



C. Townes Howze

June 20, 1941 - August 2, 2008

Charlton Townes Howze, 67, Owner and Manager of The Howze Mortuary, unexpectedly passed away August 2, 2008 in Hendersonville, NC.

Born in Chester, SC, he was the son of the late James Charlton Howze and the late Effie Townes Howze. He was a graduate of Carlisle Military School and the Cincinnati College of Embalming. Mr. Howze has been a licensed Funeral Director/Embalmer for 45 years. He has owned The Howze Mortuary since 1972 when he and his wife Kathleen bought the business from James O'Dell. Since that time he has diligently served the community he loved. For many years he has served on the Bank of Travelers Rest Advisory Board; in 1995 he was chosen to receive the National Service Award from the Rotary Club of the Foothills; from 1995 to 1998 he served on the South Carolina Funeral Service Board and in 2005 he was the South Carolina Funeral Directors Association, Piedmont Group Funeral Director of the year. Mr. Howze has been a faithful member of Travelers Rest United Methodist Church for 36 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years Kathleen Abell Howze; a daughter, Karen Howze McNamara and husband John of Summerville, SC; a son, John Russell Howze of San Francisco, CA; 2 granddaughters, Anna and Caroline McNamara all of whom he loved and adored along with many loving friends, family members and The Staff of The Howze Mortuary.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon Wednesday at The Howze Mortuary Chapel in Travelers Rest. A private burial will follow at Travelers Rest United Methodist Church Cemetery.

The family requests that Funeral Directors serve as Honorary Pallbearers.

Mr. Howze will lie in state from 9am until 5 PM Monday and from 9 am until 7 PM Tuesday at The Howze Mortuary.

The Howze family will receive friends from 4 until 7 Tuesday afternoon at the mortuary.

The family will be at the home

Memorials may be made to Travelers Rest U.M.C. General Budget, 19 S. Main Street, Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Service

AUG 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Howze will be greatly missed in our community. He was very good man to my family whenever we had to use him for a death in our family. Our prayers are with his family. Rex Lance*##imported-begin##Rex Lance##imported-end##

August 14, 2008 at 04:41 PM



“ *Kathleen and family, I was stunned - like everyone - to learn of Townes' sudden death. I got to know him years ago through NSM. Upon meeting him he was instantly likeable, genuine, warm and kind. I cannot imagine a single person who didn't think highly of Townes Howze. He has left indelible footprints upon countless lives and hearts. May God receive him mercifully and tenderly, and may you be uplifted and strengthened in the days ahead. Thanks be to God for the life, the gift of Townes Howze who stood tall and grandly among us. Mark Higgins, Durham, NC.*##imported-begin##Mark Higgins##imported-end##

August 14, 2008 at 08:10 AM



“ *Dear Howze Family, Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear loved one. I know that Mr. Howze will be greatly missed.*

*Sincerely,
Sandy Spence Creasy
formerly of Travelers Rest--now in Maryville, TN*##imported-begin##Sandy Spence Creasy##imported-end##

August 07, 2008 at 09:49 PM



“ Frances Anne just notified me of Townes untimely death and it is with a very heavy heart that I write this message, Kathleen. I was thinking of him just the other day thumbing through my scrapbook when I came upon a glossy 8 x 10 of Townes and me standing on the old pier at Mountain Lakes all dressed in finery from The Hub Dept. Store in Chester that appeared in The Chester News and Reporter when we were about 17 years old. He was a great guy then and after reading all these wonderful remarks, I know you must be so very proud of the man he became. It is a testament to him that so many people were truly thankful for his life. I am sending you and your family much love to surround you in the difficult days ahead. Jane Hardin Denver, Colorado##imported-begin##Jane Hardin##imported-end##

August 07, 2008 at 06:53 PM



“ Kathleen, Karen, and Russell . . . I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Townes was always a pleasure to see in the community. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.##imported-begin##DeLane Hawkins Crawford##imported-end##

August 07, 2008 at 08:52 AM



“ Hello Kathleen.....I hope that you remember me. We are both from Lowrys and played together as children. I have such fond memories of you and also remember Townes. I remember him as being such a nice boy and that the two of you made such a nice couple. I am so sorry about his death. From what I have read it must have been sudden. It also sounds as though he was a very well thought of man for which I know you are very proud. Please know that we are thinking of you and your family. Sincerely, Martha Gaddy Wilkes###imported-begin##Martha Gaddy Wilkes###imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 11:05 PM



“ Kathleen and Family, I am so sorry to learn about the passing of Townes. He was such a great guy. I will never forget meeting yourself and Townes when I first got started in the funeral business with John & Better Eggers in 1997. If there is anything I can do for you please let me know.###imported-begin##Tommy W. Harris - Dillard Funeral Home###imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 04:17 PM



“ My prayers are with you all. When my daddy and brother both passed away in 1985, Mr Howze was so caring and he comforted our family. We appreciated him more than he could ever know. I just wanted to let you know how sorry I was to hear of his passing. May GOD truly comfort you and bless you###imported-begin##Linda Pearson Jeanes###imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 03:57 PM



“ Dear Kathleen,

Please accept my deepest sympathy. Some of my most wonderful memories of Chester were at the funeral home where the "gang" met and shared so many great times. A funeral home as a hang-out for teens often leaves strange looks on the faces of folks I share that memory with. Little did they know that two of the finest men I've ever had the privilege of knowing were Townes and Clarkie. I'll also never forget when a distraught teen was driving around one summer evening not knowing which way to turn when she knew that she was probably pregnant. Even though Jim and I had been "secretly" married for several months, I didn't have a clue what I was suppose to do next, and somehow found my way to your apartment on Pine Street. You and Townes couldn't have been kinder - calmed me down and you told me you would set up an appointment with a doctor you knew in Charlotte - which you did. Did I ever tell you that this doctor's father delivered my sister? It's a small world sometimes. You probably don't even remember this, but I always will, just as I'll always remember Townes and hold him dear in my heart. I know what a wonderful marriage you and Townes had, and can't even begin to understand how hard this is for you to let him go. I do know, Kathleen, after losing my son, Todd, who was 27 to suicide, that you can go on as long as you fill your heart with memories and the knowledge that you will see the one you love again through the grace of our Lord, Jesus. Hang in there, sweetheart - with all my love, Bonnie Wilson Lutz###imported-begin##Bonnie Wilson Lutz###imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 02:57 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Howze, Family and the Staff of Howze Mortuary:

I am the daughter of the late Gary and Helen Norris, formerly of Norris Ambulance Service in Greenville. Growing-up in and around both the ambulance service and mortuary businesses, it is no wonder that today I have such great memories of the many wonderful contacts we had back in the days of my youth. I used to love to come by the mortuary with my parents, just to 'check-in with Townes.' I am certain that Townes will be greatly missed; however, I am encouraged by the outpouring of love that is evident by the many guestbook entries here, and even the unspoken thoughts and prayers shared on your behalf.

Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you ~ Paige Norris-Franklin##imported-begin##Paige Norris- Franklin##imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 02:28 PM



“ Kathleen,

We are so very sorry for your loss, and glad that we got to see you both at the class reunion in May.

You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tommy and Betsy##imported-begin##Tom & Betsy McKeown##imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 12:19 PM



“ Our sincere sympathy to the family. We thought so much of Townes. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Rose and Vic Bailey, Jr.##imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 11:48 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time. If there is anything we can do, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Preston and Ann##imported-begin##Preston and Ann Golightly##imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 11:32 AM



“ Kathleen, I am so sorry for the loss of Townes. I have met you both a couple of times but knew you mainly through Lisa. The last time that I saw you both was when you traveled here for her 40th birthday party at Barry and Carol's house. I remember so vividly Townes and Barry and I sitting at the table on their deck and me listening to them laugh at all of these old stories. I know how much you have meant to Lisa and her family and the strong bond that Lisa felt to Townse as a connection to her daddy. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come. Know that God is holding each of you in the palm of his hands right now and will continue, so feel his grace and his presence and know how many people love and care about you all. With all my love.##imported-begin##Martha Pearson Chastain, Rock Hill, SC##imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 09:42 AM



“ Kathleen,
I am out of town and can not be there. I wanted to let you know I was thinking of you and your family.

Townes was always one of my favorites adn so supportive of me when I was starting out.

Ginger##imported-begin##Ginger Dillard Selby##imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 08:53 AM



“ Dear Howze Family,
We just want you to know that our family has you in our thoughts and prayers. You have always been there for us in our most difficult times, and made them bearable. We hope that somehow loving arms reach out and surround each and everyone, and God's grace will surround you in the coming days##imported-begin##Bobby and Jewell Mahffey, Frances Meece##imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 12:18 AM



“ Kathleen,
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Mr.Howze will surely be missed by many.##imported-begin##Crystal Ballew##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 10:22 PM



“ Dear Kathleen,

I have just heard today of your great loss. I lift you and your children in my prayers. What happy memories I have of Townsie from our childhood. Know that I care and my heart is heavy tonight.

Love,

Willa##imported-begin##Willa Wrenn##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 09:43 PM



“ Dear Kathleen, Karen & Russell,

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Townes was loved by so many people. His obituary was a fitting tribute to him. Unable to attend funeral, but will see you soon. We have shared great memories that will last forever.

Blessings & Love,

Brenda & family##imported-begin##Brenda Cabrey##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 09:36 PM



“ Kathleen and family,

I just want you to know that I am so sad to hear the loss of Townes. He was such a joy ... he made me smile just to see him pass in town. I treasure the days of working for him in high school and will always remember how he kept me laughing the whole time I worked. He will be greatly missed in the TR community -- he was one in a million. My prayers and love are with you all.##imported-begin##Traci Merrell Harrison##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 08:12 PM



“ Dear Kathleen and family, we were very saddened to read of Townes passing; it was a shock and he will be sorely missed by many of us. Kathleen, you and Townes were so comforting to me when Bill passed away. I will always remember Townes as a strong arm to lean on, and we both will always remember him with affection. With Love, Fran and Peter##imported-begin##Fran Spicer and Peter Taylor##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 05:24 PM



“ Please know that my prayers and thoughts are on your family at this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Michelle Massey Burns##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 05:21 PM



“ Kathleen, Karen, & Russell - Your husband and father was one of the best friends I have ever had in this industry. We traveled many miles together and have definitely had many good times. I cherish all of my memories of Townes and will always have a place for each of you in my heart.

Love,

Eddie & Pat Kerr

The McDougald Funeral Home, Anderson, SC##imported-begin##Edward L. Kerr & Patricia T. Kerr, The McDougald Funeral Home##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 04:58 PM



“ Townes was a great friend and customer. His smiling face and pleasant ways will be truly missed.

Gregg##imported-begin##Gregg and Sally Coleman##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 04:30 PM



“ Kathleen,
Please know how sorry we were to hear of your loss. We have always thought so much of you and Townes. You are a blessing to those around you and those of us associated with funeral service. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.
With love and sympathy,
Lance and Shea Gray
Gray Mortuary, Pelzer##imported-begin##Lance & Shea Smith-Gray##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 04:02 PM



“ I JUST WANT THE FAMILY TO KNOW THAT MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL AT TR HIGH I WOULD EAT AT THE AMERICAN RESTURANT WITH MY DAD, JERRY ALEXANDER, AND I WOULD SEE MR. HOWZE THERE ALL THE TIME. I KNOW THAT HE IS AT PEACE NOW. HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN AND WILL BE MISSED.##imported-begin##HEATHER ALEXANDER CHASTEEN##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 03:24 PM



“ Kathleen, My thoughts and prayers are with you and all the family. I am so sorry for your loss. My family thought the world of Townes.

Our love, Barbara, Bryan Holt & Family###imported-begin##Barbara Holt Poole###imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 03:14 PM



“ To Kathleen, Russell, Karen and the rest of the Howze family, I am deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Townes. He was a rare breed of individual who cared deeply for everyone around him. His kindness, generosity, and wisdom will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. I will always carry with me fond memories of times spent with him and the rest of the Howze family.

Please know that the Howze family is with me and my family in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Wendell Tate Jr.###imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 02:49 PM



“ Kathleen & family:
Wayne and I were so sorry to hear about Townes. He was a very special person to us and he will be missed by many. You're all in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless & strengthen you.

Wayne & Jane Duncan & Family###imported-begin##Jane Duncan###imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 01:40 PM



“ Katheen,

We are so sorry for the great loss of Townes, a wonderful friend to the Rainey Family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Jason and Shirley##imported-begin##Jason & Shirley Rainey##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 01:37 PM



“ *I would like to let the family know that I am praying for you and your family. Back in 1985 if he had not been for Mr. Howze and his goodness we would have never paid off my uncles burial and for him to be as nice as he was I will never forget that about him. He will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Jennifer Johnston##imported-end##*

August 05, 2008 at 01:29 PM



“ Kathleen and family,

Over the years we've witnessed your dedication to the community and were led through our own personal family sadness at life's end by Townes and your compassionate staff. We are forever grateful that you chose TR and O'dells to share your life's work. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to such a great man. Our love and prayers are with you.....Pat McCain##imported-begin##Pat McCain##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 12:36 PM



“ *Your family is in our prayers.
I will miss our times together at meeting. Joe Wamer- Bryant
Funeral Home, St. George, SC.##imported-begin##Joe
Wamer##imported-end##*

August 05, 2008 at 12:05 PM



“ *My husband, Jackie, and I were so shocked and saddened to hear of Townes' unexpected passing. We have so many memories of him...especially me. I worked the TR EMS unit for so many years (in the late 70's & early 80's)and often my partner and I would go to the Mortuary to simply 'hang out' and listen to Townes' war stories! He had such a hearty laugh and a wonderfully caring spirit that just drew people to him.*

My husband worked as a Trooper with SChP, and of course, remembers seeing Townes out and about at some of those terrible accidents...particularly in the early days.

Then, we both had a mutual friend, Terry Drake, whom we loved also...and Townes used to always ask me about him. He loved to share that Terry got his interest in Mortuary Science from those early days with him at Howze Mortuary...and of course, the stories would continue!

Over the years, I've run into Townes now and then; most recently was probably at Terry's funeral, I believe. Though our paths didn't cross very often, I will always smile when I think of him and the joy he gave to others.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May your memories be a blessing to you and the Good Lord continue to keep you in His care.

Our hearts are##imported-begin##Sally & Jackie Clark##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 10:02 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Howze. My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family during this time.##imported-begin##John Clayton##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 09:40 AM



“ Kathleen, I am so sorry to hear about Townes. He was a great and respected man. I am glad Aunt Carol and Uncle Barry will be with you in this difficult time. My prayers are with you. Love,
Jennifer##imported-begin##Jennifer Greer##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 09:18 AM



“ To Mrs. Howze, family, and the staff of the Howze Mortuary: My heart goes out to all of you in this sad time, as I was shocked to hear of the passing of Mr. Howze. I have to credit him with sparking my interest in becoming a funeral director and going to CCMS. He was a man of character, wisdom, and of course humor who will be missed deeply. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Alicia Clark##imported-begin##Alicia Mastalerz Clark##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 09:04 AM



“ Kathleen, I am so sorry for you loss. I have you in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jonnie Adams Bouwlaire##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 08:06 AM



“ Kathleen and family,

How my heart aches for each of you and for our community with Townes' passing. I can't imagine TR without him. Kathleen, you and Townes have touched so many lives in such sweet and gentle ways. You have always made people feel welcomed, understood, and comforted. I remember when Jackson was working in your yard how he commented about the love you and Townes had. You both just wanted the other to be happy. Through each of my times of grief, I was always comforted by you two. You taught me about the Welcome Wagon when I was a teenager working for Gus.

If I could do something to ease yours and your family's pain, I would do it without hesitation, but I realize the only source of comfort and strength is from God.

Dear Father, I thank you for your many blessings. I thank you for the Howze family and what they have done for your kingdom in the TR area. I thank you for Townes walk and work among us. Father, please envelop Kathleen and her family in the peace that passes understanding. Grant them the strength and comfort in the coming days. Allow them to feel the love and intercessions that are being given to them. Bless them, Father, because as much as we love them, You love them even more. In Christ's precious name. Amen

With love,

*Rebecca Tankersley Greene##imported-begin##Rebecca
Tankersley Greene##imported-end##*

August 05, 2008 at 07:23 AM



“ I'm so very sorry to hear about Mr. Howze passing. My family and I just talked to Him at the end of March when my Grandmother Ms. Clara Moss away. I didnt know him personaly. He was always so nice every time that I seen him. A great funeral home director. I can remember when you all were in the little white house. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Howze family and to the staff. He will be truly missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Rena White Carter##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 02:00 AM



“ Townes was a good friend that was glad to know for years. assited him when all those kids were killed off white horse rd ext. worked the ems unit for all the services. always enjoyed visiting him. he will be missed. we would talk about Joe Joe and also about the pontiac ambulance that he ran with all the lights and the Q siren on the roof that would drain all the power every time it was turned on. you could here him coming in to greenville general three miles away.##imported-begin##Paul Russell Sr SCEMTP##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 11:36 PM



“ I am a former Funeral Director with Barron Funeral Home of Chester and Dantzler-Baker Funeral Home of Great Falls and am the Owner/Funeral Director of Barnes-Spangler Funeral Home of Rockville, Indiana. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family and staff during this difficult time. May God's grace be with you in the coming days.##imported-begin##Scott B. Spangler/Barnes-Spangler Funeral Home, Rockville, IN##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 11:15 PM



“ Kathleen,
You and Townes both have a special place in my heart. You both have truly made a huge impact in my life and I will never forget what all you have done for me. Taking me in as a young teenager and showing me how to be a professional in my work has helped me so much. I am now a Manager for BMW manufacturing and I take a lot of what you and Townes showed me in how I manage my area each day. I think about you and Townes a lot but had no idea he was having health issues. I am so sorry for your loss.
You are in my prayers!
Brian & Family###imported-begin##Brian Hart###imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 10:58 PM



“ Kitty
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this tragic time. Townes was such a fine man and I am happy to have known him. God Bless you. Kaye###imported-begin##Kaye Warren###imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 10:36 PM



“ We were privileged to talk to Mr. Howze in late January as my Mom, Mattie Edwards lay in state. Mom felt very close to both Townes and Kathleen. Our thought are with you as you experience this great loss.###imported-begin##Jeannette&Frank McDonald###imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 05:05 PM



“ My family and staff are sorry to hear of your loss. If there is anything we can do for you please let us know. We will be praying for you during this time.

With Deepest Sympathy,

*Christopher L. Ward
President, Ward Funeral Home, Inc. Loris, SC
Chairman of the SCFDA Pee Dee Group##imported-
begin##Christopher L. Ward##imported-end##*

August 04, 2008 at 04:41 PM



“ I was so surprised and saddened to get the news about Townes. I am at least glad I got to speak with him in passing in Charleston. It was good to see him as usual, surrounded by friends, with a greeting for everyone.
I just read some of the other comments - "gentleman," "professional," "leader," "caring." The consistency of the regard from those around him says it all. Please accept my sympathy.##imported-begin##Brooks Cowles##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 04:34 PM



“ Kathleen, my thoughts and prayers will be with you and the children and grandchildren. Townes was an awesome gentleman, loved by everyone who knew him. Love, Happy##imported-begin##Happy Miller##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 02:30 PM



“ Dear Kathleen,

Buz and I were saddened to see that Townes has passed away. May God comfort you and your family in your time of grief.

Sincerely,

Buz and Dawn Veldheer##imported-begin##Buz and Dawn Veldheer##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 02:30 PM



“ Kathleen and Family: *It is with deep sadness to be informed of Townes' death. He was a most remarkable man and knowing him has been an absolute pleasure. And although he obviously received great satisfaction being a funeral director, the greater Travelers Rest community was the true beneficiary of his dedicated service. Which in the end serves as a wonderful legacy befitting a true servant of funeral service.##imported-begin##Carl Shytle##imported-end##*

August 04, 2008 at 02:18 PM



“ Dear Kathleen, Karen, Russell, and the Howze Mortuary Family, Please know that each of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Yetive joins me in sending to you our most heartfelt sympathy. May the peace that only God can give be yours. Townes "Pop" was truly a dear friend to all of us, and we will always treasure the memories we have of him and of you Kathleen. Townes was a giant of a man not only in stature, but in his Love and Care for all the families he served and all of us who called him friend and colleague. We will all miss Townes, but we can be comforted in the fact that our loss is Heaven's gain. Our lives are all richer, because in this life God allowed us to share life with a man like Townes, and "Pop" we thank you for sharing your life with each of us. May God Bless and Comfort each of you. Love, Phillip and Yetive Caulder and the Staff of Miller-Rivers-Caulder Funeral Home.##imported-begin##Phillip C. Caulder, Jr.##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 02:01 PM



“ Kathleen, We have always thought the world of you and Townze. Both of you are loved and respected by many people, in and outside of the funeral service community. Townze was very passionate about the people he served, and the profession he loved. He adored you, your children and his grandchildren. We love him and your whole family. If you ever "need anything" don't hesitate to call us anytime. With Love, The Dyal's##imported-begin##Jimmy, Mary Alice, Elizabeth and James Dyal, Jr.##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 01:59 PM



“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Nita, Jill and I want you all to know our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

In Gods Love

Taft & Nita Anderson

Jill Luckenbaugh##imported-begin##Taft, Nita Anderson & Jill Luckenbaugh##imported-end##

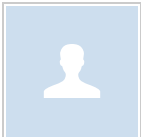
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“ Kathleen: I will always cherish the fond memories that I have of you and Townes. He was something else!!!!

Wayne##imported-begin##S Wayne Goodyear##imported-end##

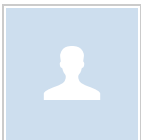
August 04, 2008 at 01:36 PM



“ Dear Sweet Friend Kathleen, I was so saddened to hear of Townes untimely death. My sincere sympathy to you and your family. He was such a neat guy! I always enjoyed the times we all were together. You are in my thoughts and prayers today and everyday.

Love, Kathleen Bitsura##imported-begin##KATHLEEN BITSURA##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 01:34 PM



“ We send aou sincere and deepest sympathy to the Howze family. From David and Thurmond Burnett and the staff of Edgefield Mercantile Funeral Home.##imported-begin##Edgefield Mercantile Funeral Home##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 01:20 PM



“ Dear Kathleen,
I was so saddened to hear of Townes' untimely death. He was such a good person and I have many fond memories of him. You and your children are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Lois Voyles##imported-begin##Lois Steinkuhler Voyles##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 01:02 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Townes. We are thinking about you and praying for you. Know that God is always with you.
love, Chick and Jessie Anderson, Chester, S.C.##imported-begin##chick and jessie anderson##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 01:02 PM



“ Kathleen,

I was so sadden to learn about Townes. I will always remember the little girl who stood at her back door, waiting for him to pick me up to come to the big white house and babysit. His kindness when my father passed away so young, and his loving spirit was wonderful. He was truly a gaint among men and will live always in our hearts.##imported-begin##Debbie Timmons Chambers##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 12:56 PM



“ Kathleen and family, my heart goes out to you during this difficult time. Townes was one of the finest men I have ever known and upon meeting him was one of those individuals that influenced your life forever. He will be missed not only by you and your family, but his loss will be felt by everyone who ever came in contact with him. I will always cherish the memories and laughs we shared over the years. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

Larry & Carol Hendrix
Davenport Funeral Home
Walhalla, SC###imported-begin##Larry C. Hendrix###imported-end##

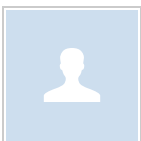
August 04, 2008 at 12:44 PM



“ Kathleen, You are in my thoughts and prayers. I was so sorry to learn of Townes home going. You both have been true friends to me since I came to McAfee's in 1978. Please let me know personally if I or the staff of Thomas McAfee came help you in any way.

Steve Hawley###imported-begin##Steven K. Hawley, Thomas
McAfee Funeral Home###imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 11:46 AM



“ Kathleen, Karen, and Russell,
We are out of the country until August 10. Something told Don to check the Greenville obituaries online and we discovered the precious loss of Townes. We just wanted you to know we are thinking of you and you will be in our prayers. We will be there in spirit on Wednesday. We will call you as soon as we get back to the US. We love you all!###imported-begin##Don and Suzi
Turner###imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 11:31 AM



“ Kathleen,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sharon, Jeff, Chris, Brian, Matthew and David Peek
TRUMC##imported-begin##Sharon Peek##imported-end##*

August 04, 2008 at 10:50 AM



“ Kathleen and Staff,

I'm truly sorry about Townes. I've known him for a very long time and respected him very much.

If there is anything I can do, all you have to do is to call.

Sincerely,

*Bannister Eads
Robinson Funeral Home
Easley, SC##imported-begin##Bannister Eads##imported-end##*

August 04, 2008 at 10:35 AM



“ Kathleen, Karen, Russell and all of the family, There are not enough words to express our sadness at this time. Take comfort in knowing how many lives Townes touched and how many people loved him dearly. He shared his gifts freely and made others laugh when they were tired and smile when they were in pain. A truly remarkable man! I am so glad "The Boys" were able to know and love him like I did. ~ Louanne###imported-begin##Louanne, Jim, Rebecca and Hannah Lunny###imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 10:29 AM



“ We were sorry to hear of Townes passing. We just wanted to let you know your family is in our hearts and prayers.###imported-begin##Randy and Linda Roof###imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 10:05 AM



“ To the Howze family my sincere sympathy. The world has lost a great man and father. I know that Townze and Clarkie are having a ball together again. Russell and Karen.. my prayers are with you both. Noelle###imported-begin##Noelle Shockley Greenwood###imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 10:02 AM



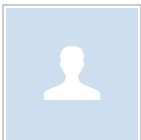
“ To the family of Mr. Howze:
At the time of our Mother's and Father's passing in 1991 and 1992,
it was a blessing to have someone like Mr. Howze to handle the
services. No one could have been more respectful to the decease
and the families.
Son: J.C. Crenshaw, Greer
Daughter: Eula C. Hinson, Greer###imported-begin###J.C.
Crenshaw###imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 09:49 AM



“ Kathleen and family, Rena and I are deeply saddened to learn of
Townes death. I so much enjoyed talking to him in Charleston at the
convention. He was a champion for the people of our state when he
served on the State Board. I will miss his encouraging advice and
tremendous enthusiasm, but I do rejoice in knowing that Townes is
now walking with our God with a new perfect body. I pray that God's
peace will give each of you the comfort you need.###imported-
begin###Scott Fowler###imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 09:28 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Townes. He was
always a person you enjoyed being around and will be missed by all
SC Funeral Directors and the people he served in Travelers Rest.

Steve McMillan###imported-begin###Steve McMillan###imported-
end##

August 04, 2008 at 09:28 AM



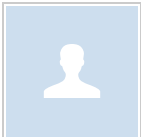
“ I wish to express my condolences to the family during this time of bereavement. Mrs. Howze it seems like just yesterday that I spoke about Karen, Russell, and your grandchildren. I can still hear Mr. Howze in the background giving out Karen's phone number for me to get in touch with her. Mr. Howze was a great man that will be greatly missed in the community.##imported-begin##Amy Gibson Davis##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 09:20 AM



“ My sympathies to the entire Howze Family. And especially to Russell, whom I had the pleasure of working with at Record Bar too many years ago.##imported-begin##Dayna Windsor Hill##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 09:09 AM



“ Dear Howze Family,

We are SO SORRY to hear of Townes passing. He was truly a funeral professional we all looked up too and one of the kindest funeral professionals I ever met. He never talked down to you and always shared his contagious enthusiasm. Sue and I will miss him greatly.

Bobby and Sue Goodwin##imported-begin##Bobby and Sue Goodwin##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 09:09 AM



“ *Debbie and I offer our sincerest thoughts and prayers to Kathleen and the entire family in your loss. Townes was a very fine gentleman and friend to the SCFDA and us. We shall miss him, but we know Townes has gone home to be with our Lord.*

*Ron and Debbie Scott
Columbia, SC##imported-begin##Ron Scott##imported-end##*

August 04, 2008 at 08:23 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I graduated Wofford in 91 with Russell. If you read this Russell, may the Lord be with you during this trying time.##imported-begin##Ellis O'Tuel##imported-end##*

August 04, 2008 at 07:58 AM



“ *My dear Kathleen, words cannot express to you the sadness I feel over the loss of your loved one. My heart goes out to you. Please know that I care deeply for you and your family.*

*My love to you and yours,
Betty Bland Dowd##imported-begin##Betty Bland Dowd##imported-end##*

August 04, 2008 at 07:57 AM



“ *The Howze Family: I was truly shocked to read about Mr Howze in our sunday Newspaper. I did not know him personally but have been to the mortuary lots of times. I have friends and family from TR and through them I feel as if I knew you.(in fact I came to your house,Kathleen with Virginia Willis when you were in the white house on main street some years back. Townes will truly be missed. God bless you, and know that he is there with you in this trying time.##imported-begin##Jones and Bernice Batson##imported-end##*

August 04, 2008 at 07:51 AM



“ *sorry to hear about your lose he was a great help to everyone he came in contact with .##imported-begin##shirley green ammons##imported-end##*

August 04, 2008 at 12:39 AM



“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of Mr. Howze's passing. He was a great man. Townes will be truly missed by our family and all of Travelers Rest. He's up there in Heaven with my Grandmother now. He and his staff took great of us when my Grandmother passed a couple of months ago. Mr. Howze was always so friendly and nice. The staff at Howze are all wonderful people. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this time of sadness. God Bless each and every one of you, and the staff.##imported-begin##Rena##imported-end##*

August 04, 2008 at 12:35 AM



“ Townes was an extraordinary man and in his work made difficult times easier for so many families. The area has lost a fine gentleman. Our prayers for your comfort and courage. Jimmy & Norma Jones###imported-begin##Jimmy and Norma Jones###imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 10:19 PM



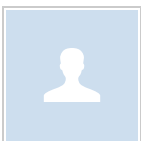
“ Words cannot express the sadness I feel for the family of Townes. He was a joy to be around and he always made me smile. I truly miss our visits at the shop. I will be praying for the entire family and ask God to be with each of them in the days to come. Townes will truly be missed. My prayers and love, Angie###imported-begin##Angie Foster###imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 09:22 PM



“ My sympathy to the family of Townes. He was a wonderful person with a great personality. He will be missed by all who knew him.###imported-begin##Angie Patterson###imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 08:34 PM



“ Townes was special friend and we have treasured memories. Our hearts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. May God grant you strength and healing during this time of bereavement. God bless and keep all of you.
Love,
Linda & Terry Tinker - Chester, SC###imported-begin##Linda & Terry Tinker###imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 08:32 PM



“ My sympathy goes to the family of Townes. He was a great man and friend and will be missed very much.##imported-begin##Steven Chastain##imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 08:31 PM



“ Kathleen, we were just devastated to hear the news today. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so, so sorry for your loss.

Much love,
Julie Barker Turner##imported-begin##Julie Turner##imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 07:43 PM



“ Dear Kathleen and family, I have thought of you so many times today after hearing the news. Even though I am far away now, please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers, Townes was an inspiration to many and always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. He was always interested in others and it was an honor to call him my friend. Thank you for serving our family with grace and care. I will always remember Townes and his goodness.
Danny Pridmore##imported-begin##Danny Pridmore##imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 07:29 PM



“ Mrs. Howze and Family,
I was saddened and shocked to hear of Mr. Howze's death. He was a good man and a true asset to the South Carolina funeral service community and will be greatly missed.
You will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Jim, Jr. and Carole Leigh Patterson##imported-begin##Jim and Carole Leigh Patterson##imported-end##

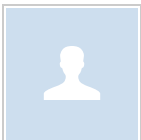
August 03, 2008 at 07:25 PM



“ To Mrs. Howze, Raymond, Steve and the staff of The Howze Mortuary,
Mr. Townes was a good man and an awesome funeral director. I know you all will miss him greatly as well all will. We prayed for you today and will continue to keep all of you in our thoughts during this time.

Todd and Shelley Griffin- Sumter, SC##imported-begin##Todd Griffin##imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 07:17 PM



“ Kathleen and family,
Over the years and during very difficult times, Townz was of great help and comfort to our family. During this time in your life, I'm sure all who know you and knew Townz will want to do the same for you! May God bless you all during this time of grief! You are in our prayers!

Kelley Bracken-Rainey and Barbara K. Bracken##imported-begin##Kelley Bracken- Rainey and Barbara K. Bracken##imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 07:10 PM



“ I knew Townes for almost 50 years. He was a gentle giant. He loved his beloved Kathleen (my first cousin), and his children and grandchildren.

His good natured smile and welcoming personality made him easy to love. No one ever felt like a stranger around Townes. Everyone liked him. His laugh was contagious and his joke telling left your sides aching from laughter. Just being around him lifted your spirits.

The funeral business wasn't just a business to him. He deeply cared about those who had lost their love ones, and did his best to ease their pain. His caring and compassionate ways helped him comfort thousands over the years.

We will miss our dear Townes but are calmed by the fact that we know he is in a better place. A place where we will all meet again some day.

God bless you Kathleen and Karen and Russell. We love you.

Billy##imported-begin##Bill Eargle##imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 01:09 PM



“ From the staff @ ProComm (your afterhours messaging service), we would like to extend our deepest sympathy is the passing of Mr. Townes. He was a truly great person & gentleman, always!! We feel blessed to have been allowed to know him and to be of service to him. Ms. Kathleen, we will continue to support you in whatever way we can.##imported-begin##George Chandler & Lessa Walters##imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 12:46 PM



“ Dear Kathleen,
Melissa and I were saddened to learn of Townes homegoing. We have been on a missions trip with our church to Ecuador and will be returning to Greenville tomorrow. I think for those of us in the funeral profession there is a greater awareness of how fragile life is, and how precious. Our prayer for you and the family is that the peace of God which passes understanding will be yours at this moment and also in the weeks ahead.

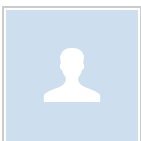
In His grip,
Lewis###imported-begin##Lewis & Melissa Young##imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 10:49 AM



“ To the Howze Family,
SC has lost a true southern funeral director and a friend to so many. I always appreciated his wisdom and advice as a new owner myself, Townes was always supportive and cheering me on. May God wrap his arms around you and comfort the Howze family at this time.###imported-begin##Brad Evans - Harris Funeral Home, Abbeville, SC##imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 09:04 AM



“ Howse family: so sorry about the loss of Townes. We're Ashley Gibson's inlaws, John's mom, and remember you and him on happy occasions, and Barry's accident time. Our deepest sympathy. Kirkie and Dick Gibson###imported-begin##Kirkie and Dick Gibson##imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 08:56 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Townes passing. He was a real gentleman and the consummate funeral director. I am sure he will be greatly missed by everyone at the mortuary and the folks in Travelers rest. Please extend our condolences to his family and the staff at Howze Mortuary.##imported-begin##Carson Sprow##imported-end##

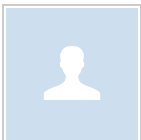
August 03, 2008 at 01:36 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Kathleen, Russell, Karen and gradnchildren, your husband, father and grandfather was always willing to give people a chance in a world where chances are often forgotten. He gave me a chance and it was an honor to work for him. I can still remember the laughter, the jokes, the good times and the slow times, but he was always most concerned for the people of Travelers Rest. He was a gentleman who cared for his community. He is becoming a lost form. I will miss Townes; however, I will remember the wisdom and laughter he passed on to me while I was an employee there. I will thank God for the opportunity to have known him. For the parties at Halloween when Russell and I were growing up to the chance he took in giving a 15 year old a job. Most of all I thank him for believing in me. May God bless you and your family during these difficult days ahead. Our prayers will be with you.

Scott##imported-begin##Scott & Heidi Ayers##imported-end##

August 02, 2008 at 11:53 PM



“ Kathleen, Family & Staff, I was very sorry to hear of Townes death today. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Phil Bowman##imported-end##

August 02, 2008 at 10:14 PM



“ *Kathleen and Karen-*

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Townes;my heart breaks. Some of the best memories of my high school years were of Townes;I so admired him for his gentle way of handling people and his amazing sense of humor. I saw in him many of the qualities of my own father that had passed several years before. Although, I had not seen him in many years, he has always been a fond and lasting memory in my heart.

My love and prayers are with both of you during this time; God is an amazing strength and will pull you through this tragic time.

Mother and Lawrence send their love and prayers.

My love always.

Leann Bullard Hedrick, Frank and Shannon

Myrna and Lawrence Bullard###imported-begin##LeAnn Bullard Hedrick###imported-end##

August 02, 2008 at 09:39 PM



“ *Howze Family..... We are so sorry to hear about Townes. Your family has always been special to our family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Mary Lathan Holmes###imported-end##*

August 02, 2008 at 08:48 PM



“ Dear Kathleen and Family:

I will always remember the laughter that surrounded Townes and especially the fun we had when Rex and Joel were at Wofford. He was such a sweet man and always had such a positive outlook on life. I hope that the joys of your life together will fill these tough times you are facing. Jack and I send you big hugs as you journey through this sad time.##imported-begin##Julie and Jack Bissetta##imported-end##

August 02, 2008 at 08:20 PM



“ To Kathleen and Family

I am truly saddened to hear of the death of Townes. He was a wonderful human being and I am going to miss him tremendously. He always had a smile on his face and was always making someone laugh. The both of you will always have a special place in my heart My love to you and your family.##imported-begin##Sherry Leonard Noble##imported-end##

August 02, 2008 at 08:05 PM



“ Kathleen and family:

What a shock to hear of our friend Townes' untimely passing today. You two became good friends over the past 5 years since we became involved with the South Carolina Funeral Directors Association. Brenda certainly appreciated getting to know you, and your welcoming of her as she came with me to events.

We will always treasure his wit and the times we had to visit at Association events.

I will continue to hear him say to me, "How are you, Brother"? That was Townes to so many friends!

Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you in the family and at The Howze Mortuary. We have missed seeing you and Townes, but we will again see him one day.

Much love to you, Kathleen.##imported-begin##Mike & Brenda Craig##imported-end##

August 02, 2008 at 07:33 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Townes. I always enjoyed him at our meetings, his advice, his candor, and his humor. You can be assured that you will be in our prayers. Please call on me/us if we can be of any help.##imported-begin##William White, Jr.##imported-end##*

August 02, 2008 at 06:03 PM



“ *Our lives have been enriched by the joy of knowing Townes and his wonderful family. He genuinely cared about people and was always there for us and others. His ready wit and his faith in God and people were always apparent. We will sincerely miss you and especially your e-mail!##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Doyle and Brett Harrison Doyle##imported-end##*

August 02, 2008 at 05:38 PM