



## Mr. William "Moe" Crayton Merritt

July 6, 1943 - May 18, 2026

William "Moe" Crayton Merritt, 82, husband of the late Shirley Ann Merritt, of Townville, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2026 at his home, surrounded by loved ones. Moe and Shirley were married for nearly 52 years before her death in 2023. He loved camping, working outdoors, attending concerts, and playing with their chihuahuas, Snooks and Precious. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Merritt was the son of the late Walter Thompson Merritt and Bessie Mae Davis Merritt. He worked for 44 years at Kendall in Seneca as a fixer for most of those years and an engineer later on. He proudly served in the United States Army Reserves for just under 39 years and retired as a drill sergeant. Moe served his community as a volunteer firefighter at Friendship Fire Department in the 60s and returned in the 90s until his health would no longer let him serve. Mr. Merritt was a faithful member of Townville Baptist Church and the "Young Men's" Sunday school class. He was also a long-time member of Townville Masonic Lodge #209.

Mr. Merritt is survived by his son: William "Will" Merritt II (Laura) of Townville; daughters: Lisa Park (Keith) of Central, and Sheila Moore (Billy) of Westminster; sister: Jennie Sue Lee of Seneca; grandchildren: Laura Gorton (Quint), Nicholas Park, Holly Merritt (Stephanie), Matthew Park (Sara), Austin Merritt (Lily), Elijah Smith, and Austin Smith; great-grandchildren: Anna

Gorton (Colby); Jacob Gorton, Jakson Smith, Walker Smith, and Eleanor Smith, Angelia Blizzard; and great great-grandson, Emmett Cawthon).

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Merritt was preceded in death by his brother: Hoyt Merritt.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00pm on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Townville Baptist Church with burial to follow at Oconee Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends prior to the service, from 1:00pm – 2:00pm on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Townville Baptist Church.

Flowers are accepted.

The family is at his son's residence.

# Cemetery Details

## Ocone Memorial Park

1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard  
Seneca, SC 29672  
<http://oconeememorialpark.com?>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 20.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Townville Baptist Church  
8816 Highway 24  
Townville, SC 29689

## Funeral Service

**MAY 20.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Townville Baptist Church  
8816 Highway 24  
Townville, SC 29689

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ *JessLangston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William "Moe" Crayton Merritt*



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**JessLangston** - May 24 at 11:06 AM

WS

“ *Walt & Judy Deal Stephens lit a candle in memory of William "Moe" Merritt*



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**Walt & Judy Deal Stephens** - May 20 at 06:54 PM

TM

“ *Tony McIntosh lit a candle in memory of William "Moe" Merritt*



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**Tony McIntosh** - May 20 at 06:42 PM

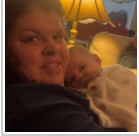
JL

“ *Jess Langsyon sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Moe" Merritt*



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**Jess Langsyon** - May 20 at 11:07 AM



“ *All of you are in my thoughts and prayers today and in the days ahead* ”



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**Heather Merritt** - May 20 at 10:32 AM

TS

“ *Trent Smith lit a candle in memory of William "Moe" Merritt* ”



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**Trent Smith** - May 19 at 10:08 PM

LL

“ *Leonard Loudermilk sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Moe" Merritt* ”



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**Leonard Loudermilk** - May 19 at 09:12 PM

LL

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Moe's passing. I served with him in the Army Reserves for many years. He was a good Soldier and Drill Sergeant and friend. My prayers are with you all during this difficult time.* ”

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**Leonard Loudermilk** - May 19 at 09:11 PM

LC



**Linda Chapman** - May 19 at 05:28 PM

CG

“ *Coneross Church of God purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. William "Moe" Crayton Merritt.*



**Coneross Church of God** - May 19 at 01:03 PM

DS

“ *Dave & Donna Stephens lit a candle in memory of William "Moe" Merritt*



**Dave & Donna Stephens** - May 19 at 09:37 AM

JM

“ *Jim & Becky Manley lit a candle in memory of William "Moe" Merritt*



**Jim & Becky Manley** - May 19 at 09:11 AM