



## Thomas Blythe

July 25, 1955 - December 30, 2021

Mr. Thomas Jeffrey Blythe, 66, of Clover SC passed away Thursday December 30, 2021. Jeff was born and raised in Mecklenburg County (Long Creek). He lived in Clover SC most of his adult life. Jeff was a life long member of Hopewell Presbyterian Church. He was an electrician by trade but also took pleasure in assisting family and friends with any electrical needs. Jeff was an active firefighter and EMT for Bethel Volunteer Fire Dept. for over 30 years. He also served as an EMT for River Hills Emergency Squad. Jeff was an avid Ham Radio operator and was president of the W4CQ club and a member of the YCARS club.

He was preceded in death by his father, Tom L. Blythe.

Jeff is survived by his mother Joan Blythe, 91 years young, of Huntersville NC, his sister Susan Kidd (Jim) of Charlotte NC, their children; Mary Tran (Hai) and Andrew Kidd (Jennifer) both of Charlotte NC; great nieces and nephews Elizabeth, Caleb, Addison, Cooper, Ashlynn.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00pm Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville. Family will receive friends in the Family Life Center following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hopewell Presbyterian Church 10500 Beatties Ford Rd, Huntersville NC 28078 or Bethel Volunteer Fire Dept. 5620 Oakridge Rd, Clover SC 29710.

Online condolences may be made at [www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com)

James Funeral Home is serving the family an obituary lovingly written by the family.

# Cemetery

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## Hopewell Presbyterian Church Cemetery

10500 Beatties Ford Road  
Huntersville, NC, 28078

# Events

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<b>JAN</b>	<b>Memorial Service</b>	<b>03:00PM</b>
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	Hopewell Presbyterian Church 10500 Beatties Ford Rd., Huntersville, NC, US	

# Comments

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“ I remember meeting Jeff at J.M. Alexander Jr. High. It might have been in band class. He was always friendly with a big smile to share. My prayers and condolences are extended to Jeff's entire family.

**Steve Black** - January 08 at 06:06 AM

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“ Jeff was a great guy who I always enjoyed seeing at church. Blessings to the Blythe, Kidd, and Tran families as our hearts and prayers are with you.  
Jeff and Charlotte DePalmo

**Jeff DePalmo** - January 05 at 08:57 AM

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“ KAY AUTEN lit a candle in memory of Thomas Blythe



**KAY AUTEN** - January 05 at 06:46 AM



“ Jeff was a very good friend of Frank and mine..When we would talk to him on the phone,he would always say tell Kay,I LOVE HER!! We always attended the fire department yearly dinner with Jeff.We just attended with Jeff a few weeks ago on a rainy night.I am so glad I got to see him one more time.He was a great man and friend. I hope to see him one day.God bless him and his family and take care of him!!!

**KAY AUTEN** - January 05 at 06:53 AM

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“ What a joy it was to have grown to know Jeff while attending North Mecklenburg High School and youth group at Hopewell Presbyterian Church. I was struck by Jeff's determination, hard work, and especially his love of friends. He became like family. My condolences go out to the Blythe family. May The Lord comfort you.

Dolores Bost Blanton

Dolores Blanton - January 04 at 11:40 PM

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“ I talked to Jeff on ham radio and in person if I ran into him at a hamfest somewhere. I'll remember the good times we had, both in person and on the radio. The family has my deepest sympathy in the loss of Jeff. Sincerely,  
Steve Francis, N4STF  
Forest City, NC

Steve Francis - January 04 at 02:33 PM

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“ Dearest Jeff. or Leroy as Buddy named you , You were such a bost to Bethel Fire Dept. So many Sunday duty days ,And so many training wekends ,Loved the ones you were the instructor.You showed up early had the room prepped ready to go extra pens, paper, and nothing left to do but show up sign in and listen to a well rehearsed course that if you didnt pass it was you who didnt pay attention . So many calls you had over 1200 ,. You never failed to work by the rules ,so perecise never mising a time where you pointed out to us new folks what if ??? You made us think you let us learn you made us FIREMEN.who lived to fight fire another day . Ham radio ,i lucked out to find you and WB4PCS ( our Mac) to prod me on and to as of Dec 12 made me and Bill promise to be at you next test sesion .Well ol buddy I be there just loking up to see you smiling down saying dont rush ,. So you are not hurting anymore and youve made peace with our maker You my friend Have fought the good fight ,Finished the course and above al,Kept the FAITH !!! 73 s till we meet again  
Southern rain fall softly  
Southern winds blow gently  
Southern Sun shine warmly God Bless Frank Auten W4HEL

frank auten - January 03 at 11:04 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of another loss of one of the " Black Top Gang" Jeff will always in our Memories.

Barbara Ann Bost Reynolds

**Barbara Ann Bost Reynolds** - January 03 at 10:24 PM

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“ I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to the Blythe family on the loss of Jeff. Even though I have not seen him for a number of years, he was often in my thoughts as I remember growing up in Long Creek becoming a teenager, learning to drive ,our escapades that always included Dolores, Karen, Hoyt, Phyllis, Cathy and others. I will surely remember him fondly as others will. I am sorry I will be unable to attend the service but I will be thinking of everyone I'm sure it will be beautiful.

**Kenny Hedrick** - January 03 at 11:19 AM

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“ We have good memories of a strong friendship with Jeff, especially during the late eighties while living near Clover. He and my husband enjoyed sharing their passion for Amateur Radio, passing their enthusiasm along to our young son. Quite the prankster, I still laugh thirty years later over Jeff's Halloween tricks and antics, which we all enjoyed. Jeff was a giver, with his volunteer work as well as with his knowledgeable assistance with electrical matters. Our family was blessed to have known him.

With sincere condolences,

Sharon Cooper-Stone

**Sharon Cooper-Stone** - January 03 at 09:46 AM

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“ In my early days on ham radio I used to talk to Jeff every so often. He was a character, but I always thought a lot of him. He was A-OK. And know that you will see Jeff again when it comes your time to go to Heaven, never more to part. My deepest sympathy in your loss.

Sincerely,

Roy Burrus  
AB4ZW  
Shelby, NC

**Roy Burrus** - January 02 at 11:58 PM

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“ Thinking of you and wishing you peace and comfort.

Diane Laval  
KF5JJW



**Diane Laval** - January 02 at 07:10 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. Today, I was looking at old photo albums and found a sixth grade class picture from Long Creek Elementary School that had my brother Todd and Jeff smiling back at me! Heartfelt condolences to all of the family.  
Terri Hutchison Bunder

**Terri Hutchison Bunder** - January 02 at 04:00 PM