad and Leslie Ingram - January 06, 2021 at 12:08 PM

BI

“ Brad And Leslie Ingram lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best



Brad and Leslie Ingram - January 06, 2021 at 12:07 PM

AS

“ *Ms.Renee I am praying for you and the family.*

Audra and Bertha Simmons

Audra Simmons - January 06, 2021 at 11:05 AM

AS

“ *Audra Simmons lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best*



Audra Simmons - January 06, 2021 at 11:04 AM

DS

“ *Prayers to the Best family and thank you for Gordon's service to North Myrtle Beach.*

Diane DeVaughn Stokes - January 06, 2021 at 09:40 AM

EN

“ *May god bless you and your family during this time of sorrow*

E.B. Grubb Retired Deputy Davidson Co NC - January 06, 2021 at 09:30 AM

RB

“ *Randall And Janet Blalock lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best*



Randall and Janet Blalock - January 06, 2021 at 06:14 AM

MM

“ *MaryEllen Theresa McGar lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best*



MaryEllen Theresa McGar - January 05, 2021 at 10:54 PM

WN

“ *Will & Christy Norton lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best*



Will & Christy Norton - January 05, 2021 at 10:22 PM

BC

“ *To The Best Family
I am so sorry for your loss. Please keep your faith in the Lord and he will see you through this sad time. The Best Family is in our thoughts and prayers.
Rev.Dr. Billy Carroll DDGM
29th District*



Billy Carroll - January 05, 2021 at 09:50 PM

AS

“ *Mary Best Ward and Susan Ward
Amy Ward Simmons and Family
Ivey Best Gates
Family of Dalton Canon Best brother of Neal
Best., Our Uncle and Great Uncle
Prayers for your family..*



AMY Simmons - January 05, 2021 at 09:45 PM

CW

“ *Clay And Gail Wright lit a candle in memory of
Sgt. Gordon Best*



Clay and Gail Wright - January 05, 2021 at 09:14 PM

LM

“ *May the Lord have mercy upon your soul,
may you rest in his loving arms with eternal
peace, May the Lord give peace and
understanding to you family, Thank you for
your service and dedication towards the
preservation of law and order, God Bless, Retired LEO Larry Marsh
family*



Larry Marsh - January 05, 2021 at 06:51 PM

SB

“ *Susan A Brown lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best*



Susan A Brown - January 05, 2021 at 05:34 PM

SJ

“ *Taylor, My heart is broken for you, your beautiful 2 children, Gordon's parents and your parents. At your beautiful wedding Gordon asked me to help you get through the law enforcement part of your marriage. He knew I had walked in your shoes and entrusted me to help you. You were blessed to have such a young man as your husband. He loved you so much, and his kids. Dan and I are holding all of you in our hearts and prayers. Anything that Dan or I can do to help you at any time has only to be asked. Love and prayers, Shirley and Dan Jakeman*

Shirley Jakeman - January 05, 2021 at 04:29 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sgt. Gordon Best.*



January 05, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sgt. Gordon Best.



January 05, 2021 at 02:07 PM



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January 05, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ Our heartfelt deepest sympathies go out to you and your family and North Myrtle Beach PS Office. May our brother's soul rest in peace with our Heavenly Father and may he give you peace and comfort at this time. Sgt. Best Thanks you for your Service brother.



Dale Jones Jr. - January 05, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ SC Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sgt. Gordon Best.



SC Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge - January 05, 2021 at 12:04 PM

LS

“ Thank you for your service to our community!
You are in Heaven now! Prayers for family
and friends. RIP.



Lyn Snyder - January 05, 2021 at 11:42 AM

CW

“ Luv and Prayers for the family. I never met
him, but his grandad Neal was a cousin of
mine. Neal and my dad placed the original
"Bellamy Cemetery " markers.



Charlene Coney Whitehead- - January 05, 2021 at 10:19 AM

SB

“ Sammy Branton sent a virtual gift in memory of
Sgt. Gordon Best



Sammy Branton - January 05, 2021 at 09:51 AM

SB

Thank you for your service. Go rest high on that mountain. Thoughts
and prayers for the family. Be Encouraged, Praying for God's comfort
in the coming days.

Sammy Branton - January 05, 2021 at 09:54 AM

SB

“ *Sammy Branton lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best*



Sammy Branton - January 05, 2021 at 09:50 AM

RF

“ *Robin Foglesonger lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best*



Robin Foglesonger - January 05, 2021 at 08:41 AM

RF

Thank you for your service and for your ultimate sacrifice. Prayers for your family and friends may God give them comfort and peace during this time.

Robin Foglesonger - January 05, 2021 at 08:43 AM

LO

“ *Louise lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best*



Louise - January 05, 2021 at 08:24 AM

CP

“ *Carroll & Sandy Padgett lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best*



Carroll & Sandy Padgett - January 05, 2021 at 07:42 AM

CA

Taylor, children, Gordon, Renee and all the Family --Sandy and I were sorry to here of the death of your husband,father and son. We pray our Lord and Savior will give you His peace during your time of great sadness. Carroll and Sandy Padgett

Carroll - January 05, 2021 at 07:47 AM

DL

“ *I remember the day that I participated in his baptism along with Rev. Paul Wood. I have pictures of that day that I would like to share with the family.*
He was a member of the Confirmation class I taught at Little River United Methodist Church. He was a wonderful young man and always so serious about his beliefs in Jesus Christ. It is a great loss to the community. Love and Blessings, Donna Levinski

Donna Levinski - January 05, 2021 at 07:41 AM

LF

“ *Liz Fresh lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best*



Liz Fresh - January 05, 2021 at 01:34 AM

RS

“ So sorry for your lost. Prayers for your family. I worked on Main St for many years and so appreciate Srg Best service.

Rachel Stephens - January 05, 2021 at 12:52 AM

RM

“ Was shocked and saddened to hear the tragic news of Buddy’s passing. My heart hurts so. I watched Buddy grow up and become a man. He was special. He always took pride in showing pictures of his lovely wife and children. He loved them so much. He also loved being a police officer. He beamed with pride when he got promoted to Sergeant in 2019. I respected his dedication and loved this young man. Buddy will be missed but never forgotten. I’ll always cherish the memories. As hard as it is, the family can take comfort knowing that Buddy is now in God’s loving care. Loving thoughts, condolences and prayers are with his entire family.

Retired NMB Captain and Mrs. Fred Morris - January 04, 2021 at 10:22 PM

VC

This is very sad. Can you tell me the cause of his death? The article only stated that he died in the line of duty.

Vickie Cooper - January 05, 2021 at 03:10 AM

MS

“ Thank you for your service. R.I.P. Prayers for your family.



Mike Smalley - January 04, 2021 at 10:07 PM

MP

“ Michelle Peoples lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Gordon Best



Michelle Peoples - January 04, 2021 at 09:16 PM

BH

“ Taylor, I know your heart is breaking, but just look at your beautiful children and remember a part of Gordon is always with you. God’s grace is sufficient and He will help you through this and supply your needs. Know that our hearts break with you and that we love you.
Buddie Hewitt & Teresa Camp

Buddie Hewitt - January 04, 2021 at 09:07 PM

TM

“ My heart goes out to each of you. My prayers are with you. Gordon was an outstanding officer and a wonderful man, a good man.

Thomas “Tuba” McMillan - January 04, 2021 at 08:48 PM

DC

“ Life ends swiftly when the journey is complete Thoughts ,prayers and my deepest sympathy.Doris C. Johnson

Doris C.Johnson - January 04, 2021 at 06:46 PM