

James "Chip" Berry III

March 29, 1957 - September 20, 2025

James "Chip" Berry, III, age 68, of Kure Beach, North Carolina, passed away on September 20, 2025, surrounded by his family and friends.

Born on March 29, 1957, in Marion, South Carolina, Chip was the son of Dr. James B. Berry, Jr. and Stella Anne Willis Berry. He devoted his life to his wife, children, and friends, but his greatest joy was always his relationship with God.

Chip will be remembered for his warm smile, adventurous spirit, and love of offshore fishing. He lived life with generosity, humor, and a heart big enough to welcome everyone he met.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Wanda Quarles Berry; his children, James "Jay" B. Berry, IV, and AnnaLee Berry Johnston (Eric Johnston); and his brother, Allen "Hal" Berry. He also leaves behind a large extended family and countless friends who will forever cherish his memory. He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. James B. Berry, Jr.; his mother, Anne Willis Berry; and his brother, Thomas "Tommy" L. Berry, II.

Faith and family were the foundation of Chip's life. He was an avid sportsman and dedicated conservationist, serving on numerous boards across the Carolinas. After graduating from the University of South Carolina, he began

his career with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, where his love of conservation and the outdoors truly flourished. In 1988, Chip combined his passion for the ocean with his entrepreneurial spirit to create Maps Unique, an offshore mapping company that reflected both his deep knowledge of the sea and his natural ability to connect with people. Beyond the water, Chip also found great fulfillment in real estate, helping countless buyers and sellers achieve their dreams in the Wilmington, NC area.

A service celebrating Chip's life will be held on Monday, September 29, 2025, at Belin United Methodist Church in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. Visitation begins at 10:00 a.m., followed by the service at 11:00 a.m. Friends and family are warmly invited to attend and share their memories.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Belin United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 528, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Belin Memorial United Methodist Church
4182 US-17 BUS
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Memorial Service

SEP **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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(843) 651-5099

Tribute Wall

BL

“ I was so heartbroken to hear of the passing of my old friend Capt Chip. He sold me my first home at the beach and we become instant friends. His love of people and the lord was an inspiration to us all. May God welcome you my friend into his kingdom.....tight lines! Brian Libonati

Brian Libonati - February 11 at 03:49 PM

CM

“ I Grew up the first 6 years of my life 2 Doors down from the Berry's. We then moved one street over and that didn't stop Chip and me from getting in lots of trouble together! He was my first best friend! We rode our bikes all over Marion. We once (at 6) decided to run away from home 😊 I got lots of spankings from getting into mischief with Chip! When we started first grade his dog Blaze, a collie followed us to school every day. Blaze was given a report card and a perfect attendance award by our teacher at the end of the year! We both went to James F Byrnes Academy. Our 8th grade class went to his family beach house . We made lots of memories that weekend. Our class is having our 50th reunion October 11 . Wish he could be there! We lost touch in our adult lives but Chip wrote a lovely message when my Dad passed away. I will always cherish our friendship. Clare Nissen McGill

Clare N. McGill - October 11, 2025 at 09:19 AM

RS

“ Chip is the most outgoing human being I ever met. When I was a shiny new soil scientist, working for the SCDNR, I would regularly accompany Chip on site visits. Between Charleston and Myrtle Beach, about half of all the people knew him.

We would be walking down a street, and we'd be stopped by his old friends, 2-3 times per city block. These weren't just acquaintances, they were asking about family, telling Chip about their recent adventures...

The most important things to Chip were family and friends. I learned a lot from him.

The Soil Guy

Richard Scharf - September 28, 2025 at 02:56 PM

ET

“ Ed & Gayle Thear purchased the Comfort & Care Gourmet Crate for the family of James "Chip" Berry III.



Ed & Gayle Thear - September 27, 2025 at 03:44 PM

MC

“ Marine Service Center purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Chip" Berry III.



Marine Service Center - September 26, 2025 at 03:47 PM

MC

“ Marine Service Center planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Chip" Berry III.

Marine Service Center - September 26, 2025 at 03:47 PM

RT

“ Sending love and prayers to the Berry Family. Chip always made me feel I was his biggest fan and first contact in Kure Beach! Always so grateful for landing in his beloved Kure Beach! He will be missed so much. Larger than life personality always smiling full of genuine love. I will be with you all in spirit.



Rachel Taylor - September 26, 2025 at 08:22 AM

YF

“ Your Coastwalk Family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of James "Chip" Berry III.



Your Coastwalk Family - September 25, 2025 at 07:29 AM

MO

“ I met Chip several years ago though his maps unique program. We would connect off and on at a CFAA event or other venue. A twinkle in his eye and a smile that would warm your heart. He told me once that he loved outriggers and would put an outrigger on a canoe! You are well remembered Chip, fair winds and following seas in the great beyond until we meet again.

MARK OCONNOR - September 25, 2025 at 06:58 AM

SO

“ *Sheila Owens lit a candle in memory of James "Chip" Berry III*



Sheila Owens - September 24, 2025 at 07:41 PM

AB

“ *Aunt Mary Jane, Uncle Don, Ginger, Beau purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Chip" Berry III.*

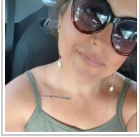


Aunt Mary Jane, Uncle Don, Ginger, Beau - September 24, 2025 at 01:27 PM

SA

“ *Sara A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Chip" Berry III.*

Sara A. - September 24, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ I couldn't begin to express the impact that Mr. Chip had on my life and so many others. When I was around 19 or 20, the Berrys took me in and let me live with them for awhile. They never asked for anything in return and always made sure I felt welcome. Whether it was watching college football or making his amazing boiled peanuts, he was always the life of the party and always lent a hand when someone needed it. I am so sad I will not be able to attend the service but I hope you all know how much you've been in my thoughts and prayers. I hope to visit with you guys soon, love yall so much!!

Eva Valle - September 24, 2025 at 11:54 AM

SB

“ Steve & Tammy Bedrosian purchased the *I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket* for the family of James "Chip" Berry III.



Steve & Tammy Bedrosian - September 24, 2025 at 10:04 AM

SB

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Steve & Tammy Bedrosian - September 24, 2025 at 10:04 AM

DK

“ I was blessed to become acquainted with the Berry family since the early 1960's . Spending summers with them in Garden City & remaining in light contact all through the decades. They were “chosen” family to me & countless others. I had the good fortune to speak with Chip & Hal not too long ago. A life lived fully with a positive legacy of family and friends is about as good as anyone can do and Chip did that well. Always looking after his incredibly unique and special younger brother Hal. Hopefully we'll all follow in the wake of the Highest power and be reunited in spirit one day down the road of life.

Danny King - September 24, 2025 at 08:43 AM

JS

“ I got to know Chip through the Men's Breakfast Group at Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church. His humor and infectious personality will always be remembered. The Soup Supper was an annual event for the men's group and Chip and I spent many hours over the last 10 years shopping for all of the ingredients necessary to prepare 20 + gallons of soup. It was during these shopping trips that I discovered that Chip didn't have a hurry up bone in his body. He took life at his own pace. What should have been a 30 minute shopping trip usually turned in to a 90 minute trip. Chip would talk to everyone in the store, often inviting them to our supper. I will cherish these memories.



Wanda, Hal, Anna Lee, and Jay may you find strength in Chip's faith and rejoice that he is in Heaven suffering no more.

Jim Strickland - September 24, 2025 at 08:16 AM

RT

“ Chip and his wonderful family were my brother Rick's neighbor in Kure Beach 20 years ago. We frequently would gather for street party's. It was a wonderful time. Our young children referred to chip and "chocolate chip". Will always bring a smile to my heart. A kind man who will be loved and missed. God's Peace and Love will surround our memory's of Chip. We will see you again!

Ronald Paul Trotta - September 24, 2025 at 07:50 AM

DP

“ Due to lots of circumstances, I have not been able to see Chip in recent years. However, I remember so many good times around Chip. Never met anybody who was more positive and upbeat than Chip! He also created the phrase "never met a stranger". Chip was as fine a person as i've ever known. It was a privilege to have known him. May he rest in peace.

Don Pruitt - September 23, 2025 at 06:51 PM

SO

“ Sheila Owens lit a candle in memory of James "Chip" Berry III



Sheila Owens - September 23, 2025 at 06:09 PM

SO

I have known chip for many years . He was a wonderful person. He loved his family so much and he loved his friends . And he loved Ms. Anna. Me and Clifford are going to miss him so much. I enjoyed all the times we went out to eat and hung out. He was a good Christian man. He was alot of fun always made me laugh. So captain chip i will see you one day. Love you chipper.

Sheila Owens - September 23, 2025 at 06:21 PM

RM

Love and prayers to Wanda and family! Chip was an integral part of the Intracoastal family for many years and he will always be remembered for his infectious personality!

rainelle mishoe - September 24, 2025 at 02:52 AM

TW

I knew Chip when he was a student at Marion High School in my English class. He had an infectious personality and a harmless mischief about him. He took me fishing a few times, and he was a master sailor and lover of the sea. I didn't see him often, but each time I did see him it was like he'd never moved away.

Ted Whisnant - September 24, 2025 at 03:51 AM

LC

Chip Berry is an amazing man and his family is one of the best I've ever met. I count myself blessed to have known him

Lori Christie - September 24, 2025 at 08:10 AM