



Mr. J. Sam "Sammy" Laye III

August 13, 1949 - January 1, 2025

J. Sam "Sammy" Laye III, 75, of West Union, SC, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, surrounded by his sisters.

A native of West Union, SC, Sammy was the son of the late J. Sam, Jr. and Lois Hunnicutt Laye. He was a graduate of Walhalla High School Class of 1970, where he assisted the football team and was a proud member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA). Sammy was an avid outdoorsman who especially loved deer hunting, tending his garden, and traveling. His greatest love was the Clemson Tigers. He was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Sammy is survived by his four loving sisters: Selma Bailey of Greenville, SC, Betty Harris of Conyers, GA, Grace Crow of West Union, SC, and Wanda Harden (Larry) of West Union, SC; nephew: Jason Harden; niece: Kimberly Burrow (Marc); great-nieces and nephews: Melody Hoover, Kodie Harden, Maggie Harden, Grant Harden, Caitlin Burrow (Wesley Reynolds), Cameron Burrow, and Carrigan Burrow; and great-great nieces: Acelyn Harden, and Leilani Reynolds.

In addition to his parents, Sammy is preceded in death by his brother: Roderick Laye.

The family will receive friends prior to the service on Saturday, January 4,

2025, at 1:00 PM at Davenport Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Davenport Funeral Home Chapel. A private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Prisma Health Hospice of the Foothills, ATTN: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Dr., Seneca, SC 29672, or a charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home
311 S Highway 11
West Union, SC 29696
(864) 638-3611
davenportfhome@gmail.com
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family



Joyce Sharpe Lusk - January 26, 2025 at 09:06 PM

WB

“ Wayne F. Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. J. Sam "Sammy" Laye III



Wayne F. Barton - January 19, 2025 at 10:52 PM

RO

“ Sammy was a much loved boy and young man. I know that J. Sam was there to welcome him to Heaven..

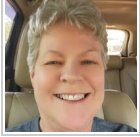
Rosemary - January 12, 2025 at 11:15 AM

SH

“ Prayer for the family 🙏 Steve & Debbie



Steve Harvey - January 06, 2025 at 11:05 PM



“ *Kim Eiland lit a candle in memory of Mr. J. Sam "Sammy" Laye III*



Kim Eiland - January 06, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ *Jeanette Hamor lit a candle in memory of J. Laye*



Jeanette Hamor - January 05, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ *jess&marcella langston lit a candle in memory of J. Laye*



jess&marcella langston - January 05, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ *Many fond memories of Sammy. May you all find peace in knowing that he is with Jesus... this world is not our home!*

EddieandTracy Burrell - January 04, 2025 at 03:20 PM

WW

“ WILLIAM J WEEKS III VIRGINIA HALL
WEEKS lit a candle in memory of J. Laye



WILLIAM J WEEKS III VIRGINIA HALL WEEKS - January 04, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ Selma, Betty, Grace, Wanda and extended
Family, Doug and I would like to extend
deepest sympathy, love and prayers to all of
you in the passing of "Sammy." to his Heavenly
Home. He was so blessed to have all of you
with him.
May God give you strength in the days ahead!
Doug and Linda Reese Nix



Doug Linda R. - January 03, 2025 at 09:48 PM

DW

“ Wanda and family, I'm sorry sorry for your
family's loss.



Doris Cooper Wilson - January 03, 2025 at 06:55 PM

LF

“ Linda W Freeman lit a candle in memory of J. Laye



Linda W Freeman - January 03, 2025 at 06:09 PM

DC

“ Devin & Karen Crane lit a candle in memory of J. Laye



Devin & Karen Crane - January 03, 2025 at 05:35 PM

JM

“ Jim & Becky Manley sent a virtual gift in memory of J. Laye



Jim & Becky Manley - January 03, 2025 at 04:57 PM

JL

“ JESS&MARCELLA LANGSTON lit a candle in memory of J. Laye



JESS&MARCELLA LANGSTON - January 03, 2025 at 04:47 PM

BL

“ Selma, Betty, Grace and Wanda, my dear cousins, I have always been so inspired by the love, care and compassion you show to your family, loved ones and each other. I have so many memories of Sam growing up. I know we hunted every square foot of the land behind the home place to Poplar Springs to Kenneth Mill (before Hwy 11 & 28 bypass were built). Sam and I would go coon hunting with Uncle J. Sam at Burns Mill. I share your loss. I have you, your family and loved ones in my thoughts and prayers. May God's Love and Promise give you comfort in the days ahead. Love you guys.

Burgess (Bird) Laye - January 03, 2025 at 02:56 PM

RJ

“ Russell Jamison lit a candle in memory of J. Laye



Russell Jamison - January 03, 2025 at 02:48 PM

EC

“ Eddie and Eric Collins lit a candle in memory of J. Laye



Eddie and Eric Collins - January 03, 2025 at 01:56 PM

EC

“ *EDDIE COLLINS lit a candle in memory of J. Laye*



EDDIE COLLINS - January 03, 2025 at 01:49 PM

DH

“ *Dan Harden lit a candle in memory of J. Laye*



Dan Harden - January 03, 2025 at 12:48 PM

RJ

“ *Russell Jamison lit a candle in memory of J. Laye*



Russell Jamison - January 03, 2025 at 11:51 AM

BL

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Burgess Laye - January 03, 2025 at 11:45 AM

CB

“ Uncle Sam always talked with me about life, love him so much rest in peace sweet uncle you are missed dearly ❤️



caitlin burrow - January 03, 2025 at 10:09 AM

CD

“ Praying for all the families!



Crystal & Steven DuBose - January 03, 2025 at 08:59 AM

DS

“ *Dave & Donna Stephens lit a candle in memory of J. Laye*



Dave & Donna Stephens - January 03, 2025 at 08:45 AM

JM

“ *Johnny Mize lit a candle in memory of J. Laye*



Johnny Mize - January 03, 2025 at 08:39 AM

WD

“ *Wilma Dain lit a candle in memory of J. Laye*



Wilma Dain - January 03, 2025 at 08:37 AM

FB

“ *Fred and Sandra Ball lit a candle in memory of J. Laye*



Fred and Sandra Ball - January 03, 2025 at 07:51 AM

DW

“ My sister's, wanted to let you all know that you have my Deepest Sympathy! You're in my prayers as well as my heart now and always. I pray God's Blessings, peace and strength upon you as you endure what you're walking through right now as well as what you're walking through in the day's ahead. Know that God is walking with you all one day at a time holding you up with his MIGHTY RIGHT HAND. In Jesus's Name! AMEN! Thank you all for allowing me to be a part of Mr. Sam's Life taking care of him. He'll always be remembered as I can see that big smile on his face when I came in the house. He always Blessed me with all the things he knew. He was very intelligent. I'll truly miss him, but he'll always be in my Heart. Love you all my Sister's.

Doreathea Williams - January 03, 2025 at 07:20 AM

BL

“ Bobbie Jean Ledford lit a candle in memory of J. Laye



Bobbie Jean Ledford - January 02, 2025 at 10:22 PM

WS

“ Warren Smith lit a candle in memory of J. Laye



Warren Smith - January 02, 2025 at 10:08 PM

LB

“ *Larry and Pamela Ball lit a candle in memory of J. Laye*



Larry and Pamela Ball - January 02, 2025 at 09:05 PM

KH

“ *Kay & Pat P. Hall lit a candle in memory of J. Laye*



Kay & Pat P. Hall - January 02, 2025 at 08:57 PM

KH

“ *Wanda, Grace, Betty and Selma, We haven't seen Sammy in a very long time but we have thought of him often. Your parents would be proud of you all for taking good care of Sammy. We love you all. You have our deepest sympathy. Kay&Pat Pelfrey Hall*

Kay & Pat P. Hall - January 02, 2025 at 08:56 PM

GT

“ *Grace,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



Ginger & Tim Thomas - January 02, 2025 at 06:08 PM

GH

“ Sam, I will miss you dearly. But, I know you are in a better place. Love Always, Grant Harden



Grant Harden - January 02, 2025 at 05:34 PM

SG

“ Sheila Grant sent a virtual gift in memory of J. Laye



Sheila Grant - January 02, 2025 at 04:41 PM

WS

“ Walt & Judy Deal Stephens lit a candle in memory of J. Laye



Walt & Judy Deal Stephens - January 02, 2025 at 03:03 PM

LF

“ Linda Craig, a dear friend planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. J. Sam "Sammy" Laye III.

Linda Craig, a dear friend - January 02, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ *Grace and family, so sorry for your loss.* ”



Lois Collins - January 02, 2025 at 02:42 PM

RR

“ *Rod Reid lit a candle in memory of J. Laye* ”



Rod Reid - January 02, 2025 at 01:52 PM

FC

“ *Sympathy and Prayers, So sorry for your loss ..* ”



Frank and Judy Crowe - January 02, 2025 at 01:20 PM

GH

“ *We will all miss him dearly* ”



Grant Harden - January 02, 2025 at 01:15 PM

GH

“ I will miss him dearly. But, I know now he is in a better place. 🙏🙏



Grant Harden - January 02, 2025 at 01:14 PM

JH

“ Judy Powell Higgins lit a candle in memory of J. Laye



Judy Powell Higgins - January 02, 2025 at 01:11 PM

WT

“ Wanda, Larry and extended family,
Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family members. May God continue to comfort you.
Ray and Wanda Thomas

Wanda Thomas - January 02, 2025 at 12:55 PM

LO

“ Linda Oliver lit a candle in memory of J. Laye



Linda Oliver - January 02, 2025 at 12:38 PM



Wanda & Larry I am sorry to hear about Sammy. God bless your family.

Donna Prater - January 02, 2025 at 02:30 PM