



## Orion Fred Lathan

September 3, 1936 - July 24, 2009

### ORION FRED LATHAN TRAVELERS REST, SC

Orion Fred Lathan, 72, of Travelers Rest, passed away Friday, July 24, 2009 at St. Francis Hospital.

Born in Great Falls, SC, he was the son of the late Fred and Myrtle Evans Lathan. He was a long time member of the Cooper Lodge where he served as Secretary for 31 years. He was a member of the Hejaz Shriners where he served in Hospital Activities. He was also a member of the Travelers Rest OES #205 where he served as Worthy Patron and Chaplin. Mr. Lathan retired from J.P. Stevens- Slater Mill after 42 years and worked for W.E. Willis Inc. He was a faithful member of Travelers Rest First Baptist Church where he attended the Sunshine Sunday School Class.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Roberta Drummond Lathan; two daughters: Sally Holmes of Travelers Rest and Mary Holmes (Jerry) of Marietta; two grandchildren: Benny Holmes (Aubrey) of Taylors and Stephanie Holmes of Travelers Rest; grandson-in-law Derrick Weber of Travelers Rest; a sister: Cleo Bollers of Seattle WA; two brothers: Ralph Lathan (Judy) and Ray Lathan all of Greenville; a sister-in-law Bess Lathan of Travelers Rest; a great-grandchild: Tyler Holmes of Taylors.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his in laws C. Harold "Doc" and Grace Morgan Drummond; son-in-law: George Holmes; Granddaughter: Holly Holmes Weber; brother: Bob Lathan.

Funeral service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon at Travelers Rest First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Grandview Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends Monday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. at The Howze Mortuary.

Pallbearers and Honorary Escort will be members of Cooper Lodge #282 and the Sunshine Sunday School Class.

The family will be at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to ones choice: Travelers Rest First Baptist Church, 20 McElhaney Rd. Travelers Rest, SC 29690; Camp Spearhead 400 Roper Mtn. Rd. Greenville, SC 29615; Holly Holmes Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Bank of Travelers Rest 42 Plaza Dr. Travelers Rest, SC 29690

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of the arrangements.  
(864)834-8051.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JUL 28. 3:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Travelers Rest  
20 McElhaney Rd.  
Travelers Rest, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Daddy, I was always the baby girl till I had my baby girl.....I miss you both so very very much....I love you##imported-begin##number 2 daughter##imported-end##*

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August 24, 2009 at 08:18 PM



“ *Roberta, Sally, Mary and family,*

*I am saddened by your loss. Orion was truly a wonderful person. Johnny was crazy about you Roberta and also Orion. He had a great respect for him and we always enjoyed our visits. I am sorry that I could not be there but please know that I share in your sorrow. God bless you all and keep you in his ever loving arms. May he bring you comfort now and free your hearts from care, leaving only treasured memories of your loved one there. Thoughts and prayers are with you, Love Maxine##imported-begin##Maxine Lindsey##imported-end##*

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July 29, 2009 at 12:22 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss..*

*OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES..*

*TIME HEALS ALL PLACE YOUR FAITH IN GOD##imported-begin##Brenda Bridwell Massengale & Tim##imported-end##*

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July 27, 2009 at 07:16 PM



“ *My deepest thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless you all in this sad time. Much love always.##imported-begin##Carolyn Wise##imported-end##*

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July 27, 2009 at 03:06 PM



“ *Bert,  
I'm very sorry to hear of the passing of Orion. You have my deepest sympathy and will be in my thoughts and prayers!*

*May God give you peace!*

*Barbara##imported-begin##Barbara K. Bracken##imported-end##*

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July 27, 2009 at 03:00 PM



“ *Sally Ann,*

*I am sorry to hear about your father's passing. I just wanted you to know that I was thinking of you and your family during this time.*

*Love in Christ,*

*Dottie##imported-begin##Dottie Dockery Rhoden##imported-end##*

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July 27, 2009 at 10:44 AM



“ Dear Folks,  
May God be with you during this difficult time. It is my prayer that God will grant you the peace that only He can. My mother, Hazel Lynch, who worked 25 years at Slater before her death in 1993 thought very highly of Orion. I know that this is the case with all who were fortunate enough to know him.  
In Christ,  
Laura LeBreton##imported-begin##Laura LeBreton##imported-end##

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July 27, 2009 at 08:40 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. I knew Orion for many years thru his work and also the lodge. He was a good man.##imported-begin##David Burdette##imported-end##

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July 27, 2009 at 06:31 AM



“ Ralph, Judy and Ray  
My sincere sympathy in the passing of your brother. May God be with you in this time of need. Our prayers are with you  
Pat(Hawkins)Martin  
Silver Spring, Md 20906##imported-begin##Patricia (Hawkins)Martin##imported-end##

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July 26, 2009 at 03:24 PM



“ I,m sorry to hear of Mr. Lathan passing away.I know he was a loving family man and will be missed .My prayer are with his family .  
##imported-begin##Tony & Diane lance##imported-end##

July 25, 2009 at 10:49 PM



“ Dear family and friends,  
We are sorry to hear of Mr Lathan's passing. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this time of sadness. If any of you need anything, do not hesitate to call us.  
##imported-begin##Mr and Mrs John Phillips##imported-end##

July 25, 2009 at 08:52 PM



“ Dear Family and Friends,  
Our hearts are saddened at the passing of Mr.Lathan. May God bless you all and give you strength and peace. We pray that God's tender mercy and grace will uplift you with each new day.Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
##imported-begin##Mr.and Mrs. Wayne Hawkins##imported-end##

July 25, 2009 at 08:45 PM



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July 25, 2009 at 06:05 PM