



Mr. Rufus Lay

April 8, 2020

Rufus Lay, 87, husband of Helen Crowe Lay, of 4099 Brookfield Drive, Seneca, passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at his home.

A native of Salem, SC, Mr. Lay was the son of the late Jesse R. and Viola Crane Lay. He retired from the City of Seneca Light and Water. Mr. Lay was a member of Seneca Church of God.

Mr. Lay is survived by his children: Linda Lay of Seneca, SC, Mike Lay (Robin) of Seneca, SC, James Lay (Robin) of Seneca, SC, Sherree Donald (Nick) of Townville, SC, David Lay of Seneca, SC, Lisa Hedden (Marcus) of Salem, SC, Billy Grant (Janice) of Walhalla, SC, Joyce Grant of Walhalla, SC, Liz Phillips (Danny) of Seneca, SC and Joan Fretwell of Salem, SC; brother: Mason Lay (Brenda) of Seneca, SC; sisters: Dorothy Poore of Salem, SC and Ruby Stegall of Easley, SC; eighteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Lay was preceded in death by his brothers: Verner, Ray, Christopher and Clyde Lay; and sisters: Marion Pearson, Beatrice Kelly, Carolyn Heaton, Ruby Dills, Pauline Murphy, Margie Phillips, Sara White and Margaret Lay.

All services will be private.

Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to Kindred Hospice, 1704 E Greenville Street, Suite 2D, Anderson, SC 29621.

The family is at their respective homes.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Rufus Lay*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *My grandfather was a good man and I will always miss him*



Samantha Littlefield - April 26, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ *Debra Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



Debra Jones - April 20, 2020 at 07:57 AM



“ *BLOSSMAN GAS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



BLOSSMAN GAS - April 13, 2020 at 02:45 PM

LF

“ *Linda Fuller-freeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



Linda Fuller-freeman - April 13, 2020 at 12:28 AM

LF

“ *Linda Fuller-freeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



Linda Fuller-freeman - April 13, 2020 at 12:26 AM

NP

“ *Naomi Padgett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



naomi padgett - April 11, 2020 at 11:08 PM

PH

“ *Mike and Family I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.*



Patricia Holcombe - April 11, 2020 at 11:07 PM

GB

“ *Grady Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



Grady Brown - April 11, 2020 at 10:39 AM

SD

“ *Sue Daveport lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



Sue Daveport - April 11, 2020 at 10:38 AM

 Haley Aguilar

“ *Praying for you, Aunt Helen! We love you.*



Haley Aguilar - April 11, 2020 at 09:26 AM

 Laura Crowe Eanes

“ *Sending our love to Aunt Helen and the family. I know that you can't honor sweet Rufus the way that you want to because of this pandemic, but just know that he is celebrating an anointing homecoming with the Lord! Love and prayers, Laura and J.B Eanes*



Laura Crowe Eanes - April 11, 2020 at 09:19 AM

KA

“ *Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



Kathy addis - April 10, 2020 at 08:37 PM

DC

“ *Dean Crane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



Dean Crane - April 10, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *Robin Burns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



Robin Burns - April 10, 2020 at 06:32 PM

KJ

“ *Kathy L Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



Kathy L Jenkins - April 10, 2020 at 06:16 PM

LA

“ I knew Rufus for many years. Always a good man. So sorry for your loss.

LC Alexander

LC Alexander - April 10, 2020 at 04:58 PM

TM

“ Tracey Mcswain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay



tracey mcswain - April 10, 2020 at 04:36 PM

JO

“ I'm so sorry for your loss.



Jaye Oliver - April 10, 2020 at 04:24 PM

AG

“ Sorry to hear of Rufus's passing. I worked with him a number of years at Seneca Light and Water. He was a fine man. I know he'll be missed. Praying for your family. Alice Grant



Alice Grant - April 10, 2020 at 03:22 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear this. My prayers are with you and your family. I'll always remember Rufus as I knew him through working at Seneca PD. He was such a friendly person. I've enjoyed having known him for many years. May God's strength and comfort be with you and your family.

Sharon Crenshaw - April 10, 2020 at 02:08 PM

FR

Sorry for your loss. I remember my cousin fondly growing up in Tamasee. Love to all the family. Faye R. Rees

Faye Rees - April 11, 2020 at 12:05 PM

FC

“ We are so sorry about Rufus ..he sure was a good person and a man of God ..the last time we were there ..we had prayer with him ..he sure did pray ...Gonna miss him and I know you all will too...you have our sympathy and prayers..God be with you during your difficult days ahead..sending our love and hugs ...



Frank & Judy Crowe - April 10, 2020 at 01:41 PM

AN

“ Angie Nichols sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay



Angie Nichols - April 10, 2020 at 01:26 PM

DB

“ I remember going home with linda when she and I were in elementary school. He was a wonderful father.



Diane Burrell - April 10, 2020 at 12:33 PM

LC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with All of Rufus Family. Several years ago when I saw Rufus we talked about our Grandchildren and smiled. A short but sweet visit at Mike and Robin's house.

Linda Collins - April 10, 2020 at 12:13 PM

KC

“ Kathy Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay



Kathy Cooper - April 10, 2020 at 12:11 PM

KL

“ Keith & Louise Lusk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay



Keith & Louise Lusk - April 10, 2020 at 10:53 AM

SH

“ Beloved father to Lynn, Mike, Peanut, Flat, Sherree, and Lisa. Beloved husband to Alice. "he stopped loving her today" now you will always be with your wife ,lover, best friend, and soulmate forever in Heaven. Until us kids meet with you and Mom one day we will all be there one blessed day. "remember me with smiles and laughter, for that's how I'll remember you all. if you only remember with tears, then don't remember me at all." With all our love, wait for us there, Lynn and Sherree

Sherree - April 10, 2020 at 10:28 AM

SL



Samantha Littlefield - April 26, 2020 at 11:22 PM

JL

“ Jess&marcella Langston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay



jess&marcella langston - April 10, 2020 at 10:25 AM

BJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family today and always .. So sorry



Barbara Jones - April 10, 2020 at 10:03 AM

JB

“ worked with Rufus in the mid fifties. Jim Burrell



Jim Burrell - April 10, 2020 at 09:14 AM

AO

“ Sorry to hear that Rufus has passed, our prayers to the family. Arnold & Shirley Orr

Arnold & Shirley Orr - April 10, 2020 at 08:36 AM

RH

“ Rickey Holden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay



Rickey Holden - April 10, 2020 at 05:54 AM

WO

“ Our sincerest prayers are for u your family's comfort , Wayne and Wanda Woolbright'

woolbright - April 10, 2020 at 05:23 AM

BH

“ *Brad Hendrix sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



Brad Hendrix - April 10, 2020 at 12:55 AM

PB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, I have fond memories of the Rufus Lay family as you children were growing up, y'all were good neighbors. Rufus was always so helpful to me after I lost Calvin, until his health started to fail. You are in my prayers.*

Pat Bennett - April 10, 2020 at 12:55 AM

BC

Rufus was liked by everyone who knew him. When I was mayor back in the 70s, he was a meter reader and he was a familiar face around town with that cocked cap on his head. Always had a friendly comment.

Bruce Cannon - April 11, 2020 at 08:31 AM

LW

“ *Linda Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



Linda Ward - April 09, 2020 at 11:07 PM

JB

“ Jimmy And Jeannie Barker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay



Jimmy and Jeannie Barker - April 09, 2020 at 09:28 PM

RL

“ Love to the entire family. Rest in peace, Uncle Rufus.



Ray Lay - April 09, 2020 at 08:55 PM

KP

“ Kim Petaccio lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay



Kim Petaccio - April 09, 2020 at 05:49 PM

OM

“ Love and prayers to the family. God's blessings to you all. Love, Ouida

Ouida McDow - April 09, 2020 at 05:35 PM

BL

“ Burgess (Bird) Laye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay



Burgess (Bird) Laye - April 09, 2020 at 05:17 PM

JC

“ Sorry for your loss. Love and prayers to all the family.



Judy Cheek - April 09, 2020 at 04:42 PM

BN

“ Billy And Wanda Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay



Billy and Wanda Nix - April 09, 2020 at 03:51 PM

AS

“ Clyde and I are sorry for your loss. Rufus and I shared the same Birthday May 1st, I enjoyed the years our families celebrated our birthdays at the Western Sizzler together. I will be praying for the family. Love Audrey and Clyde Shedd

Audrey & Clyde Shedd - April 09, 2020 at 03:33 PM

TF

“ *Teresa Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



Teresa Foster - April 09, 2020 at 03:26 PM

BV

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Rufus passing. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you comfort in your time of grieving. He was a much loved uncle by all of my family. Helen, I know it is going to be hard for a long time. Jesus will be there to give you peace. Betty Kelley Vaughn*



Betty Kelley Vaughn - April 09, 2020 at 01:48 PM

LH

“ *So happy that you're finally reunited with my precious mama and no longer suffering..I love you so much*



Lisa (Lay) Hedden - April 09, 2020 at 01:43 PM

ME

Lisa, I am thinking of you and your family. Rufus was a good man and has a good family. Such good memories of you all growing up. Great neighbors to have. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Melissa - April 15, 2020 at 09:48 AM

DN

“ *Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Lay*



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - April 09, 2020 at 01:40 PM