



## Joseph L. Gaskins

June 12, 1962 - May 25, 2024

Joseph L. Gaskins, 61, of Goose Creek, SC, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 25, 2024.

He was the husband of Tracy Hottinger Gaskins and the son of Judith Smarth Gaskins and the late Joseph Lois Gaskins. He was born on June 12, 1962, in Charleston, SC. Joey grew up in Mount Pleasant and was a high school graduate from Wando High School. Him and his wife spent 34 years together, raising two wonderful children.

Joey worked as an Administrator for Berkeley County School District, spending 29 years doing what he loved until his retirement. Joey enjoyed many things in his life including grilling out during the summer months, traveling to the beach with his family and taking care of his yard. Joey was an avid baseball fan, watching the Atlanta Braves every chance he could. He shared that passion with his son, coaching him from a young age. Joey was a mentor for many other children growing up as well, he was a true gentleman and shared that with everyone he came across. He was known to be the life of the party, with a sense of humor that could brighten anyone's day. Joseph loved his family with all his heart, with his proudest accomplishment being an absolutely wonderful husband and father to two wonderful children: Julia Mendoza (Luis) and Joseph Lee Gaskins.

Joseph is survived by his loving wife, Tracy Gaskins; his children; siblings: John Gaskins (Emily) of West Ashley, and Sonja Velasquez of McClellanville, SC; as well as his loving nephews: Joseph, Joshua, and Johnathan Velazquez..

A Visitation of family and friends will be held on Friday, May 31st, 2024 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at Dorchester Memory Gardens on Saturday, June 1st, 2024 10:00am. Burial will immediately follow.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

## Graveside Service

JUN 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

Dorchester Memory Gardens  
11000 Dorchester Road  
Summerville, SC 29485  
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

## Burial

JUN 1 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RH

“ My sincere condolences to you and the children Mrs. Gaskins. Have great fond memories of the two of you at Cross Elem. praying for your family!  
Love, Ruthie Haskell

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Ruthie Haskell - June 07, 2024 at 12:20 PM

PH

“ Sending love and prayers for you Tracy and for Julia and Joseph. I was so saddened to hear about your husband's passing. May God wrap his arms around your family and comfort you all 🙏  
❤️  
Love,  
Penny Hill

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Penny Hill - May 30, 2024 at 04:33 PM

GH

“ Dear Joseph L. Gaskins Family,  
I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Joey. He was a great person as I was fortunate to get to know and work with him at Sangaree Elementary. Prayers of peace and comfort lifted up for the family during this difficult time of loss and grief. Sincerely Ginger Hicks

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Ginger Hicks - May 30, 2024 at 09:10 AM

TP

“ Tracy, So sorry to hear about the passing of Joey. Great colleague and person.

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Theodore Prioleau - May 29, 2024 at 10:27 PM

RH

“ Dear Tracy & family, we are deeply saddened by Joey’s passing. We have such wonderful memories of him. He was such a kind and caring person. We feel so blessed that he was a part of our lives. He will be greatly missed. Richard & Anna-Marie Harrington

Richard and Anna-Marie Harrington - May 29, 2024 at 08:32 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph L. Gaskins.



May 29, 2024 at 05:48 PM

JR

“ Jim & Tina Royal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph L. Gaskins.

Jim & Tina Royal - May 29, 2024 at 05:48 PM

CH

“ Joey was a sweet nephew. He use come and stay with us in Awendaw. If he heard one of was ill, Joey would be there. We all are going to miss him. We love him, Sonja, and John. Prayers are sent to all the family during this hard time. Your Aunt Carolyn Heath

Carolyn Heath - May 29, 2024 at 04:22 PM

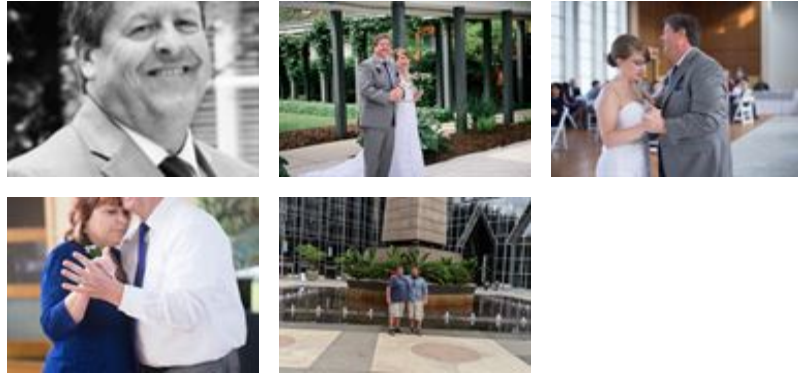
DL

“ So sorry for your loss Tracy. He was great man, husband and neighbor. You and your family are in our prayers.

Daniel Ledford - May 29, 2024 at 04:11 PM



“ 67 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**James A Dyal Funeral Home** - May 29, 2024 at 02:24 PM



“ *Tracy, I am so sorry to hear about Joey's passing. He was a great educational leader, mentor and an even better dad and husband. He will be missed. Love, The Schavel's*

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**Tim Schavel** - May 29, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ *The Kennedy and Alden Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph L. Gaskins.*



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**The Kennedy and Alden Families** - May 29, 2024 at 11:10 AM

TR

“ Tracy, you are in my thoughts and prayers...call on God to give you strength...He will. I feel blessed because I knew your wonderful husband. He was a man with a compassionate and understanding heart. He touched the lives of many. I am here for you...unfortunately, I get it...Toni

Toni Ramon - May 29, 2024 at 07:23 AM

DH

“ Tracy, Francis, and family, was so sorry to hear of Joey passing, our prayers are with you and the rest of the family

Dick Hottinger - May 28, 2024 at 10:39 PM

SW

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family.... I have many fond memories of Joey as a kind, caring and compassionate person and as a PurposeFUL educator and administrator from our many years with the BCSD....The impact he made on the lives of so many students, teachers...will be remembered for years to come....GrateFUL for our connections...



Sanders Willis - May 28, 2024 at 09:55 PM

VB

“ My deepest condolences to Tracy and the children. I enjoyed working with both of you at Cross Elementary. Joey could always make a bad situation better with his patience and smile. My prayers are with you.

Veronica Brevard - May 28, 2024 at 06:02 PM

LF

“ Sending sincere condolences to Gaskins Family.  
I worked with Joey and Tracey in Cross. Simply wonderful Family.

Lawanda R Felder - May 28, 2024 at 05:39 PM

AF

“ Tracy, I'm so very sorry to hear of Joey's passing. He was an excellent educator and school administrator. No matter how tough things got, he always had a smile on his face. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Archie Franchini

Archie Franchini - May 28, 2024 at 05:29 PM

DR

“ Dave & Ann Kennedy, Roy & Ashley Rhymer purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph L. Gaskins.



Dave & Ann Kennedy, Roy & Ashley Rhymer - May 28, 2024 at 03:33 PM

DR

“ Dave & Ann Kennedy, Roy & Ashley Rhymer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph L. Gaskins.

Dave & Ann Kennedy, Roy & Ashley Rhymer - May 28, 2024 at 03:33 PM

RP

“ My heart hurts for you Tracy, the children and all of his family and friends that loved and knew him. I fondly remember the days of working with both of you at Cross Elementary. Joey always had a smile and some smirky comment to the other teachers that would keep us laughing. When I think of him I think of his dedication to his family and his school family. He loved you all so much. I remember when you married him! Time fades some things, but the memories of those that have touched our lives stay hidden in our heart and brought to the surface to give us a smile. I will remember Joey as that man that could handle his kids in his class and also handle all of the women teachers around him. He will be missed by many that he touched and those that loved him. God Bless and Comfort you and the family now and the days to come.



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**Rae Beth Poston** - May 28, 2024 at 02:45 PM

DF

“ Dick Hottinger and Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Joseph L. Gaskins.



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**Dick Hottinger and Family** - May 28, 2024 at 02:42 PM

CO

“ I am so sorry Tracy! This news broke my heart for you and your sweet family. I started my career with you both in my life. Joey was such a great man. When I think about him, I see him smiling from ear to ear. He always brightened the day and made me laugh. He loved all of you so much. He will be missed. Please know prayers and hugs are being sent your way! Love, Cameron Owens



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**Cameron Owens** - May 28, 2024 at 08:08 AM

KG

“ Mr. Gaskins was my Assistant Principal some years past.. He was so encouraging and always smiling. He was an inspiration everyday. I am so sorry for his loss!

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**Kelly Garvin** - May 28, 2024 at 07:00 AM

DS

“ Joey was a wonderful man who was always upbeat and kept me smiling . We spent many hours talking as he sorted out his investigations of bus incidents , hence his nickname Sherlock Holmes. He will be greatly missed and I will forever hold our memories close to my heart.

To Tracy and the kids ..... His love for you was obvious and made his beam with pride each time he mentioned your names or told me of your accomplishments . May you find peace knowing you were his every breath and may those memories carry you through the pain and sadness of his earthly loss. RIP Joey 💔

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**Denise Skallet** - May 28, 2024 at 05:04 AM

TR

“ We have know Joey for 37 years and he was a wonderful person with the best sense of humor and always had us laughing. We enjoyed many cookouts and dinners with the family. He was a great husband and father and will be missed so very much. Keeping his family in our prayers. 🙏

Tina Royal - May 27, 2024 at 11:37 PM

ID

“ I had the absolute pleasure to work with Joey for several years. What an absolute blessing to call him my colleague but most importantly, my friend. He was a loving father and husband. He always did things the right way. He was a truly dedicated professional. I will be keeping Tracy, Joseph, Julia, and the entire family in my thoughts and prayers.  
Ingrid Dukes

Ingrid Dukes - May 27, 2024 at 09:16 PM

CK

Tracy and family  
My heart ❤️ is broken for you and the kids and Fran and Joeys family,so sorry of his untimely passing, sad that we didn't get to see more of you all , living so far away , but so grateful for times we did , and remember your beautiful wedding we were privileged to attend,he was the kind of person that everyone has shared about him thus far,and how much joy we had when we visited in your home.  
May God Bless you all and give you peace and comfort in days ahead.  
I love you all and you're in my thoughts and prayers, wish I could be there .to hug all of you .

🙏❤️😊☐

Aunt Gay & family

Clarence Kirby - May 30, 2024 at 12:49 PM

SD

“ Tracy, I just have no words that are adequate enough to express my heartfelt condolences to you and the children. This news was such a shock! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything at all. Joey was a great man who worked hard every single day. He was a model for our students and a mentor to many. I enjoyed working with Joey. Praying for peace for you and family. Sissy Day

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**Sissy Day** - May 27, 2024 at 09:14 PM

RT

Joey was a wonderful man. So sorry for your loss.

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**Raymond Tuten** - May 29, 2024 at 07:19 AM

JR

“ Joey was a good man. He had ALL of the attributes of a good man. He was married to the daughter of the best friend that I ever had and that made him special to me. He helped raise two of the smartest, nicest, well behaved, and beautiful children that I've ever had the pleasure to know. We had many good times talking sports and life in general. He was blessed with Tracy as she was blessed with him. They were a special couple. As I said, Joey was a good man and I shall miss him.

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**Jim Royal** - May 27, 2024 at 08:49 PM