



Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr.

February 14, 1947 - March 30, 2026

John Sanders Reeves, Jr., 79, husband of Nancye Johnson Williams Reeves, of Seneca, passed away on Monday, March 30, 2026 at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

Born in Moncks Corner, SC, he was the son of the late John Sanders Reeves, Sr. and Nell Seawright Reeves. He was a devoted follower of Christ and a member of New Hope Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and long-time Sunday school teacher. He was loved and respected by his church family. He graduated from Erskine University and retired from the School District of Oconee County where he served as teacher, administrator, and transportation director.

John's greatest impact was felt in the family that he loved and led for 50 years. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren all will carry the legacy of a life well-lived and built on a firm foundation.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Reeves is survived by son: Max Williams of Mountain Rest, daughters: Janet W. Steiner of Malvern, PA and Beth Nance (Charlie) Walhalla, SC, brother; Bill Reeves (Karen) of Greenville; sisters: Jean Ostrom, Bobbie Ethridge, Pat Morgan (Phillip) all of Pendleton; Sandra Reeves of Mountain Rest; grandchildren: Tabitha Harvey (Tyler), Tim McCall (Brittney), Lacey J. Williams (Paul Virilli), Holly Williams (Adam); and great-

grandchildren: Ryleigh Harvey, Rush Harvey, Andi McCall, Wren McCall, Letty McCall, Weston Polan, Hayden Polan, Hannah Polan, Luke Virilli, Caroline Virilli, and Logan Virilli; special family: Erin Williams and Rick Bull; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Reeves was preceded in death by his son-in-law: Marty Steiner.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 AM on Friday, April 3, 2026 at New Hope Baptist Church, with burial to follow at the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 – 11:30 AM on Friday, April 3, 2026, prior to the service, at New Hope Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to Shriners Children's Hospital.

The family is at the home.

Cemetery Details

New Hope Baptist Church

4010 Keowee School Rd
Seneca, SC 29672

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church
4010 Keowee School Rd
Seneca, SC 29672

Funeral Service

APR 3. 11:30 AM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church
4010 Keowee School Rd
Seneca, SC 29672

Tribute Wall

MP

“ John was a classic southern gentleman. He was kind and respectful to all. It was a pleasure to work with him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Maxine Pettit - April 09 at 02:11 AM

BH

“ John Reeves was a friend, loyal to SDOC, highly competent, easy to work with, hit problems/situations head-on, and a great thinker. When you were right he would tell you, when he thought you were wrong he would tell you. John was the type of person you wanted on your team. He obviously was a tremendous asset to the SDOC. Oconee County Schools were fortunate that he was a top-notch administrator. Overall, John was just a great citizen. Condolences to his entire family.

Buddy & Jo Ann Herring

Buddy & Jo Ann Herring - April 03 at 05:15 PM

DN

“ Nancy and family we are so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a good Christian man. Always made a point to speak every time we saw him. He will be missed by many. May God give you strength in the days and weeks ahead. Deepest sympathy, love and prayers.
Doug and Linda R Nix



Doug and Linda Nix - April 02 at 10:28 PM

JD

“ Jeannie D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr..

Jeannie D. - April 02 at 09:47 PM



“ Worked with John for many years. I always respected him. He was a man of character and discipline. He was a very kind person. He treated others with respect and dignity.

Linda Cobb - April 02 at 09:04 PM

LT

“ Remembering those early, early morning calls from John making sure Clarence was up and ready to “ride the roads” to determine if Oconee schools would operate those days. John was too excited and chipper at that time of the mornings! Sending condolences to Nancye, his children and his siblings and everyone who loved him.
Louise L Towe



Louise L Towe - April 02 at 08:52 PM

NP

“ Nancy Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr.



Nancy Patterson - April 02 at 02:13 PM

PC

“ *Pat B. Culbertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr.*



Pat B. Culbertson - April 02 at 12:33 PM

KA

“ *Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr.*



Kathy Addis - April 02 at 09:59 AM

RB

“ *Renee B Butts lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr.*



Renee B Butts - April 01 at 05:56 PM

PC

“ *Nancy and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you, Pray God will comfort and keep you. Pat Culbertson*



Pat B. Culbertson - April 01 at 05:55 PM

JK

“ John touched so many lives in the very best way. I'm grateful I got the chance to know him as both a colleague and a friend. My condolences to you Nancy and your family.

John Kelley - April 01 at 09:54 AM

LP

“ Lisa Peden lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr.



Lisa Peden - April 01 at 08:25 AM

-R

“ -Ralph Reeves purchased the Silver Victorian Tear Bottle with FREE Matching Tray for the family of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr..



-Ralph Reeves - April 01 at 08:15 AM

BL

“ Burgess (Bird) Laye lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr.



Burgess (Bird) Laye - April 01 at 05:52 AM

FB

“ Frankie Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr.



Frankie Burrell - April 01 at 03:26 AM

AA

“ Alton & Kathy Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr.



Alton & Kathy Alexander - March 31 at 11:47 PM

DQ

“ Prayers for the family and friends 🙏🙏



Durell Quarles - March 31 at 11:07 PM

SN

“ John and I were teachers together at Seneca High School many years ago. What a wonderful teacher and colleague he was. He loved and was truly devoted to his family! He was such a kind and generous person. RIP, dear John. You left the world a better place!



Susan D. Neal - March 31 at 10:03 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr..*



March 31 at 09:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr..

March 31 at 09:32 PM



“ *Kurt and Sacha Steele purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr..*



Kurt and Sacha Steele - March 31 at 08:49 PM



“ *Sitting with all the old guys at family reunions My dad teased him mercilessly Such a great sport and just a great man*

Sally Snavelly Wilson - March 31 at 08:29 PM



“ *Kurt and I were so very sorry to hear about Grand Uncle John's passing. He was a wonderful man. We send our love. We will be praying for you all.*

Sacha and Kurt Steele - March 31 at 08:18 PM

HA

“ Harold lit a candle in memory of John Reeves,



Harold - March 31 at 07:29 PM

RA

“ John was a wonderful person to work with. He was always professional and pleasant in all of his roles. John was a dependable friend that was a pleasure to be around. He was a man of integrity!

Richard Alexander - March 31 at 05:36 PM

LT

“ Leland and Richadene Talley lit a candle in memory of John Reeves,



Leland and Richadene Talley - March 31 at 03:14 PM

LH

“ John was one of the finest men I've ever had the pleasure of meeting and working with. He was kind and gracious to everyone he met, and a great encourager. His love for his family was obvious, especially his beautiful wife, Nancye. I know he will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Lynn Hodge - March 31 at 03:03 PM

JW

“ *Jeanette Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr.*



Jeanette Wilson - March 31 at 02:31 PM

CB

“ *Praying for all the family. I know he will be greatly missed.*



Crystal BuBose - March 31 at 02:11 PM

JB

“ *He will be missed forever. But I know he is with Jesus!*

Julie O Burnett - March 31 at 01:57 PM

MC

“ *Martha & Hovie Crenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr.*



Martha & Hovie Crenshaw - March 31 at 01:56 PM

KH

“ Kay And Pat Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr.



Kay and Pat Hall - March 31 at 01:08 PM

KT

“ KAREN TOWE lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr.



KAREN TOWE - March 31 at 01:04 PM

DL

“ Danny, Karen & Micah Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Sanders Reeves, Jr.



Danny, Karen & Micah Lee - March 31 at 01:03 PM

DS

“ Dave & Donna Stephens lit a candle in memory of John Reeves,



Dave & Donna Stephens - March 31 at 12:50 PM

MC

*So sorry to hear about John.
He was Shannon favorite
Teacher. He was a fine man.
Hovie & Martha Crenshaw*

Martha & Hovie Crenshaw - March 31 at 03:19 PM

DH

*I enjoyed working with John. He was kind, caring, professional and had
a dry wit about him that I appreciated. Prayers for his family.*

Dianne Holstead - March 31 at 06:24 PM

GW

*John will be missed. A true friend and colleague. I enjoyed working with
him throughout the years. Our prayers are with the family, especially
Nancey. May God grant peace and strength during this difficult time.*

Gene and Earnestine Williams

Gene Williams - April 03 at 12:30 AM

AM

*I had the pleasure of working with John when he was Director of
Transportation and then again when he worked with Adult Ed. He was
always so dignified and respectful of others, no matter the situation. My
husband and I enjoyed chatting with him and Nancye at basketball
games when his granddaughters and our daughter were playing. The
love he had for his family was evident. My prayers and thoughts are
with all of you at this difficult time.*

Ann Miller - April 03 at 10:40 AM

KS

*Prayers for the family, Rest in Pease I only met John one time, was a
special nice man. KayeSmith*

Kaye Smith - April 04 at 10:54 AM