



## Raymond "Jerry" Gerald Strawbridge

July 5, 1942 - February 7, 2022

Raymond "Jerry" Gerald Strawbridge, 79, of Leesville, SC, passed away Monday, February 7, 2022 at home surrounded by his family.

Jerry was born on July 5, 1942, to the late Elbert Leroy and Margaret Mitchell Strawbridge in Columbia, SC. After graduating from Myrtle Beach High School in 1960, he joined the South Carolina National Guard where he served 40 years. Upon his retirement, he held rank of Sergeant Major for 14 years. He was a Past Master of Pacific Masonic Lodge and member of Saluda Masonic Lodge. He was also a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, as well as a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th Masonic District.

Jerry was previously Chair of the Republican Party of Saluda County, Chair of Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority, and current Chairman of the Saluda County Council. He was a member of Rehoboth United Methodist Church where he served as Chairman of the Administrative Council, was a Sunday School teacher, and delivered several testimonies of his faith.

Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Denise Rowsam Strawbridge, three daughters, Angela Thompson (John), Katherine Carter (James) and Ashley Rose (Tyler), one son, Raymond Strawbridge, Jr. (Dawn), five sisters, Dianne Aikman (Michael) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Brenda Joyner (Wayne) of Lugoff, Linda Turbyfill (Arthur) of Lugoff, Margo Brooks (Larry) of Dallas, TX and

Barbara Jean Stamper (Ryan) of Mansfield, OH, and seven grandchildren, Jacob, Daniel, Phillip, Lee, Clayton, Mason and Kaylin.

Mr. Strawbridge was preceded in death by a sister, Kay Russell.

The family would like to take the opportunity to thank Ralph Kennedy, Dr. Cline, Dr. Wells, Dr. Gantt, Dr. McCartha, Dr. Wheeler, the staff of the Lexington Oncology Department, MSA Home Health and Hospice, Amedisys Hospice, Rehoboth UMC family.

A funeral service will be held at 2 PM, Sunday, February 13, 2022 at Rehoboth United Methodist Church with Rev. Colton officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends following the service.

Memorials may be made to Rehoboth UMC, 936 Holly Ferry Road, Leesville, SC 29070, Saluda County EMS, 400 W. Highland St, Saluda, SC 29138, American Lung Association, 2030 North Church Place, Spartanburg, SC 29303, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorials Processing, 501 St. Jude PL, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

# Cemetery Details

## Rehoboth United Methodist Church Cemetery

936 Holley Ferry Road  
Leesville, SC 29070

# Previous Events

## Funeral

FEB 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rehoboth United Methodist Church  
936 Holley Ferry Road  
Leesville, SC 29070

## Visitation following Burial

FEB 13 (ET)

Rehoboth United Methodist Church  
936 Holley Ferry Road  
Leesville, SC 29070

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Denise, Ashley Rose, and Family,*  
*I remember the family from when Ashley Rose was at the Gateway at Harbison. I continued to visit her for a while after she went to the Lexington campus. The Strawbridge family always was one of my favorites. I always wished I had kept in better touch with all of you. I met Kathy a year or so ago. I was so happy to be able to ask about the family again. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. I wish I had seen this before today, Feb. 15, 2022. I would have been at the service on Sunday.*

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**Terri Shupe** - February 15, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond "Jerry" Gerald Strawbridge.*



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February 13, 2022 at 12:37 PM

GJ

“ *Jerry was a born leader and man of God. I am so blessed to have been call his church brother and friend. Giles Johnson.*

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**Giles Johnson** - February 12, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond "Jerry" Gerald Strawbridge.*



February 11, 2022 at 07:59 PM



“ *Our prayers for God's comfort are with you and your family right now. Orton Bellamy Horry County Council District 7*

**Orton Bellamy** - February 11, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *Walter Moore lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Jerry" Gerald Strawbridge*



**Walter Moore** - February 11, 2022 at 07:53 AM



“ *Linda & Marion Red purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Raymond "Jerry" Gerald Strawbridge.*



**Linda & Marion Red** - February 10, 2022 at 07:33 PM

LC

“ *Denise and Ray (family).  
our thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you. we  
had so many good times  
with the SCARNG. He will be greatly missed.*

*Imogene and Louie Conder*

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**Louie Conder** - February 10, 2022 at 11:58 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Raymond "Jerry" Gerald Strawbridge.*



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February 10, 2022 at 10:33 AM

LR

“ *Lewis & Lois Rodgers lit a candle in memory  
of Raymond "Jerry" Gerald Strawbridge*



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**Lewis & Lois Rodgers** - February 10, 2022 at 10:31 AM

TV

“ *Jerry will be truly missed. Condolences to the  
family. Tammy Vance & Duane Shealy, Big  
Mans Marina*



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**Tammy Vance** - February 10, 2022 at 08:53 AM

RT

“ Working with Jerry to get the SCWSA Water Treatment Plant was an exciting time for me. Jerry was a natural leader who had others best interest in mind. I always enjoyed talking Gamecock sports with him and hearing his many stories of his past. I will miss Jerry and always have respect for him. God please bless and comfort his family and friends.

Rip Tafta - February 10, 2022 at 08:44 AM

RP

“ Roy Pipkin lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Jerry" Gerald Strawbridge



Roy pipkin - February 10, 2022 at 08:15 AM

DJ

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the Strawbridge family on the passing of a great man who loved life!

Dwight Bradham Jr - February 09, 2022 at 08:08 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Raymond "Jerry" Gerald Strawbridge.



February 09, 2022 at 06:57 PM

JP

“ *A good man and friend who loved his family and country. Our sympathy to your family during this tough time. Jerry Pow and the MONDAY NITE SUPPER CROWD.*

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**Jerry Pow** - February 09, 2022 at 06:41 PM

BB

“ *Praying for Denise and all of the family. Jerry was a very dear friend. We enjoyed our time with Jerry during his years with the SCARNG. He was a great man and a great soldier. Bobby and June Barefoot*

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**Bobby and June Barefoot** - February 09, 2022 at 06:01 PM