



## Lacy L. Hardee Jr.

December 14, 1955 - May 29, 2017

Loris... Lacy L. Hardee, Jr., age 61, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family Monday, May 29, 2017.

Lacy was born December 14, 1955, son of the late Lacy L. Hardee, Sr., and Eunice Hulon Hardee. On May 16, 2010, he married Janice Albert Hardee at the Pelican's Field with friends and family in front of thousands of onlookers. It was the first ever wedding at the facility. In addition to his wife, he leaves two daughters, Kristy Marie Hardee of Loris and Shamaria (Clint) Milligan of Conway, and one grandchild, Maddie Milligan. He also leaves behind a special child of Christ, Cora Bella Fox of Loris; his brother, Ralph Peagler of Columbia; sisters, Dianne (Michael) Phipps of Georgetown, Phyllis (Lonnie) Rutland of Loris, and Carol Beckham of Conway; and several nephews and nieces. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by an infant twin brother.

Lacy was a graduate of Loris High School Class of 1974. He was a writer for The Loris Scene since 2009. Lacy loved writing about the community and people of Loris, a town he was rooted in and loved dearly. His favorite piece to write was The Layman's Lines. Lacy loved to share the Good News. Along with his passion of writing, he had a true love of sports, specifically with baseball. He was as passionate about baseball growing up as he was until his last day. While he loved the actual game of baseball, he understood that the

life lessons a person could gather from it were immeasurable. As a way to pass these lessons along, he volunteered for over 30 years at the Loris Recreation Department. In 1995, he was part of the coaching staff that won the Palmetto Youth Small Fry age 10 and under state championship. As a coach, he was able to create a bond with his players that have lasted to this day. Every person that played for him has a story of how he positively impacted their lives. He cared deeply about the community of Loris. Lacy got more satisfaction from seeing a former player grow up and become a good person than he ever did from the wins on the field. He would tell you that this was from following the examples set by the coaches who impacted him while growing up and throughout his life. Lacy was a member of Barefoot Church in North Myrtle Beach and served on its Tech. Team. He was a member of the Loris Recreation Department.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 2, 2017, at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel with Rev. Darrell Johnson and Rev. Lindsey Inman officiating.

A reception will immediately follow at the Woodman of the World Building on Woodrow Lane in Loris.

Memorials may be made to the Loris Recreation Department, c/o City of Loris, 4101 Walnut Street, Loris, SC 29569.

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

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel is serving the family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel

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# Tribute Wall

BF

“ I was so saddened to hear of Lacy's passing. I have known Lacy through baseball when my boys were young but also more recently through his reporting at the paper. As. Teacher at Daisy Elementary,Lacy always helped me promote all our activities in the paper. He was so excited about anything I needed him to cover because it was always about our local children, which he loved so dearly. I just remember Lacy being the kindest man, and when seeing him at the ball field, he always had a smile on his face. I know he is coaching on the most beautiful field now!!!  
-Betsy Faulk

Betsy Faulk - June 08, 2017 at 02:37 PM

TG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Lacy passing away. I went to high school with Lacy he was a riot, so funny, kind. sweet, loving young man. We knew he would be a great man. I talked with Lacy on face book and in person. It was so easy to tell how much he loved his children and his wife, and most important his relationship with JESUS. He just lite up with such a glow. I was honored to know him. I know its an enormous loss. I pray for peace and strength to all of you, his loving family.



Teresa N Norris Gore - June 03, 2017 at 01:54 PM

Julie  
Dinda

“ What an amazing man who obviously touched many lives! Sending prayers and love!!

Julie Dinda - June 02, 2017 at 10:02 AM

JM

“ Dear Jan,  
I just saw your post on FB. I am sorry about Lacy's death! Although my home is now Chandler, Arizona, my heart is with you and your loved ones. Your love and devotion to Lacy speak volumes about the love of Jesus in both of your hearts. I am with you in prayer, especially today for the memorial service. Praise God for allowing me to know you and work together at the Center. Love, Janet Martin

Janet E Martin - June 02, 2017 at 07:40 AM

CB

“ Jan and family, so sorry for your loss. Lacy touched many lives and will be truly missed by all that knew and loved him and there are very many lives he touched as you know. He is with his Savior now and he is renewed and happier than we can even imagine.

Carol Boyd and family

Carol Boyd - June 02, 2017 at 01:08 AM

DB

“ Our prayers and thoughts go out to all of the Hardee family members during this time of your loss.

Sandy & David Busby  
Pine Ridge, SC



David L Busby - June 01, 2017 at 06:06 PM

TW

“ So very sorry for your loss. Shamari and family we are praying for the peace that passes understanding. Tommy & Susie Waddell



Tommy & Susan Waddell - June 01, 2017 at 04:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lacy L. Hardee Jr..



June 01, 2017 at 09:57 AM

FE

“ First Choice Medical Equipment lit a candle in memory of Lacy L. Hardee Jr.



First Choice Medical Equipment - June 01, 2017 at 09:45 AM

DT

“ Lacy was a dear friend and loved by so many! He had a happy loving spirit and always a smile on his face!!! Thankful he's no longer suffering and is walking the streets of gold! Love and prayers for the family! ❤️



Debbie Todd - June 01, 2017 at 08:30 AM



“ I remember when I was playing baseball in front of Mr. Lacy's home as a young teen, the ball accidentally went through one of the front windows. Instead of being angry or upset and being the great ball coach and Christian man that he was, he was so caring and understanding about the incident. I believe he told us to work on our baseball mechanics instead. lol. Miss you coach Lacy. You are the greatest coach of all time to me. You made me an All Star. Love you and your family and God Bless you and your family coach Lacy.



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**Harley Earl** - June 01, 2017 at 04:37 AM



“ Though I didn't know Lacy well he was always smiling and kind to me. May your family have peace and your memories give you comfort at this difficult time!

*Colleen and Gary Stringer*

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**Colleen Stringer** - May 31, 2017 at 08:55 PM



“ Colleen Stringer sent a virtual gift in memory of Lacy L. Hardee Jr.



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**Colleen Stringer** - May 31, 2017 at 08:53 PM

CR

“ Carol Reichert lit a candle in memory of Lacy L. Hardee Jr.



Carol Reichert - May 31, 2017 at 07:26 PM

TR

“ Thomas Reichert sent a virtual gift in memory of Lacy L. Hardee Jr.



Thomas Reichert - May 31, 2017 at 07:23 PM

TJ

“ As we sit and talked just a few days you would not have never known you were sick. Your spirits were so high. We laughed hugged and even shed a few tear. I am so thankful I could visit and talk to you. Your smile is one that no one could ever forget. You have been a blessing to the community and to me. When my son went to Afghanistan you came to me to write a story about him. We talked and prayed for him I will never forget about you and all that you have done. Until we meet again my dear friend

Terri Jordan - May 31, 2017 at 07:08 PM

Jarrid  
Watts

“ my memories of Lacy are 90% baseball related.. He was also a very close friend to my family...he and my dad would spend hrs explaining the fundamentals of baseball to my brother and I, and if we ever wanted to go to the ball field, all we had to do was call him..he never turned us down.. he also had a Big impact on my life in teaching me how to be a man..i hope to be half the man he was.. i am blessed to have had him in my life and i will take his teachings, on and off the field, with me the rest of my life..I love u Coach.. Fly High.. and Rest Easy...

Jarrid Watts - May 31, 2017 at 04:24 PM

FB

“ Fred & Kate Barnett lit a candle in memory of Lacy L. Hardee Jr.



Fred & Kate Barnett - May 31, 2017 at 03:06 PM

KF

“ Kim Sims & Family purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Lacy L. Hardee Jr..



Kim Sims & Family - May 31, 2017 at 01:58 PM

DH

“ *Diantha Hill lit a candle in memory of Lacy L. Hardee Jr.*



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**Diantha Hill** - May 31, 2017 at 01:18 PM

MR

“ *Melanie Rock lit a candle in memory of Lacy L. Hardee Jr.*



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**melanie Rock** - May 31, 2017 at 11:01 AM

TA

“ *One of my first memories of Lacy was him telling me about his daughters and how much he loved them and his family. He told me how blessed he was to have all of his girls in his life, and that God presents gifts to you when you least expect it. Lacy had a contagious spirit, for his family, for his faith, and for his love of athletics and the kids that he watched grow. He'll be missed, but he will be remembered daily by those that he touched, and he'll live on through us as we share our own memories and tributes to Lacy.*



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**Tim Albert** - May 31, 2017 at 09:20 AM



“ I sat with Lacy a couple of weeks ago. We talked and had a couple of laughs. He knew this day was fast approaching, and he said that he was spiritually prepared. He was the real thing when he spoke of devotional dedication. He will be sorely missed by the family and community.

Tom Beckham - May 31, 2017 at 07:06 AM



“ Janice, my deepest sympathy to you and the Hardee family. My thoughts, prayers and love are with all of you at this time. Lacy is one of Gods angels now, May he rest in peace. Love, Linda Tardiff

Linda Tardiff - May 31, 2017 at 06:25 AM



“ I knew Lacy all his life I coached Rec ball and legion ball with him several years He was very knowledgeable of the game He not only was a good coach but set an example for respect and gratitadue that was passed on as is evidenced by people coming up and expressing their gratitadue for his influence

woody vaught - May 31, 2017 at 06:10 AM



“ Sammy Branton lit a candle in memory of Lacy L. Hardee Jr.



Sammy Branton - May 31, 2017 at 03:31 AM

SB

“ Sammy Branton sent a virtual gift in memory of Lacy L. Hardee Jr.



Sammy Branton - May 31, 2017 at 03:31 AM

DM

“ Lacy was definitely one of a kind! A true southern gentleman, man of God, friend to all he met. He touched so many lives and will be greatly missed! Dave and I so enjoyed his friendship! His passing is a sad time, but he is home with our Lord, and painfree! Our prayers for the family! Love you, Lacy! Darlene and Dave Munn

Darlene Munn - May 31, 2017 at 01:28 AM

 Cathy Wilson

“ Will be missed by many in Loris. A truly good man. God Bless his family and send them comfort. Fly high friend 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Cathy Wilson - May 31, 2017 at 12:26 AM

 Cathy Wilson

“ Cathy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Lacy L. Hardee Jr.



Cathy Wilson - May 31, 2017 at 12:24 AM

CF

“ I will never forget the life lessons taught by Mr. Lacy while on and off the ball field. Being a part of the 1995 state championship team was an experience I will never forget along with him having his head shaved at home plate after the final victory. Until we meet again coach you will be missed.

*Colin Floyd*

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**Colin Floyd** - May 30, 2017 at 10:13 PM

JV

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. May God give you all comfort. RIP Lacy!!

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**jimmy & JoAnn Vaught** - May 30, 2017 at 10:03 PM

DC

“ When I think of Lacy, I think of laughing, and funny stories, and "love ya brother" when we parted. Lacy was my friend. Love ya brother, see you soon...

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**David Cox** - May 30, 2017 at 09:51 PM

BL

“ My sympathies and prayers for you all...

*Bobby Long*

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**Bobby Long** - May 30, 2017 at 09:46 PM

SB

“ Dianne & Phyllis you are in my heart and prayers. Lacy truly made a difference in the lives of so many.

*Susan Busby*

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**Susan Busby** - May 30, 2017 at 09:34 PM

DM

“ Rest easy Sweet Friend...  
Donna & Chris

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**donna mutino** - May 30, 2017 at 09:17 PM

FM

“ So sorry to hear the passing of Lacy. Condolences from my family. He was a good Christian man. He done so much for the community, especially his unselfish work with kids. Thoughts, hugs and prayers are with his family. RIP, 'ole friend, in God's loving care.

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**Fred & Debbie Morris** - May 30, 2017 at 08:55 PM

VN

“ Thank you Lacy for living your life as a true man of God. You prayed for me and Mayor Nichols and you reached out to us in such a loving and kind way. I will never forget your honesty and kindness. Rest now friend, you are now with God.



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**Veda Nichols** - May 30, 2017 at 08:52 PM

DB

“ Lacy was a very special person. I went to school with him and have know him well for many yrs. I enjoyed running into him at different places in town. We would always talk about Jesus , family and what was going on in each other's life. He loved the Lord and know he is with Jesus in heaven along with Ms Eunice. I loved her dearly. Phyllis and family I pray that God will put his arms of love around you with comfort, strength and knowing that Lacy is with them in heaven. Lacy loved his family as he told me many times before. I am so sorry I will not be able to be at the memorial service but my thought and prayers will be with you. May God comfort and bless each one in a mighty way.

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**Dianne Blackburn** - May 30, 2017 at 08:02 PM

CH

“ Lacy, you have always been such an inspiration to me And my family! Words could never even describe how much you will be missed!  
Christie...aka PW

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**Christie** - May 30, 2017 at 07:33 PM

PG

“ I've never met anyone quite like you Lacy....the love that has surrounded is a testament of who you were. Enjoy heaven Lacy, you know God has plans for you there too. My sincere condolences to the Family, his loving wife, and daughters and granddaughter. It's your homerun Lacy....

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**Pamela Graham** - May 30, 2017 at 07:20 PM

GM

“ Lacy was a good man and a good friend. He leaves an opening that will never be filled.

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**Gene Martin** - May 30, 2017 at 07:11 PM

WS

“ I have know Lacy for many years and he always had that smile that made you feel better just from seeing him...He was loved so much by his family and friends and his community...The last time I saw him was election day and he tried to take my picture. ..and I.told him no way...We laughed and talked for a few minutes and a hug goodby and we both said "Love you" as we walked away...His sister Phyllis has been a great friend of mine since Jr High, and have loved her, Lacy and Mrs.Eunice for so many years.. I did not know the older children as well, but know Lacy is walking the streets of heaven and is pain free..He will be greatly missed by all of us...My love, thoughts and prayers are with his entire family... Look to God and he will walk this hard journey with you....

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**Wanda Soles** - May 30, 2017 at 06:34 PM

KH

“ you always had my back! You loved me unconditionally! You supported mt through all my endeavours! You were always there! Where do i go from here! Love you!

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**Kimberly Housand** - May 30, 2017 at 06:27 PM

VG

“ GOD'S timing is always perfect and Lacy is now PERFECTLY at Peace and Happy with His/ Our LORD. My prayers and strong empathy is with ALL FAMILY MEMBERS and I, along with COUNTLESS others in our Horry County are heartbroken for our loss of a Community Icon who was everybody's Friend and Neighbor and was gifted in so many ways and always ready to share those gifts with everyone. I was truly Blessed to have known Lacy and shared His Friendship for many years . Truly , My memories of times shared with Him are TREASURES. May GODS' Grace and Peace keep you and see you through this time of loss. From our hearts to ALL of yours, James and Vivian Graham.

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**Vivian Graham** - May 30, 2017 at 06:19 PM

LJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the family during this difficult time.

*Leslie Todd Johnson and family*

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**Leslie Johnson** - May 30, 2017 at 06:04 PM

CL

“ Let's have gratitude that most of us in some way were touched by this courageous and loving family man! For those of you that companioned him during his illness, know that it was a special gift! He touched so many lives and one of them was mine! Love you Lacy Hardee and you will b sorely missed! Claire Stanley

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**claire stanley lambert** - May 30, 2017 at 05:52 PM

PC

“ He was a wonderful man on earth and is with his Heavenly Father now! So very sorry.. Praying for you all! He faught the good fight!



Paula and Jeff Cox - May 30, 2017 at 05:47 PM

SV

Loris lost a champion but heaven gained an angel. Fly high, lacy.

Sybelia Vidal - May 31, 2017 at 12:04 AM

PS

“ I've know Lacy Hardee ever since him and my daughter,Debra were in grade school. They were good friends for all those years. Seen him at my son,Joey's football games. He was always a friendly person with a smile on his face. I read many of his articles in the Loris Scene. He loved his Lord Jesus Christ. In his sickness he always gave the Lord credit for his salvation. He is now reaping his reward. RIP Lacy. You will never suffer with illness again.God has wiped all that away and gave .you a new body. Praise God for his glory.prayers for the family. Just depend on God and he will see you through this heartache. Love to you all peggy Strickland



Peggy Strickland - May 30, 2017 at 05:47 PM

BT

“ Words can not describe the loss. Prayers for you all..



Bonnie Tindall - May 30, 2017 at 05:33 PM

BT

“ *Brenda Tyler sent a virtual gift in memory of Lacy L. Hardee Jr.*



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**Brenda Tyler** - May 30, 2017 at 05:21 PM

CW

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was so blessed with many friends and a great family. He has left so many awesome memories for all. Prayers for peace and comfort to all.*  
*Charlene Coney Whitehead*

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**Charlene Coney Whitehead** - May 30, 2017 at 05:14 PM

MR

“ *Lacy, you are one of the nicest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I know that you are in Jesus's arms. I will miss you friend. R.I.P.*

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**Michael Rion** - May 30, 2017 at 05:10 PM

AS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss, Lacy was a wonderful man. He had a beautiful soul and you always felt genuine care and love when you saw him. Praying for you all.*  
*Amanda, Derrick, walker and Mason Suggs*

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**amanda suggs** - May 30, 2017 at 05:00 PM

SF

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss and praying for your comfort in this trying time, but will FOREVER be grateful to The Father, for giving me the opportunity to have a friend like Lacy. He is dancing on streets of gold now and forevermore.

*Until we meet again, my friend!!!! We have that assurance!! And Jesus promised that those who believe in him will never die (spiritually) but will have everlasting life!!!*



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**Sims' Family** - May 30, 2017 at 04:28 PM

JH

“ Prayers for comfort for all who knew and loved Mr. Baseball.. Safe in the arms of Jesus now and in no pain... Imagine that great big smile on his face right now...



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**Julie Hewett** - May 30, 2017 at 04:13 PM

JH

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**Julie Hewett** - May 30, 2017 at 04:10 PM