



John Henry Burchstead

March 25, 1956 - January 26, 2025

John Henry Burchstead, 68, died January 26, 2025, in Greenville after a long illness.

The son of the late Harry B. and Julia R. Burchstead of Reidville, he is survived by his wife, JoAnne; his brothers, Harry Burchstead (Barbara) of Sumter and Palmer Burchstead of Reidville; and sisters, Anne Howard (W. Edward) of Lexington and Karin Kapsidelis (Thomas) of Richmond, Virginia. He was a beloved uncle to his nieces and nephews.

John was born March 25, 1956, at Fort Meade, Maryland, and grew up as the youngest of five Army “brats” in Germany, Texas, North Carolina, and South Carolina. He graduated from James F. Byrnes High School, where he played saxophone in the school band, and Wofford College, where he earned an ROTC scholarship. He served as a captain in the United States Army.

John’s military career included a tour of duty in South Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division as a platoon leader at the demilitarized zone during a period of heightened tensions with North Korea. He also commanded a basic training company at Fort Jackson. After the military, he worked in procurement and building management for businesses in Greenville and for the Cherokee County public schools.

John was active in the Masons and as a trustee for the historic Reidville school property. During his younger years, he played guitar in a band and was a volunteer firefighter. He was an outdoorsman, pilot and motorcyclist. He was known for his sharp wit and sense of humor that he never lost even as his

health deteriorated.

A graveside service will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 3, 2025, at Nazareth Presbyterian Church in Moore, South Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making memorials to Nazareth Presbyterian Church, 680 Nazareth Church Road, Moore, South Carolina 29369.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Nazareth Prebyterian Church Cemetery

680 Nazareth Church Road
Moore, SC 29369

Previous Events

Graveside

FEB 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *With deepest sympathy.*

Bruce Boiter - February 02, 2025 at 03:27 PM

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“ *Sarah Roddey McMillen lit a candle in memory of John Burchstead*



Sarah Roddey McMillen - February 01, 2025 at 07:36 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Henry Burchstead.*

January 31, 2025 at 02:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Henry Burchstead.*



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“ *Such a loss to our family. John's quick wit was always appreciated by our branch. We will miss him dearly.*

Amy, TC, Caden and Jackson

Gores - January 30, 2025 at 09:36 AM