



Joseph "Joe" David Lang

March 4, 1953 - January 1, 2026

Mr. Joseph David Lang a long-time resident of Lexington, North Carolina, passed away Thursday, January 1, 2026, surrounded by his loved ones at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Hospital, after a month-long battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Joseph, fondly known as Joe or Pap to many, was born to the late Robert Lee Lang and the late Mary Hudson Lang on March 4, 1953, in Morven, North Carolina. He was a master in many crafts, an award-winning woodworker, a Boy Scout Master, could build anything he was asked, and had the biggest smile in any room. There will never be enough words to fully and accurately describe who Joe was or the impact he had on those who were blessed to know him.

At the heart of Joe's life, was his love for his wife, Shirley. Together, they shared 55 beautiful years of marriage built on devotion, respect, and unwavering commitment. Their love was steady and enduring; a true partnership through every season of life. Side by side, they built a home filled with warmth, laughter, faith, and unconditional love. Through life's joys and challenges, Joe remained a constant source of strength and support for Shirley, loving her faithfully and wholeheartedly until his final days. Their bond was a living example of what it means to love deeply and selflessly.

Joe was a father figure to many, offering guidance, wisdom, and a steady presence when it was needed most. Joe's love knew no limits and spanned

generations, from his children, to his grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Each one he deeply cherished and he took immense pride in watching his family grow, leaving behind a legacy of love that will continue to grow for generations to come.

To his friends, Joe was loyal, genuine, and endlessly kind. He never met a stranger and had a remarkable way of making everyone feel valued and at ease. Conversations came easily to him, and friendships followed naturally. Whether a lifelong friend or someone he had just met, Joe treated everyone with the same warmth, respect, and sincerity. His presence brought comfort, laughter, and a sense of belonging wherever he went. His door (and his heart) was always open.

For many years, Joe dedicated himself to his work at O'Henry House Furniture, where his commitment, reliability, and craftsmanship were evident to all that knew him. He took great pride in his work and believed deeply in doing things the right way. His strong work ethic was something he carried into every area of his life and passed on to those around him. He made many friendships through the years at O'Henry that he maintained even through his last days on earth.

Joe loved working with his hands and that passion showed in so many ways. Whether through his craftsmanship, projects, or the countless things he built and fixed over the years, his attention to detail and pride in his work were unmistakable. Each piece he touched carried a part of him, his patience, skill, and care.

Even in the hardest moments, Joe found ways to bring light. He was known for cracking jokes, sharing stories, and making people smile when they needed it most. His laughter was genuine, his humor effortless, and his ability to lift spirits (even on his last day) was a true gift. Being around Joe meant

feeling lighter, even on heavy days, and that joy is something his family and friends will forever hold close.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Shirley, of the home; two children, Kathy Lang (Josiah) of Thomasville and Greg Lang of Lexington; a loving sister and two sweet brothers; many grandchildren whom he loved and adored beyond measure; and great-grandchildren who held a special place in his heart. He is also survived by many extended family members who were very close to him and deeply loved. His family was his greatest pride and joy, and his love for each of them was constant, unconditional, and unwavering.

Above all, Joe will be remembered for his kindness, his quiet strength, and his never-ending love for his family. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the lessons he taught, and the love he gave so freely.

"He carved life into wood. As the days draw to a close, his hands may rest, but everything he built still holds his love."

A funeral service will be held for Joe at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at the J.C. Green and Sons Chapel in Thomasville, NC, with Pastor Charlie Collins officiating. Burial will follow at Holly Hill Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will greet friends on Monday evening from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Holly Hill Memorial Park Cemetery

401 West Holly Hill Rd.
Thomasville, NC 27360
(336) 472-7455
memorials@hollyhillcemetery.com
<https://hollyhillcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

J.C. Green & Sons Funeral Home
122 W. Main St.
Thomasville, NC 27360
(336) 472-7774

Funeral Service

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

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