



Benjamin Smith Merchant Jr,

October 11, 1949 - August 12, 2023

Saluda, SC

Benjamin Merchant, Jr.

Benjamin Smith Merchant, Jr., 73, died August 12, 2023, at his home.

Born in Richland County and a son of the late Benjamin Smith Merchant, Sr., and Marie Mitchell Merchant, he was the husband of Carolyn Langford Merchant. Mr. Merchant served in the SC National Guard 122 ENG Company in Saluda. He was owner and operator of Merchant Farms and was former Chief and founding member, having served 24 years with Midlands Fire Department. Mr. Merchant was a member of Sardis Baptist Church and the Young Farmers Association.

Surviving are his wife, Carolyn Langford Merchant of Saluda, a son, Benjamin Merchant, III (Melanie Fogle) of Saluda, a daughter, Pamela "Freddie" New (Gary) of Enoree, a sister, Virginia Merchant of Moore, SC, three grandchildren, Austin Merchant, Lee New, Sophia New, and great-granddaughter, Annsleigh Merchant.

Mr. Merchant was preceded in death by a daughter, Marie M. Bryan.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am, Saturday August 19, 2023, at Sardis Baptist Church with Rev. Michael Bell and Rev. Burton Campbell officiating. The family will receive friends following the service in the church social hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sardis Baptist Church
204 Sardis Road
Saluda, SC 29138

Visitation

AUG **19** (ET)

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Following service in the church social hall

Tribute Wall

WG

“ *William Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Merchant*



William and Naomi Goodman - August 19, 2023 at 08:52 AM

RB

“ *I served with Sgt. Ben in the Saluda Guard. He was a very good Soldier. He served honorably. I am praying for all of the family. R.I.P. Sgt. Ben. We will see you again. Thanks, Robert Booth*

Robert Booth - August 17, 2023 at 04:58 PM

HW

“ *Haskell Willingham lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Merchant*



Haskell Willingham - August 17, 2023 at 02:45 PM

ST

“ *Sam Taylor lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Merchant*



Sam Taylor - August 16, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin Smith Merchant Jr.,*



August 15, 2023 at 10:10 PM



“ *It's so quiet here already without u Pop. Missing u so much.*

Melanie Fogle - August 15, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Crystal Edwards lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Merchant*



Crystal Edwards - August 15, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ *Pam and Ben, I am so sorry for your loss, your Dad was a special friend, and will be missed, you are in my thoughts and prayers*

Hilda

Hilda Carver-McLucas - August 15, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Carolyn
So sorry to hear of your loss.
Our prayers are with you and family. Benard and Marsue Brazell*

Marsue Brazell - August 15, 2023 at 10:58 AM

PA

“ *pam lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Merchant*



pam - August 15, 2023 at 09:24 AM

DK

“ *Debbie Kunkle lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Merchant*



Debbie Kunkle - August 14, 2023 at 07:32 PM



“ *Linda Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Merchant*



Linda Hendrix - August 14, 2023 at 06:30 PM