

## Mr. James Dean Crane

December 21, 1938 - September 1, 2025

James Dean Crane, 86, husband of Laura Leroy, of Salem, passed away on Monday, September 1, 2025, at his home.

Born in Cashiers, NC, Mr. Crane was the son of the late Columbus Homer and Ruby Grant Crane. Affectionally known as “Papa Dean”, he was a former Lab Technician at Clemson University and a member of Hopewell Baptist Church. Over the years, he served as Chairman of Deacons at many different churches. Mr. Crane was quick witted and never met a stranger. He loved all people, especially his family, and loved his Lord most of all. Mr. Crane enjoyed woodworking, becoming a self-taught master woodworker, and was an avid golfer.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Crane is survived by his sons: James Randall Crane (Lynn) and Gregory Dean Crane (Susan); step-sons: Jeremy Heath Leroy (Angie) and Donald Wayne Leroy; sisters: Judy Holcombe (Charles) and Charlotte Littleton (Dwayne); five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, in 2013 Mr. Crane was preceded in death by his first wife and mother of his children: Linda Sue Littleton Crane; brothers: William Eddie Crane, Benjamin Oliver Crane, and Robert Lewis Crane; and sister: Carolyn Reid.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at Hopewell Baptist Church, with entombment to follow at Oconee Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Friday, September 5, 2025, at Davenport Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Prisma Health Hospice of the Foothills, attn: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Dr., Seneca, SC 29672.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Hospice of the Foothills for their devoted attention and care.

The family is at their respective homes.

# Cemetery Details

## Oconee Memorial Park Mausoleum

1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard  
Seneca, SC 29672

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 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

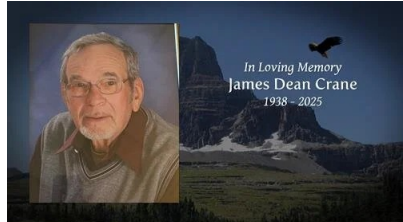
SEP 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Baptist Church  
161 Hopewell Church Drive  
Seneca, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davenport Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Dean Crane* ”



**Davenport Funeral Home** - September 05, 2025 at 01:12 PM

WF

“ *Wayne F.Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Dean Crane* ”



**Wayne F.Barton** - September 09, 2025 at 12:24 PM

SH

“ *Steve and Sheree Hamby lit a candle in memory of James Crane* ”



**Steve and Sheree Hamby** - September 07, 2025 at 05:00 PM

KJ

“ *Kathy Jenkins lit a candle in memory of James Crane*



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**Kathy Jenkins** - September 03, 2025 at 09:17 PM

SW

“ *Jimmy and Gregg your Dad was a kind man. Saw him about a year ago and told him how much I appreciated the way he and your Mama treated us like family. He responded with a smile and said y'all felt like family. He lived life intentionally and impacted the many life's he touched.*

*Our heart felt sympathy to you both!  
The McCoy girls- Sheila, Sherry and Susan*

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**Sheila Wald** - September 03, 2025 at 07:05 PM

RW

“ *Rudi Webb lit a candle in memory of James Crane*



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**Rudi Webb** - September 03, 2025 at 08:09 AM

RH

“ Robert and Ann Herron lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Dean Crane.



RobertandAnn Herron - September 03, 2025 at 08:09 AM

JD

“ I am thankful for being able to call him a friend, and, sharing some memorable times with him at his best---on some beautiful golf courses!!! Rest in peace, ole' friend.

Jerry Dyar - September 03, 2025 at 05:23 AM

GL

Truly one of a kind. We spent many hours drinking coffee and solving all the world's problems. Rest in peace my friend.

Gerald Lovedahl - September 04, 2025 at 07:00 AM

EM

“ Eddie Moore lit a candle in memory of James Crane



Eddie Moore - September 02, 2025 at 10:26 PM

RC

“ Roger & Wilma Cobb lit a candle in memory of James Crane



Roger & Wilma Cobb - September 02, 2025 at 09:43 PM

LQ

“ Friends for along time . Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
Brenda L. Turner and Linda L. Quarles



Linda L. Quarles - September 02, 2025 at 09:00 PM

DL

“ DAVID AND CAROLYN LITTLETON lit a candle in memory of James Crane



DAVID AND CAROLYN LITTLETON - September 02, 2025 at 08:15 PM

TB

“ Tracie Collins Brown lit a candle in memory of James Crane



Tracie Collins Brown - September 02, 2025 at 08:14 PM

SH

“ Dean was a wonderful lifelong neighbor to our family. He was always the same everytime we saw him.....thoughtful, kind & humorous. He will certainly be missed. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of the family.



*The Ralph Lusk family.*

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**Sherrie** - September 02, 2025 at 08:09 PM

WB

“ Wayne F. Barton lit a candle in memory of James Crane



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**Wayne F. Barton** - September 02, 2025 at 07:29 PM

TT

“ Terry and Jamie Tilson lit a candle in memory of James Crane



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**Terry and Jamie Tilson** - September 02, 2025 at 06:53 PM

WS

“ Wayne Sibbett lit a candle in memory of James Crane



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**Wayne Sibbett** - September 02, 2025 at 06:32 PM

MW

“ Mary W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Dean Crane.

Mary W. - September 02, 2025 at 04:18 PM

PN

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this difficult time. Patti Nelson



patti Nelson - September 02, 2025 at 03:59 PM

JC

“ Jerry Cobb & Frieda Cobb lit a candle in memory of James Crane



Jerry Cobb & Frieda Cobb - September 02, 2025 at 03:48 PM

JB

“ James and Teresa Barker sent a virtual gift in memory of James Crane



James and Teresa Barker - September 02, 2025 at 02:53 PM

KL

“ *kim lusk lit a candle in memory of James Crane*



kim lusk - September 02, 2025 at 02:28 PM

BH

“ *Brad Hendrix lit a candle in memory of James Crane*



Brad Hendrix - September 02, 2025 at 02:18 PM

FB

“ *Frankie Burrell lit a candle in memory of James Crane*



Frankie Burrell - September 02, 2025 at 01:07 PM

KL

“ *He was a wonderful Christian man and neighbor for many years. Randy enjoyed playing golf with him.*



Kathy Lusk - September 02, 2025 at 12:30 PM

CH

“ *Cindy Hafner lit a candle in memory of James Crane*



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**Cindy Hafner** - September 02, 2025 at 12:09 PM