



## SGM (Ret.) Kenneth R. Young

July 23, 1931 - October 23, 2022

Sergeant Major Kenneth Reed Young, 91, formerly of Taylors, passed away October 23, 2022.

A native of Bridgeton, New Jersey, son of the late Boyd Charles and Kate Reed Young, he retired after 20 years of service as a Sergeant Major in the U.S. Army. He served as pastor of Winns Creek Baptist Church, Halifax, Virginia for 8 years. He retired after 15 years of service as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Greer, South Carolina.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor "Ellie" Schaffer Young of Lyman; four daughters, Karen Young (Randall Ledford) of Lihue, Hawaii, Carol Prentice of Graham, North Carolina, Cheryl Williams (David) of Travelers Rest, and Crystal Chapman of Greer; a son, Kendall Young (Kyri) of Travelers Rest; eleven grandchildren, Jonathan Prentice (Kat), Rachael Hack (Andy), Rebecca Clark (Christopher), Bradley Prentice (Cyndie), Ashley Barrett (Rayne), René Young (Patrick Ford), Alex Chapman, Jordan Al-Zaharnah (Josh), Taylor Young, Cheyenne Young, and Tonya Williams; and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Young was predeceased by two brothers, Joseph Young and Boyd Young, two sisters, Lena Opperman and Louisa Busnardo, and son-in-law, Bob Prentice.

A private graveside service will be held at Graceland East Memorial Park with full military honors.

Visitation will be held 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 27, 2022, at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Miracle Hill Ministries, 490 S. Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville, SC 29607 or Calvary Baptist Church, 101 Calvary St., Greer, SC 29650.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
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Greer, SC 29650  
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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Dear Ellie, My heart aches for you in the death of your dear husband. What a blessing to have had him for so many years. Praying that you will feel the Lord's nearness as you grieve. His grace is sufficient! Love in Christ, Sherry Hendrix

Sherry Hendrix - October 25, 2022 at 09:14 PM

AZ

“ Alexandra Z. purchased a sympathy card for the family of SGM (Ret.) Kenneth R. Young.



Alexandra Z. - October 24, 2022 at 05:03 PM

JD

“ Ronny and I share our love and deepest sympathy.

Janie Smith Dillard - October 24, 2022 at 05:00 PM

KC

“ My most heartfelt condolences, Ellie.

Keith



Keith Cunningham - October 24, 2022 at 04:46 PM