



## Donald Eugene Ridgell

November 1, 1951 - February 26, 2025

Prosperity, SC

Donald Ridgell

Donald Eugene Ridgell, 73, husband of Regina Mason Ridgell, passed away Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at Lexington Medical Center.

Born and raised in Prosperity, S.C., Donnie was the youngest son of the late James Eugene Ridgell and Roberta “Bobbie” Black Ridgell. A proud graduate of Hollywood High School’s Class of 1969, Donnie started his career as a surveyor for SCDOT before dedicating 37 years to V.C. Summer Plant, where he later retired.

A member of the Saluda Masonic Lodge #103, Donnie spent many years as an active Freemason, deeply valuing the bonds of brotherhood and service to the community. Throughout his life, Donnie loved spending time with his family and friends skiing, boating and fishing on Lake Murray. A passionate Carolina Gamecock fan, Donnie treasured his time at Williams-Brice Stadium, surrounded by friends, cheering, laughing, and creating memories that lasted a lifetime.

Donnie was not more than a loving and devoted husband to Regina, his wife

of 50 years, he was her best friend and unwavering partner in life. To his children, Lacy and Justin, he was their rock and their guiding light. His three grandchildren were his pride and joy, and he cherished every moment spent with them, passing down the values of kindness, hard work, and respect in the way only he could—through patience, laughter, and endless love. Whether offering words of wisdom, a helping hand, or a warm embrace, Donnie's presence was a gift to everyone who knew him. His love and laughter will echo in the hearts of his family forever.

Surviving alongside his wife are his daughter, Lacy Arlette Ridgell (Matt Stoudemayer), his son, Justin Ridgell, both of Prosperity, three grandchildren, Ethan LaBrian Ridgell, Lily Dawn Ridgell, and Saylor Liv Stoudemayer, and two brothers, William Norris Ridgell, Sr. of Leesville, and Doyle Ray Ridgell of Prosperity. Donnie was preceded in death by an infant brother, Robert Eugene Ridgell.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2025, at Corinth Lutheran Church with Frank Anderson officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends following the burial at Donnie and Regina's home. Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Corinth Lutheran Church Cemetery

638 Corinth Road  
Saluda, SC 29138

# Previous Events

## Funeral

MAR 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Corinth Lutheran Church  
638 Corinth Road  
Saluda, SC

## Visitation following Burial

MAR 3.

The home of Donnie and Regina's

# Tribute Wall

KL

“ Sorry to hear of Donnie's death. My mother taught him in Sunday School kindergarten in the '50's.

Keith Lester - March 03, 2025 at 01:03 PM

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“ Carolina Brush Cutting planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Eugene Ridgell.

Carolina Brush Cutting - March 02, 2025 at 03:17 PM

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“ Carolina Brush Cutting purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Eugene Ridgell.



Carolina Brush Cutting - March 02, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Eugene Ridgell.



March 01, 2025 at 08:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Eugene Ridgell.

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“ Martin and Jackie Oxner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Eugene Ridgell.

Martin and Jackie Oxner - March 01, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ Martin and Jackie Oxner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Eugene Ridgell.



Martin and Jackie Oxner - March 01, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ Many good memories. Praying for the family.  
Tammy & Duane



Duane Shealy & Tammy Vance - March 01, 2025 at 09:07 AM



Regina and family!! I'm so sorry for y'all's loss!! He will truly be missed!! Each and everyone is in my thoughts and prayers!! God's got this!! God will help y'all through this!! Love y'all!!

Lyy Black - March 01, 2025 at 09:35 AM

JP

*Justin and family,  
I was so saddened to learn of your loss. My husband was good friends with your father and spoke of him often when he would see him at the recycling center at the Circle. They enjoyed lots of good conversation and laughs . May your happy memories carry you through the days ahead. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Janice Powell*

**JANICE R POWELL** - March 02, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Eugene Ridgell.

March 01, 2025 at 07:54 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Eugene Ridgell.



March 01, 2025 at 07:54 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Eugene Ridgell.



March 01, 2025 at 06:54 AM

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“ Angie Gibson lit a candle in memory of Donald Ridgell



Angie Gibson - February 28, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Eugene Ridgell.

February 28, 2025 at 08:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Eugene Ridgell.



February 28, 2025 at 08:54 PM

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“ Casey (parents), Amber, McKenzie, Chris purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Donald Eugene Ridgell.



Casey (parents), Amber, McKenzie, Chris - February 28, 2025 at 08:28 PM

RH

“ Sending our condolences and prayers to the family.

Ronda and Troy Hartley - February 28, 2025 at 05:14 PM