



## George David Haigler

August 14, 1943 - August 1, 2020

George David Haigler was born August 14, 1943 to the late Preston and Rose Haigler, Sr. in Orangeburg, South Carolina. He departed this life Saturday, August 1, 2020 at PruittHealth in Columbia, South Carolina.

He was the 9th child of 11 children and the baby boy. After being educated in Orangeburg County Schools, George moved to Bradenton, FL where he worked as a pipelayer. He left Florida and moved back to Orangeburg, SC for a short period before moving to Columbia, SC where he met and married Ruby L. Woods. They moved to Queens, NY where their first child was born. After a short stay in New York, the Haigler family moved back to Columbia, SC.

George loved to hunt and fish. He would hunt for big game animals such as deer; small game animals such as rabbits, raccoons, squirrels and possums; and birds such as turkeys, ducks and geese. He would go deep sea fishing, local lake and river boat fishing as well as fishing from the bank.

George was a professional truck driver. He could drive anything that had wheels. He drove tractor-trailer trucks across the continental United States. He was serious about his driving. In 1977, he placed 2nd in the Dump Class at the South Carolina Truck Rodeo Competition . The very next year, 1978, he won the Championship for the same event. During his driving career, he drove

cement mixers, log trucks, tankers, lumber trucks, rock trucks, sanitation trucks, heavy machinery, Trailways buses, school buses, and BlueRibbon cabs. He also worked as a security guard at Benedict College and transported sports team on the school's coach (bus).

George was very friendly and did not meet strangers. He had an infectious personality and enjoyed making family and friends laugh.

George was preceded in death by three sisters: Elizabeth Mack, Ruth Clinton and Rosebud Franklin and one brother, Preston Haigler, Jr.

Left to cherish fond memories, in addition to his wife of 58½ years, Ruby, are his daughters: George Ann Richardson of Orangeburg, SC; Joyce (James) Conyers of Lexington, SC; Tracy Haigler of Columbia, SC; sons: Carlos (Michelle) Haigler of Columbia, SC and Justin Haigler of Charleston, SC; nine grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; sisters: Pauline (James) Williams of Orangeburg, SC; Lurine Felder of Orangeburg, SC; Doreatha Worley of Orangeburg, SC; Cola Henderson of Charlotte, NC; and Minnie (Charles) Mitchell of Aiken, SC; a brother, John (Marris) Haigler of Orangeburg, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Palmetto Cemetery

5050 Fairfield Road  
Columbia, SC 29203

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

AUG 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 786-6300  
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

## Public Viewing

AUG 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of Christ  
1303 Sunset Boulevard  
West Columbia, SC 29169

## Celebration of Life

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AUG **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *George David Haigler*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Friend and helper to my girls and me  
Thank you Brother and Haigler family  
May you rest in His peace and love  
I love you*

**Shirley Williamson** - August 10, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ *Dina Marie Drayton lit a candle in memory of  
George David Haigler*



**Dina Marie Drayton** - August 10, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ *George Haigler was a great husband to my aunt and a great father  
to his children. He always had cheerful spirit. He was nice to  
everyone. He will be truly missed*

**Dina Marie Drayton** - August 10, 2020 at 11:58 AM

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“ *Helper and friend to my daughters and I  
Thank you dear Brother and thank you Haigler  
family  
You will never be forgotten  
May you rest in His love and peace  
forevermore  
I love you*



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**Shirley Williamson** - August 09, 2020 at 05:43 PM

SL

“ *Sylvia Lawson sent a virtual gift in memory of  
George David Haigler*



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**Sylvia Lawson** - August 09, 2020 at 02:41 PM

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“ *Alice J. Holt lit a candle in memory of George  
David Haigler*



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**Alice J. Holt** - August 09, 2020 at 10:20 AM

PL

“ *Pamela M Lawson sent a virtual gift in memory  
of George David Haigler*



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**Pamela M Lawson** - August 09, 2020 at 09:55 AM

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“ Pamela M Lawson lit a candle in memory of George David Haigler



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**Pamela M Lawson** - August 09, 2020 at 09:54 AM

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**Pamela M Lawson** - August 08, 2020 at 06:37 PM

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“ Sylvia Lawson lit a candle in memory of George David Haigler



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**Sylvia Lawson** - August 07, 2020 at 10:17 AM