



## John Faye Berry

February 6, 1938 - March 22, 2024

Ward, SC

John Faye Berry

John Faye Berry, 86, went home to his Lord and Savior on March 22, 2024, at Saluda Nursing Center surrounded by his loved ones.

Born in Saluda on February 6, 1938, to the late John Raymond Berry and Caronell Jones Berry. He met his wife Sybil Daye Tallon Berry in 1957 and married on October 18, 1959. A graduate of Ridge Spring High School, Mr. Berry participated in the band, FFA, and took music lessons. He was a Sergeant in the SC National Guard 122 ENG Company of Saluda. He was a faithful member of Richland Springs Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and was the Music Director for over 50 years.

He had a passion for music where he was a member of a Berry family quartet and sang at numerous family functions, weddings and funerals. He continued singing Hymns at the Saluda Nursing Center until his health declined.

While in high school, Mr. Berry continued on a family tradition of raising chickens and started a cattle operation. Over time he expanded his farm with more pastureland and row crop operations which lives on today through his children and grandchildren. Through the years he began operating heavy construction equipment which was known as J. F. Berry Construction. His construction business expanded to include mining clay for Santee Cement in Holly Hill S.C. During this period of his life Mr. Berry and family purchased the property formerly known as Golden Glow Dairy in Lexington, SC to construct and develop what is now known as Golden Hills Golf and Country Club.

Mr. Berry was very active in community service. He served as President of the Saluda Young Farmers Association, President of the South Carolina Young Farmers, President of the Saluda Jaycees, President of Saluda County Farm Bureau, Treasurer of the National

Young Farmers Association and was a member of the Saluda County Cattleman's Association. He was also named South Carolina Young Farmer of the Year in 1967. He was member of Clemson University's athletic scholarship program, IPTAY, for over 60 years.

He had a passion for antique John Deere Tractors and assisted in the founding of Richland Creek Antique Power Association. The association held its first Richland Creek Antique Fall Festival in 1996 on his farm and continues on today.

Surviving is his wife of 64 years, Sybil, his son John Chadwick (Chad) Berry (Tara) of Saluda, a daughter, Catherine Dian Berry of Lexington, a brother, Alvin N. Berry (Evelyn) of Little Mountain, two sisters, Marguerite Johnson of Rock Hill and Ranelle Hughey of Simpsonville and three grandchildren, John Alexander Berry, Thomas Zachary Berry and Sarah Catherine Berry.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m., Monday, March 25, 2024, at Richland Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Darrell Engle officiating. Interment will follow in Saluda Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends following the burial.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Boy's Farm, P.O. Box 713, Newberry, SC 29108, Connie Maxwell Children's Home, P.O. Box 1178, Greenwood, SC 29648, or Richland Springs Baptist Church, Music Department, 6595 Duncan Road, Ward, SC 29166.

# Cemetery Details

## Saluda Memorial Gardens

610 Richland Creek Road  
Ward, SC 29166

# Previous Events

## Funeral

MAR 25. 2:00 PM (ET)

Richland Springs Baptist Church  
1895 Duncan Road  
Ward, SC 29166

## Visitation following Burial

MAR 25 (ET)

Saluda Memorial Gardens  
610 Richland Creek Road  
Ward, SC 29166

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Cathy Stone lit a candle in memory of John Berry*



**Cathy Stone** - April 14, 2024 at 12:34 PM

KR

“ *Mr. John was creative, talented, and a natural leader. He served his community with grace and inventiveness.*

*I feel such sympathy for you, his family. May you feel God's love and peace always. Sybil, you have been a loving helpmate. God bless you all.*

**Kay Rankin** - April 12, 2024 at 11:15 PM

CP

“ *Callen Park lit a candle in memory of John Berry*



**Callen Park** - March 26, 2024 at 03:41 PM

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**Callen Park** - March 26, 2024 at 03:41 PM

KL

“ *Saddened to hear of John Faye's passing. He was a good friend to our family (George Miller) through the years.*

**Keith Lester** - March 25, 2024 at 01:36 PM

LA

“ Loy & Sharon Stewart, Loy, John Allen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Faye Berry.

Loy & Sharon Stewart, Loy, John Allen - March 25, 2024 at 10:31 AM

LA

“ Loy & Sharon Stewart, Loy, John Allen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Faye Berry.



Loy & Sharon Stewart, Loy, John Allen - March 25, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ Chad and Dian,  
Sorry to read about your Dad passing, sounds like he was a great person.  
We will be making A donation in honor of him to Boys Farm, what a good program.  
Carl Unrue

Carl Unrue - March 25, 2024 at 07:18 AM

AS

“ Al, Rita, Taylor & Lucy Squires planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Faye Berry.

Al, Rita, Taylor & Lucy Squires - March 25, 2024 at 06:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Faye Berry.



March 25, 2024 at 06:21 AM

WG

“ William Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of John Berry



William and Naomi Goodman - March 24, 2024 at 05:51 PM

CR

“ RIP Mr. Berry, will never forget that huge fireplace we built for you and your buddy had to have one bigger. Prayers are with the family. 🙏🌹

Connie Whitfield Ray - March 24, 2024 at 03:35 PM

CF

“ I had many breakfasts with John Faye at a diner in Holly Hill during the time he was working in the area and Golden Hills was being developed. Enjoyed our friendship .

My thoughts and sympathies extend to Chad, Diane and all the family

Chuck Felkel

Chuck Felkel - March 24, 2024 at 07:49 AM

KH

“ My deepest condolences to you all. You all be in our thoughts and prayers.  
Sincerely, Kim Hartley Hall

Kim Hartley Hall - March 24, 2024 at 07:19 AM

LF

“ Love, Ray & Amanda Metchant & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Faye Berry.

Love, Ray & Amanda Metchant & family - March 24, 2024 at 07:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Faye Berry.



March 24, 2024 at 07:03 AM

RW

“ Ray Wright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Faye Berry.

Ray Wright - March 23, 2024 at 11:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Faye Berry.*



March 23, 2024 at 11:25 PM

RG

“ *Ralph Marilyn Grant lit a candle in memory of John Berry*



**Ralph and Marilyn Grant** - March 23, 2024 at 10:29 PM

LF

“ *Love, Kathy and Jonathon Cox and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Faye Berry.*

**Love, Kathy and Jonathon Cox and Family** - March 23, 2024 at 07:40 PM

LF

“ *Love, Kathy and Jonathon Cox and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Faye Berry.*



**Love, Kathy and Jonathon Cox and Family** - March 23, 2024 at 07:40 PM