



John J Samenko

January 28, 1951 - February 10, 2016

John Jeffery Samenko, 65, of 199 Dewey Road, died February 10, 2016 at his home.

A native of New York, son of the late John and Dorothy Smith Samenko, and was a retired employee of GE.

Surviving are his wife, Cheryl Avery Samenko of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, John Robert Samenko (Patrinia) of Landrum and Chad Jeremy Samenko (Brandi) of Easley; one brother, Richard Samenko of Johnstown, NY; one sister, Gayle Beattie of Watervaliet, NY and five grandchildren, Alex, Andrew, Skylar, Jocelyn and Dylan Samenko.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Visitation will be held 5:00-7:00 p.m. Saturday at Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Regency Hospice, 880 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Suite 1A, Greenville, SC 29607 or Cancer Society of Greenville County, 113 Mills Ave., Greenville, SC 29605.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Tribute Wall

GL

“ John was a great friend in Schenectady and Greenville. We worked together as second shift foreman in the late 70's. I remember we flew to Chicago, for a safety Convention. John was ready to walk home before getting on the plane again. We made it back in one piece. I think that was John's last flight. John is in my prayers. My condolences and sympathy are with his family.
Gene F LaJeunesse

Gene F LaJeunesse - February 14, 2016 at 07:22 PM

RS

“ Sorry to hear of John's passing, He was my 1st supervisor when I came to GE in 2000. He was the best boss I ever have had, My thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Robert Shedlock



Robert Shedlock - February 14, 2016 at 09:36 AM

GG

“ To Cheryl and family, our deepest sympathies. You all will be in our prayers. John was my former boss for years and me and my wife considered him a friend as well. He spoke often of his beautiful and wonderful wife, he adored his children and grandchildren as they were a big part of his conversations.

*I don't know where I would be without his encouragement, guidance, words of wisdom and help. He was an amazing man and meant a great deal to our family. We shall never forget his courage and positive attitude in the face of sickness or his radiant smile and most of all his loving, caring heart. He was more concerned with the welfare of others than money, success or prestige. When my wife was diagnosed with a tumor even though he did not know her he took his precious time to call and check on her and on me which moved us beyond words. He offered any assistance he could during a challenging time for our family. Even when he was battling his own physical ailments, you never heard him complain and lived life with a smile and spirit of courage to battle what would come his way.. The world is certainly dimmer without him in it. If you need anything at all don't hesitate to call us. Hugs from Gene and Ginger Larke.
(General Electric)*

Gene & Ginger - February 13, 2016 at 03:36 PM



“ Larry Mabry lit a candle in memory of John J Samenko



Larry Mabry - February 13, 2016 at 03:02 PM



John was my first supervisor at G.E. and we shared many laughs during that time.He was a good man who always kept his people close and watched out for us.Although illness will preclude me from coming to the visitation I offer his family my deepest condolences.

Larry Mabry - February 13, 2016 at 03:08 PM

DB

“ *Delores Bryant lit a candle in memory of John J Samenko*



Delores Bryant - February 13, 2016 at 12:37 PM

RM

“ *Robert May lit a candle in memory of John J Samenko*



Robert May - February 13, 2016 at 11:27 AM

RM

“ *John was a Great boss and friend...He will be missed My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Robert May - February 13, 2016 at 11:20 AM

TM

“ I will never forget John. It's been a long time since we made the trip from Building 11 in Schenectady (long torn down) to helping to make Greenville the best. John was the big burly guy who had a heart of gold. He was was always "can do" and was so much fun to be around, both in and out of the plant. John could always make me laugh. I so valued my time with John.

Cheryl - my deepest condolences to you and your family.

Tad Matley - February 13, 2016 at 10:32 AM

SB

“ The years that John and I worked together at GE and enjoyed rounds of golf together at Greer Country Club will always be my fondest memories. He was a kind and caring friend who was loved by everyone that worked for him. He treated his GE team like family and was always willing to take the time to listen to their concerns. I will always remember John for his big smile and even bigger heart !!



Scott Barrett - February 13, 2016 at 04:51 AM

BG

“ My prayers go out to the family, and all that knew John. I met him many years ago, and thought of him as honest and fair. We had played golf together many times, especially the GE outings. He will surely be missed. B. Gibson, he knew me as Gibby



Brian Gibson - February 12, 2016 at 07:44 PM



“ *John was a great man, always willing to help anyone and offer well thought out good advice for any situation*



David Hogg - February 12, 2016 at 07:40 PM

BS

“ *Never got to work for John but every time I ever talked to him it made me feel like it was my loss. Rest in peace John. Sorry for your loss JR.*



Butch Snipes - February 12, 2016 at 09:24 AM

JM

“ *Cheryl,
Words cannot express our sorrow. John and you have been such great friends for so long and we miss him already. May all of your memories of him bring a smile to your face....
Love,
Dan & Judi*

JUDI MURPHY - February 12, 2016 at 09:23 AM

PM

He was my boss at GE for years. One of the best bosses I have ever had. My condolences to the family... he was a good hearted man....praying for you in your time of sorrow....

patty millwood - February 12, 2016 at 11:57 AM

RB

“ *Ralph Brooks lit a candle in memory of John J Samenko*



Ralph Brooks - February 12, 2016 at 08:42 AM

RB

He will be missed

Ralph Brooks - February 12, 2016 at 08:43 AM

DC

“ *The Carpenders and Hensons wish to express our sympathy of the passing of Mr. Samenko. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Dianne Carpender - February 12, 2016 at 08:33 AM

TP

“ *Tammy PRICE lit a candle in memory of John J Samenko*



Tammy PRICE - February 12, 2016 at 07:09 AM

DB

“ *Dennis Ballew lit a candle in memory of John J Samenko*



Dennis Ballew - February 12, 2016 at 04:39 AM

HA

“ Heather Andrews lit a candle in memory of John J Samenko



Heather Andrews - February 11, 2016 at 10:36 PM

TB

“ Great Guy! Worked many hrs. together at GE. He surely will be missed!!

Terry Bobie - February 11, 2016 at 08:38 PM

TB

“ Terry Bobie lit a candle in memory of John J Samenko



Terry Bobie - February 11, 2016 at 08:36 PM

Laura Jackerson

“ Such a sweet man

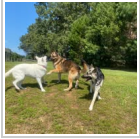


Laura Jackerson - February 11, 2016 at 08:04 PM

PA

“ God broke the mold for bosses when he made John. Such a great boss, and friend. He will be forever missed. I will be praying that God bless'es his family with comfort and peace. RIP John

Patrick Alexander - February 11, 2016 at 06:05 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. John was a great friend.

Tina Curley - February 11, 2016 at 05:37 PM

RB

“ Every time I spoke with John he always had a smile and a kind word. He always asked about the family and never complained about what he was going through. John will truly be missed in the HOG family of friends! He rode a rough ride for a long time but rode it with pride and class!

Roger Brown - February 11, 2016 at 05:21 PM

AG

“ John was one of the good ones. A gentleman in every sense of the word, always greeting everyone with his genuine smile and a strong handshake. John had a unique way of making you feel good just because you knew him.
I'll miss speaking with John but I will never forget him. God speed my friend and keep the rubber side down!

AJ Griffith - February 11, 2016 at 05:05 PM

ES

“ John will be so missed. He was a great friend and a Greenville HOG Member. He was always upbeat and he rode his Bike with the chapter when he was able. I enjoy working with him on the Board of Greenville HOG. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. John you were an Angel on Earth now you are an Angel in Heaven. Ride your Harley in the Clouds. From now on when I heard Thunder I will imagine it is you on your Harley revving the engines.

Elizabeth Shirley - February 11, 2016 at 04:53 PM

BH

“ John was a great operations leader and friend. He believed in me and opened up many opportunities for me. You will be missed my friend.

Bobby House - February 11, 2016 at 04:21 PM



“ John Was A True Gentlemen! Always Smiling And Had A Kind Word To Say! I Met John Through Harley Owners Group And He Was Great To Ride With And Hang Out With! Heaven Has Gained A Great Man! We'll Ride Again Someday John! R.I.P.

Tom Davis - February 11, 2016 at 03:47 PM

LA

“ I knew John from my time at GE. Always, always had a smile on his face and a kind word. We lost a great man but heaven gained one as well. Bless his family and help them through this time of grief.

Larry Jackson (Retired from GE 2012)

LarryJackson - February 11, 2016 at 03:04 PM



JR

“ I worked for John when I first came to GE. He was a true friend and taught me a lot. I will never forget when I had to call in work due to my mother in-law's passing. I had been talking to a lot of family just before I called him. I had to leave a message on his phone in which I explained the situation at the end I told him I loved him. I hadn't realized I had done so until my wif informed me of it. Of course I was in shock wondering what he would say. He waited until I returned to work and we were having our safety meeting and called me to come stand beside him. He then proceeded to tell me he loved me too in front of everyone! He the ask how my wife was doing and so on. I sure can't wait to see you in heaven John!

Jimmy Renner - February 11, 2016 at 02:26 PM

HO

“ Hege Owre lit a candle in memory of John J Samenko



Hege Owre - February 11, 2016 at 01:48 PM

OH

“ Ondra Hall lit a candle in memory of John J Samenko



Ondra Hall - February 11, 2016 at 01:12 PM

GC

Cheryl, so sorry to hear about John. We always had a lot of laughs at GE. John was a wonderful person. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Greg and Helen Casper
Charlotte, NC*

Greg Casper - February 11, 2016 at 02:18 PM

SZ

“ I worked with John for many yrs.....he was a character and one-of-a-kind for sure. We had a lot of good laughs and good talks, he was a good friend. He will be sorely missed by all those that ever knew him. I wonder how many Harleys have made it through the Pearly Gates, well, there's one there now !! May God Bless John's family during time of lose.....we'll see him soon ! Ride on John !!

Steve Zellner - February 11, 2016 at 01:08 PM