



## John Kay

Heading: John William Kay

Shortly after midnight on January 22, 2010 our beloved husband, father, grandfather, father-in-law and true friend to many, John Kay, met his beloved Lord Jesus Christ after a lengthy and courageous battle with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. With him at his passing was his loving immediate family and caregivers.

Son of the late Robert Washington and Louise Lawrence Kay of Cornelia, Georgia, he was born in Seneca, S.C., December 5, 1922. A longtime Clemson supporter, Mr. Kay was graduated from Georgia Tech and retired from Texaco, Inc. He proudly served his country during WWII in the U.S. Navy as a pilot and was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his loving wife of 57 years, Betty Gastley Kay, son, John Kay, Jr. and his wife, Laurie of Greenville and two daughters, Janet and her husband, Dr. George Watt of Chapin and Julia Welch and her husband, Jack of Greenville. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Shelley Kay, John William Kay III, and his wife, Stephanie, Jennifer Kay, Andrew Sutton, Rebecca Welch, and Richard Welch and two great-grandchildren, Mackensie Kay and John William Kay IV, and numerous cousins.

He was predeceased by a brother, Robert Lawrence Kay.

A memorial service will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 24, 2010 at Memorial United Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Arthur Holt, Rev. John Rush and Rev. George Strait.

The family is at the home and will receive friends in the church fellowship hall following the service.

The family wishes to express thanks and gratitude to the dedicated and loving staff at The Cottages at Brushy Creek, especially to the staff of the Rose Cottage.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in John's honor to Memorial United Methodist Church, 201 North Main Street, Greer, S.C. 29650.

Online condolences may be made to [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 24. 3:00 PM (ET)

Memorial United Methodist Church  
201 N. Main St.  
Greer, SC

## Visitation

JAN 24. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr. John Kay's passing. He was very high on my list of favorite people!!! My heart felt sympathy go out to all of his family. I am so sorry. Pat Pavelock



Pat Pavelock - May 04, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ Dear Betty, Julia, Janet, and John, & grandchildren, With tears I read about your loss, and it also brought me sweet memories of getting to know you all at Rose Cottage. May your hearts be comforted by our Lord until you see your loved John again.##imported-begin##Elaine Kaetz##imported-end##

January 29, 2010 at 12:41 PM



“ Betty, John, Janet, and Julia, We were so sorry to hear about John. He was such a good friend and neighbor. We are thinking of you. Love, Sallie##imported-begin##Sallie Blackwell##imported-end##

January 25, 2010 at 11:14 PM



“ Dear Betty and family. We are deeply saddened by your loss. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. Be comforted by knowing that John is in a wonderful place and may happy memories bring a measure of comfort and peace to you. Love, Susie and Charles Crawford##imported-begin##Susie & Charles Crawford##imported-end##

January 25, 2010 at 08:38 PM



“ Betty, Jim and I were so sorry to learn of the death of John. I have thought of you and Johnny, Janet, and Julia many times through the years after we moved from Byron Road. I still remember John walking to the front yard and "calling" Johnny to come home now. Most of the time for supper ( I am Southern so I say supper, not dinner). All of this was fifty years ago when Jim and I were newly weds. Time has a way of getting by so swiftly. Our prayers are with all of you at this time.##imported-begin##Lib and Jim Tuten##imported-end##

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January 25, 2010 at 01:43 PM



“ Dear Kay family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Kay was a good man and I enjoyed getting to know him while he was at the cottages. He will be missed. All of you are in mine and Michaels thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Lonni Brown, Activity Coordinator, Cottages at Brushy Creek##imported-end##

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January 25, 2010 at 01:07 PM



“ So sorry to hear about John. His picture looked just like I remember him. May God surround all of you with His Grace.  
Yvonne##imported-begin##Yvonne Thackston##imported-end##

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January 24, 2010 at 04:51 PM



“ *Julia, Jack, Richard, Rebecca,  
We are sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that our thoughts  
and prayers are with you all.  
Love,  
Susan, Bob, Matthew, Lauren Sutton##imported-begin##Susan  
Sutton##imported-end##*

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January 23, 2010 at 08:42 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy, Betty, on your loss of John. What a fine  
Christian man and an example for all of us to follow. I remember him  
dearly at Memorial. Love, Jeanette Botts##imported-  
begin##Jeanette Anderson Botts##imported-end##*

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January 23, 2010 at 08:11 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of your father, Julia. My prayers are with  
you.##imported-begin##Shirley Howell##imported-end##*

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January 23, 2010 at 01:20 PM