



## Thomas Ray Reames

May 28, 1942 - February 27, 2016

Thomas Ray Reames, 73, passed away peacefully at his home Saturday, February 27, 2016.

Born in Johnston, S.C. and son of the late Benjamin Lake and Eloise Pou Reames, he was the husband of Connie Blease Reames. Mr. Reames was cofounder of King Academy in 1971 and served as the Headmaster for 13 years. He worked with his father-in-law at the Saluda Shirt Company, was a devoted football and baseball coach, a loyal Gamecock fan and served on the Saluda County school board for 15 years. He was the owner/operator with his son of Motor Coach since 1991 and a member and deacon of Saluda Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Connie Blease Reames; a son, Britt Reames (Tammie) of Saluda; two daughters, Libby Cromer (Chip) of Sugar Hill, Ga. and Meredith Crawford (Brandon) of Saluda; Grandchildren, Cody and Rylee Reames, Mack Cromer and Tucker Crawford; two brothers, Rev. Dr. Bill Reames (Frances) of Charlotte, NC and Jim Reames (Barbara) of Virginia and one sister, Frances King (Don) of Easley, SC along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Reames was preceded in death by a brother, Marion Reames and a sister, Sandra Reames.

The family will receive friends following the graveside service.

A graveside service will be held at 4 p.m., Monday, February 29, 2016 at Travis Park Cemetery with Rev. Stacy Smith and Rev. Burton Campbell officiating.

In lieu of flowers , memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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Memories and condolences may be shared online at [www.rameyfuneralhome.com](http://www.rameyfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Travis Park Cemetery

Travis Avenue  
Saluda, SC

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB **29**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Travis Park Cemetery  
Travis Avenue  
Saluda, SC

# Tribute Wall

GP

“ It is with a heavy heart That I extend my deepest sympathy to you, Mrs. Connie and to all your family. Coach Reames coached me in Football at Saluda Highschool and I am so thankful thatt he entered my Life and touched my life, along with the lives of many others.He was a great influence on any young person he encountered.

With respect,  
Gerald B. Powell

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**Gerald Powell** - March 02, 2016 at 01:11 AM

GM

“ I grew up in Johnston and have known the Reames family all of my life. I remember Ray as one who had a heart of gold and a kind word for everyone. Please accept my deepest sympathy. God surely has brought another angel home.

Gloria McClendon Mitchell

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**Gloria M. Mitchell** - February 29, 2016 at 02:33 PM

SH

“ Sethalene Huff lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ray Reames



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**Sethalene Huff** - February 29, 2016 at 12:36 PM

SB

“ *Ms. Connie, Britt, Meredith, Libby*

*Mr. Reames was one of the nicest men I knew. He was a wonderful Christian and loved everyone. He always had good things to say about everyone and was so complimentary. As a school board member, he was number one, always very professional. I loved him and will miss him dearly.*

*Sandra Black and family*

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**Sandra Black** - February 29, 2016 at 11:54 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Thomas Ray Reames.*



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February 29, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ *Eternal Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas Ray Reames.*



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February 29, 2016 at 11:18 AM

WB

“ *With our utmost condolences, and prayers that God will give to you his Help, his Strength, and his Love during this time of sorrow. The earthly loss of Ray is surely Heaven's gain. Wayne & Shirley Boone*

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**Wayne Boone** - February 29, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *Donna Padgett lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ray Reames*



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**Donna Padgett** - February 29, 2016 at 09:10 AM

JE

“ *Judy Enlow lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ray Reames*



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**Judy Enlow** - February 29, 2016 at 07:49 AM

EH

“ *Having grown up in Johnston, I knew Ray and liked him so much. He was a fine, Christian person. My condolences to the family. Ellen Boatwright Horn*

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**Ellen Boatwright Horn** - February 29, 2016 at 07:06 AM

TT

“ *Mr. Ray was one of a kind. I will miss seeing him around town and talking with him at his shop. Prayers for the family as they get this this difficult time.*



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**Tim Turner** - February 29, 2016 at 06:56 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Thomas Ray Reames.* ”



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February 29, 2016 at 06:49 AM



“ *Russell & Terry Winn lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ray Reames* ”



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**Russell & Terry Winn** - February 29, 2016 at 05:06 AM



“ *Penny Cleveland Clary lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ray Reames* ”



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**Penny Cleveland Clary** - February 28, 2016 at 08:33 PM



“ *Penny Cleveland Clary lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ray Reames* ”



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**Penny Cleveland Clary** - February 28, 2016 at 08:32 PM



“ *White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Ray Reames.*



February 28, 2016 at 07:08 PM



“ *Mary Kelly lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ray Reames*



**Mary Kelly** - February 28, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Ray Reames.*



February 28, 2016 at 06:48 PM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas Ray Reames.*



February 28, 2016 at 05:23 PM

JE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you .

*Your Friends at The Hardware Store*

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**Jerry** - February 28, 2016 at 05:08 PM

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“ *Connie, love and prayers to you and the entire family. Ray did and will forever hold a special place in my heart. God Bless you all during this time of sorrow, as you find solace in remembering the countless number of lives he touched.* 🙏🙏

*Love, Alice Vagnoni Mascio*



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**Alice Mascio** - February 28, 2016 at 02:36 PM

RK

“ *I remember Coach Reames as a great teacher with an even better sense of humor. I'll always remember when he called a female classmate out for talking. He made her come to the front of the class and he told her he had no choice but to use his paddle on her. She braced herself on his desk and as he started to paddle her, he brought his algebra book up and hit it with the paddle but she still jumped as if she had been shot. The whole class laughed so hard we had tears.*

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**Randy Kirby** - February 28, 2016 at 02:35 PM

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“ *I can hear Ray's joyful laugh! What wonderful memories I will always cherish.*

*Love, Sylvia Kelly-Stone*

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**sylvia** - February 28, 2016 at 02:12 PM

JO

*Attended school with Ray, he was such a good person , it was a joy to see him at a reunion not many years ago.*

*Judy MARBERT Oken*

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**Judy Marbert Oken** - March 03, 2016 at 04:00 PM