



## Raiford F. Kirkland

September 14, 1949 - September 19, 2017

Leesville, SC: Raiford F. Kirkland, 68, died Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at Newberry County Memorial Hospital.

A native of Saluda County and a son of the late Robert Lee and Lucille Bartley Kirkland, he was the husband of Mary Helen Rodgers Kirkland. Mr. Kirkland was a retired lineman with Sumter Builders. His hobby was Civil War Reenactment and he was a wonderful husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother and friend.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Helen Rodgers Kirkland, a son, Mark Kirkland (Amy) of Chapin, a sister, Margaret Banks of Ward and two grandchildren, Chloe Kirkland and Ellie Kirkland.

Mr. Kirkland was preceded in death by two brother, Raymond Kirkland and James Kirkland.

A graveside service will be held 5 PM Sunday, September 24, 2017 at Red Bank Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Larry Smith officiating. The family will receive friends following the service.

Memorials may be made to Amick Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church, 2090 Batesburg Hwy., Batesburg, SC 29006.



# Cemetery Details

## Red Bank Baptist Church Cemetery

309 E. Church St.  
Saluda, SC 29138

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 24. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Sister Mary Helen, Mark, Amy, Chloe, and Ellie:  
Our hearts are sad because our Brother has departed, but we know that we will see him again one day in Heaven.. So happy we got to see him one more time at the hospital to have prayer, and see you all the other day at home. Please know that we will continue to remember you in our prayers.*



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**Burton Campbell** - September 23, 2017 at 03:32 PM

 Dan  
Oliver

“ *Mary Helen and family, I extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family. A good heart has stopped beating, a good soul ascended to heaven. Raiford is now in Gods army.*

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**Dan Oliver** - September 22, 2017 at 12:31 AM

VB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Times will be hard to go on without your mate but God will be there with you as he is with me just losing mine. Please let me know if you need anything. I will keep you in my prayers.*



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**Viola Boatwright** - September 21, 2017 at 03:01 PM

VB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers have been with you. The times ahead of you will be very hard without your mate as I am trying to deal with my loss. I am here if you need anything.  
Love Viola



**Viola Boatwright** - September 21, 2017 at 02:53 PM

MK

“ Malinda Kirkland sent a virtual gift in memory of Raiford F. Kirkland



**Malinda Kirkland** - September 21, 2017 at 12:18 PM

JP

“ Jackie Pickard lit a candle in memory of Raiford F. Kirkland



**Jackie Pickard** - September 21, 2017 at 10:56 AM



“ I pray that God will embrace you with his love and strength during this difficult time. I have very fond memories of Mr. Raiford. He was always a very kind man to me. Sending my deepest heartfelt sympathy to you all-Mrs.Mary Helen, Mark, Amy and the entire family. In God we trust, Deborah and Edward Doolittle

**Deborah N Edward Doolittle** - September 21, 2017 at 10:40 AM

SJ

“ *Im so sorry Mary Helen. Raiford was a great neighbor and friend. Its gonna be strange not having him around to keep an eye out on things for us.*

*You are in my thoughts and prayers through this time.*

*Much love,  
Jurhett (Jet)*



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**Samantha Jurhett** - September 21, 2017 at 10:03 AM

KW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. God will be with you throughout.*  
*Love, Karen Lindler White*



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**Karen Lindler White** - September 21, 2017 at 09:00 AM

MF

“ *Mose & Robin Salters & Family lit a candle in memory of Raiford F. Kirkland*



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**Mose & Robin Salters & family** - September 21, 2017 at 12:59 AM

GP

“ *It is with a heavy heart that I send my deepest sympathy to Raiford's family. I was raised up with him and I am proud to have done so . He was a great person and a good friend and a precious part of my youth that we lost much too soon. We have all lost someone who will be missed by everyone that knew him. My best goes to Mary Helen and the rest of the family in the adjustment days to come.*

*With Love and Deep Respect*

*Gerald B. Powell*

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**Gerald B. Powell** - September 21, 2017 at 12:19 AM