



Rev. John T. Rush

June 2, 1939 - October 15, 2022

John Terrell Rush, 83, passed away on October 15, 2022 at his home in Greer, South Carolina surrounded by his family. He was born on June 2, 1939 in Europa, Mississippi to James Reese and Mary Bernice Rush. He leaves behind his wife of 57 years, Elaine Witcher Rush, three children, Rebecca Rush Wray (Ron), Karen Rush Whaley (Nathan) and Holly Rush Threatt (Leon), four grandchildren, Christopher Wray (Christina), Katie Wray, Isabel Sherrill and Reese Sherrill, and his beloved dog, Winston Rush. John graduated with a BA from Millsaps College, and then earned a Masters of Divinity from Duke University. He served in the South Carolina Methodist Conference beginning in 1966, and was a minister at Greer United Methodist Church for 9 years where, after retirement, he was awarded with the honorific Minister Emeritus.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church. The service will be conducted by Rev. Perry Evatt and Rev. Joe Cate. Time with the family will take place immediately following the service in the sanctuary at Memorial UMC. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Memorial United Methodist Church Building Fund, 201 N. Main Street, Greer, SC 29650.

The family would like to express its appreciation to Interim Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **23**. 2:30 PM (ET)

Memorial United Methodist Church
201 N Main St
Greer, SC 29650-1924
(864) 877-0956

Tribute Wall



“ *John Rush was a very special person. Toni and I enjoyed being with him when he would call and say, "Let's meet for lunch". We had received a message from a member of his previous church that we would love our new pastor before John arrived in Greer.*

Dolores McCullough - October 28, 2022 at 01:09 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. John T. Rush.*



October 19, 2022 at 02:59 PM

KR

“ We were blessed to have John Rush marry us on August 6, 1994. Bruce and I had a large wedding. The August heat and humidity accompanied by a large crowd must have made Rev. Rush particularly thirsty. I can remember him visiting the water fountain frequently. After all was said and done (wedding wise), Rev. Rush leaned in close to me and said, “I sure am glad that Memorial Methodist Church has a restroom close to the water fountain and the pulpit.” We all giggled but Rev. Rush laughed and laughed and laughed some more. He always seemed to find humor in the small stuff. His sweet grimace and cute sense of humor will surely keep Heaven laughing. Rev. Rush will be missed by many. His gentle, humble, and kind nature blessed everyone he met. Love from Bruce, Katie, Michael, Brady, Walker, and Buddy Redmon



Katie Redmon - October 19, 2022 at 01:37 PM

DH

“ I served as a Baptist pastor in Greer while John was at Memorial and he was always a friendly, kind Christian gentleman. We went to the Promise Keeper’s conference in Atlanta together back in the nineties and he was so much fun. We had a great time together. He will be missed. Prayers for his dear family as the Memorial Methodist family. Drew Hines

Drew Hines - October 19, 2022 at 12:49 PM

YF

“ Your BES SPED Family! purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. John T. Rush.



Your BES SPED Family! - October 18, 2022 at 01:35 PM

AK

“ Angie Kruse lit a candle in memory of John Rush



Angie Ashmore Kruse - October 18, 2022 at 08:21 AM



“ I grew up in Loris and I am friends with Becky. I Remember how calm and patient he was with all of us girls when we were at their house. In fact we called him John the Cool 😊 Prayers to the family!

Barbara Cheesman - October 17, 2022 at 09:19 PM

RG

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Pastor John's death. He was truly a favorite of mine! I will remember his kindness, faithfulness, wit and wisdom. My heart is full of memories of great conversations during my 17 years as District Admin. Pastor John always made sure I was being taken care of and treated well. That will always mean a lot to me.

My prayers are with and for you all during this time.

Rhonda K. Gilliam - October 17, 2022 at 03:02 PM

AH

“ So very sorry to hear this sad news! John was my friend, Memorial's faithful servant (and my helper), and a wonderful Alaska tour leader! We will be in Indiana visiting grandchildren at the time of the funeral, but John's family and our church family will be in our prayers!

Arthur Holt - October 17, 2022 at 10:29 AM