



Benjamin Hudson "Chip" Bridges, III

December 10, 1947 - December 15, 2022

Benjamin Hudson "Chip" Bridges, III, passed away peacefully at home on December 15, 2022.

Chip was born on December 10, 1947 in Salisbury, North Carolina, to Kathleen Louise Bridges and the late Benjamin Hudson Bridges, Jr. of Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Chip is survived by his mother, Kathleen Morgan Bridges of Kings Mountain, NC, his loving wife of 27 years, Cindee Bedford Bridges, children Brooke Beckett Bridges and Sarah Chancellor Bridges Price, stepchildren Daryl McEwen, Matthew McEwen all of Salisbury, NC and Jessica White of Asheville, NC. He is also survived by brothers William Bridges (Barbara) and Jake Bridges of Kings Mountain, NC, brother-in-law Richard (Mike) Bedford of Cleveland, NC and Curtis Graham of Mt. Ulla, NC, three grandchildren, several aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and several cousins. Chip was predeceased by his mother-in-law Dorothy Vreeland Bedford and sister-in-law Suzanne Mae Graham.

Chip graduated from Catawba College in 1970 with a degree in Business and from Wake Forest University School of Law with a Juris Doctor in 1973. He came to Salisbury to practice law with the firm of Woodson, Hudson, Sayers, Lawther & Bridges for eleven years. He eventually founded his own firm where he continued to practice real property law, trusts and estates and corporate law. While maintaining his own firm in Salisbury, he served as corporate counsel for over twenty years in land acquisition for Ryan's Family

Restaurants of Greer, South Carolina. He practiced law for 50 years. He was a long-term member of the estate planning and fiduciary law section and the real property law section of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Chip was a long-term member of St. John's Lutheran Church where he served on numerous committees and boards. He also served on the board of the Historic Salisbury Foundation and as a trustee of Salisbury Academy. Chip was a long-term member of the YMCA and worked tirelessly behind the scenes for numerous civic and charitable organizations and he will be remembered for his wise counsel and calming effect that he had on others. He mentored many young attorneys and always provided a listening ear for those in need. His loves were God, family and country (and his Labrador retrievers that were always by his side). He was a proud member of the American Legion and served in US Army Reserves for six years. He will sorely be missed and lovingly remembered by his many friends, clients and colleagues. A funeral service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on January 10, 2023 at 2 p.m.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 West Innes Street, Salisbury, North Carolina, 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Bridges family. On-line condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church
200 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

HA

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Chip for a long time both as a friend and professionally. I worked for Chip regarding his law firm’s personal injury cases for over thirty years. He always served his clients in the highest professional manner.

My condolences to his family. He will be missed greatly.

H Mark Arthur - January 01, 2023 at 04:21 PM

MS

“ When I moved to Salisbury from Greensboro, I only knew one person, Paul Hinkle, as we both worked in Greensboro for IRS. I met Chip thru Paul and had some IRS dealings with Chip. Chip became a friend, and we would see each other around town from time to time. I also used his law practice on some issues. Chip was a good friend and a perfect gentleman. I express my sincere condolences for his passing. He will be missed by all those who knew him. Marjorie Gordon Sisk

Marjorie Gordon Sisk - December 29, 2022 at 01:08 PM

RM

“ It was my privilege to get to know Chip. He always had a smile on his face. It was a pleasure to work with him. He represented the law very well. My condolences for your loss.
R. Giles Moss

R. GILES MOSS - December 29, 2022 at 11:00 AM

MB

“ *Cindee and family*

Our condolences for your loss

It was my privilege to know him as an esteemed friend and colleague over these many years

May God comfort you over these coming days

Mac Blankenship

Mac Blankenship - December 29, 2022 at 08:00 AM

KS

“ *The Historic Salisbury Foundation Board and staff are deeply saddened by this great loss in our community. We wish the Bridges family our warmest condolences.*

Kimberly Stieg - December 25, 2022 at 05:11 PM

JS

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Jonathan Sowers - December 24, 2022 at 02:57 PM

FM

Chip was my attorney and friend since 1973. I used to guard him when we played noon league basketball at the old YMCA in Salisbury, NC

Fred Moore - January 09, 2023 at 12:21 AM