



John Robert Crawford

September 29, 1946 - October 16, 2020

Saluda, SC

John Robert Crawford, 74, husband of Vicky Moyer Crawford, passed away Friday, October 16, 2020.

Born in Saluda County on September 29, 1946, he was the son of Ms. Zell Crawford McCarty and the late Herman Crawford. He was a graduate of Saluda High School and Clemson University with a Bachelor's and Master's degrees. A retired teacher, coach, and administrator, he began his teaching and coaching career at W. Wyman King Academy. At Saluda High School John was a teacher, coached football and girls basketball and an administrator. He retired from Lexington District 1 where he was a teacher and an administrator. He was a member of the 122nd Engineer Battalion D Company SCARNG during the 70s.

Surviving in addition to his wife of the home, are his mother, and sons, Brandon Crawford (Meredith) of Saluda, Robert Lee Crawford (Sherry) of Ninety Six, stepsons, Bill Hensley of Greenwood, Curt Hensley of Greenwood and a brother, Von Crawford (Tangy) of Saluda. Grandchildren, Tucker Crawford of Saluda, and Addison Crawford of Ninety Six.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at

Zoar United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Hillary Taylor and Rev. Burton Campbell officiating. Due to Covid-19 please practice social distancing.

Memorials may be made to Zoar United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Janet Sample, 1237 Yarborough Rd., Saluda, SC 29138.

Cemetery Details

Zoar United Methodist Church Cemetery

226 Zoar Road
Saluda, SC 29138

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Brandon and Robbie,*

I am very sorry for your loss. Your families are in my thoughts and prayers!

*Sincerely,
Schanen Miller*

Schanen Miller - November 17, 2020 at 10:35 AM

BG

“ *Brenda Goodman lit a candle in memory of
John Robert Crawford*



Brenda Goodman - October 23, 2020 at 04:02 PM

GS

“ *I am sorry for your loss. I saw John Robert as a dad growing up with BB, as a son of great parents, as a coach while I was a manager at SHS, as a teacher as a student in his hort classes at Saluda. Later he was my assistant principal at Pelion as I started teaching and coaching myself. He was a great leader, a fair man and always willing to help me or a stranger if they needed help. This was done time and time again. I have great memories of Coach Crawford and family. Rest in peace. God give you all peace during this time.*

Grig Sawyer - October 23, 2020 at 07:56 AM

VC

Thank you, Grig, for your kind memories. John Robert held you in high esteem, also.

Vicky Crawford - October 28, 2020 at 06:50 PM

RC

“ *Our prayers are with all the family of John Robert, He fought a good fight and kept the faith all through his sufferings. He was very cordial and loved to share fellowship with those that he loved. He was diligent and a hard worker, and he kept on going when he didn't feel like it. All of the Crawford family are near to our hearts, and we love and appreciate all. May God bless you and keep you with his grace and love.*

Rev. Dennis Campbell - October 20, 2020 at 08:26 AM

VC

Thank you for your kind words.

Vicky Crawford - October 28, 2020 at 06:52 PM

OB

“ Vicky, I just wanted you to know that you and your family are in my prayers and thoughts. The one memory of John that stands out is in the sports arena. It has been some time, so I am simply pulling this from my memory bank, but I think that I recall that John had a nickname based upon him being the go to guy for short yardage, or going for a TD near the goal line, and that name was "Mole Crawford." One Friday night really brought out the reasoning behind that nickname. Saluda had been defeated 40-0 by Summerville, coached by the legendary John McKissick. Coach Player said, "We will be back." Saluda was playing LBC at home if I recall, this was a must win, and on the winning drive, it was all John Robert Crawford. Kill the clock, pick up first downs, and score the TD. On one play, I do not recall the down, the handoff went to of course, "Mole" Crawford. Both teams as is often the case when the defense has already figured it out, had collapsed into one big pile, and it was "Mole" Crawford up the middle, stop him if you can, the pile was still moving at a snail's pace, no whistle, when out from the other side comes "Mole" Crawford, who proceeded forward for a long gain. Everyone was in that big pile. May God comfort you and your family during this time. He will see you through.

OB)Otis Narvin Bledsoe - October 20, 2020 at 12:03 AM

VC

Thank you for sharing your memory about the LBC game at Saluda in 1963. You will find this game on YouTube; I just finished watching it. It did my heart good.

Vicky Crawford - October 28, 2020 at 06:57 PM

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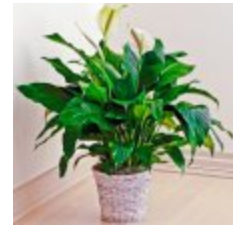
BS

“ So sorry for your loss our class seems to be getting smaller take care Billie Stone Starling

billie starling - October 19, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of John Robert Crawford.



October 19, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Robert Crawford.



October 19, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ I had only just met Mr. John Robert Crawford a short few months ago but his charisma and good ole Southern Charm were of the finest character. I'm truly sorry that I didn't get the opportunity to spend more time to listen to his stories or as John Robert stated to me on at least a couple of occasions, "Michael, you and me need to go have us a good time!" I could tell by the twinkle in his eye and his grin that we would have had a good time for certain.
Rest in Peace in Mr. JR!

GO TIGERS!!

Mike Moyer - October 19, 2020 at 02:21 PM



Mike, I remember hearing him tell you that. He always enjoyed you and Rhett watching football games with us. **GO TIGERS!**

Vicky M Hensley - October 19, 2020 at 10:02 PM

SB

“ *Ms. Zell, Brandon, Robbie, Vickie, Von*

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of John Robert. May God give all of you comfort and peace. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sandra Black and Family
Thomas Shaw and Family
Sula Shaw and Family*

Sandra Black - October 19, 2020 at 10:31 AM

VH

Thank you.

Vicky M Hensley - October 19, 2020 at 10:03 PM

ES

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Evette Shumpert - October 19, 2020 at 10:19 AM

ES

“ I worked with John Robert for many years at Pelion High School. He always had my back and always supported those who worked for him. He was a great boss that became one of my dearest friends, broke my heart the day he retired. I will always cherish the many, many fun memories I have of him here at PHS. I had the utmost respect for him always. He cared deeply for others and it showed through the many years of working with him, I am honored to have worked for him and have such a sad heart to hear of his passing. Prayers to his precious mother and the rest of his family. May God give you comfort, peace, and strength during the days ahead.

Evette Shumpert - October 19, 2020 at 10:16 AM

VH

Thank you for your kind words. John Robert was not only a special person but a true Southern Gentleman who had a heart of gold.

Vicky M Hensley - October 19, 2020 at 10:08 PM

DB

“ John was a great person to work with. He was one of my favorite Assistant Principals when I worked at the LCS District One Administration Office. He's a good friend. He will be missed. Love and Prayers for his Family.

Deborah Ann Black - October 19, 2020 at 08:12 AM

JW

“ I am so sorry for the loss your family is going through. You will be in my prayers.

John Wheeler - October 19, 2020 at 06:29 AM

VH

Thank you.

Vicky M Hensley - October 19, 2020 at 10:10 PM

PR

“ *Coach was a good man. So sorry to learn of his passing.*

Pat Rushton - October 18, 2020 at 11:36 PM

SH

“ *Sethalene Scurry Huff lit a candle in memory of John Robert Crawford*



Sethalene Scurry Huff - October 18, 2020 at 10:23 PM

EM

“ *To the family of John Robert, I'm sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Ernestine McKinney



Ernestine McKinney - October 18, 2020 at 07:43 PM

LP

“ *Hate to hear this, what great memories I have of he and my dad at Clemson football games. BB and Robbie I want y'all to know he was a great guy and influence on my life. Many great moments I'll cherish.*

Lee Pryor - October 18, 2020 at 07:25 PM

SR

“ We are so sad for your loss and will continue to keep you all in our prayers. He was a great man and is missed dearly. God bless you all. With all of our love, Steve and Teresa Rodgers



Steve & Teresa Rodgers - October 18, 2020 at 07:24 PM

WG

“ William And Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of John Robert Crawford



William and Naomi Goodman - October 18, 2020 at 07:24 PM

EF

“ Elizabeth Forrest lit a candle in memory of John Robert Crawford



Elizabeth Forrest - October 18, 2020 at 07:01 PM

SB

“ Condolences to all the family. John Robert was a friend and a classmate. Blessings and peace to all of you.

Selma Smith Bettis - October 18, 2020 at 06:38 PM

CR

“ I remember the first time I met you, your smile and sense of humor was contagious. RIP John Robert.



Connie Whitfield Ray - October 18, 2020 at 06:09 PM

VC

Thank you for your kind words.

Vicky M. Crawford - October 22, 2020 at 09:10 PM

BC

“ John and worked together at Saluda High many years.He was a good school worker and close friend.He would help you any way he could. I will miss him. Buddy Corley

buddy corley - October 18, 2020 at 05:28 PM

VC

Buddy, John Robert enjoyed your friendship and also working with you. He was truly a one-of-a-kind man.

Vicky M. Crawford - October 22, 2020 at 09:13 PM

KP

“ Mr. Crawford was one of the best administrators I have ever worked with. He was always tough, yet fair with the students. I will never forget his southern accent on the announcements about wearing your id. Such a blessing to education he was.

Kristina Parks - October 18, 2020 at 05:14 PM

VC

Thank you for your kind words. I miss his southern voice.

Vicky M. Crawford - October 22, 2020 at 09:15 PM

KD

“ He was one of the best bosses i have ever work for. He will be missed by all. He taught me a lot about how to be fare but strong when dealing with trouble teenagers.

Karen Kirkland Davis - October 18, 2020 at 02:35 PM

VC

Thank you for your kind words.

Vicky M. Crawford - October 18, 2020 at 08:50 PM

CP

Sympathy to his family. He was the kind of person who would help anyone who needed it. His family holds a special place in my heart.

Cindy Padgett-Lugo - October 19, 2020 at 10:28 AM

JS

“ Our CRAWFORD family is so close, John and I were raised about like brother and sister. Both families did so much together, and, growing up, few days passed without us seeing each other. I have many precious memories I will cherish of our childhood days. Later, as we married, we were still close. John loved Rudy as much as he loved me. We laughed together and cried together throughout the years. This year, we only saw him the day he and Vicky were married. I was so hopeful, that with his marriage to Vicky, he would have more happy years, and when Covid restrictions were lifted we would have some good times together as couples. My heart aches for Vicky, Aunt Zell, Brandon, Robert Lee, and Von, but mostly it aches because it is broken in two. Another of my precious cousins is safe in the arms of Jesus.

Jewell Scott - October 18, 2020 at 01:55 PM

JH

So sorry to hear this, knew them well growing up! Prayers!

Jenny Henry - October 18, 2020 at 06:54 PM

PW

“ *My memories of John and Brandon and Robbie are most special to me and my family. John was a friend always....even after times our families were separated. His depth of faith and goodness will always be his legacy. Paula Willis*

Paula Willis - October 18, 2020 at 01:34 PM

VC

Thank you.

Vicky M. Crawford - October 22, 2020 at 09:17 PM

JE

“ *Your Family are in Our Thoughts and Prayers.*

Brenda, Jerry and Your FRIENDS at The HARDWARE Store.

Jerry - October 18, 2020 at 01:29 PM

RJ

Will always miss my friend John Robert such a great friend you Could always depend on him to be there. Had some great times together will always remember my tiger buddy love ya JRC. One of the good goys !!!' So sorry to hear this sad news Brandon Robbie And Vicky. RIP friend

Roy Pryor Jr - October 18, 2020 at 05:03 PM

VH

Roy, he talked of the good times the two of you had.

Vicky M Hensley - October 19, 2020 at 10:19 PM



Thank you.

Vicky M. Crawford - October 22, 2020 at 09:18 PM