



Mr. John Anthony Reese, Jr.

November 7, 1935 - February 17, 2024

Airman 1st Class John A. Reese, Jr. was born on November 7, 1935 in Columbia, SC to John Reese, Sr. and Margaret Galloway Reese. Our beloved John “Bookie”, John Jr., uncle, cousin, and friend peacefully closed his eyes on February 17, 2024. His siblings were Pearl Reese Garrick, Earl Reese, Stevie Reese, Michael Reese, and is survived by Jackie Reese Gaines.

After graduating from C.A. Johnson High School in 1954, he went on to serve in the United States Air Force. Once he completed his service to our country, John studied at the National Art Academy for designing in Washington, DC, after which he returned to Columbia, SC where he earned a BA degree from Benedict College.

He then worked under one of the world’s leading decorators and designers, Joseph Moinor, for 2 years. John also worked for Schaffer Furniture Company in Reading, Pennsylvania for 3 years before becoming associated with the Levitz Furniture Corporation in California.

John’s decorating talents eventually led him to J. Schloemer Fine Furniture located in Withamsville, Ohio. After retirement, he returned to Columbia where he resided for his remaining years.

John leaves a legacy of love to cherish: his children, Valarie Reese (Darryl)

Westley of Florida, Erica Washington (Herbert) Edmondson of Oklahoma, and John "Tony" Reese, III (Teresa Parrett) of Ohio; grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, godson, relatives, friends, and loving friend, Alvenia Adams and family.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at Friendship Baptist Church, 1237 House Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29203. The Reverend A. A. Dicks, Sr., Pastor, The Reverend Donnie Chambers, officiating. Interment will follow in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Mr. Reese will lie in-state at the church one hour prior to the service time.

Public viewing will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., Monday, February 26, 2024 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home.

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Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road
Columbia, SC 29229

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
1237 House Street
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 799-8906

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences to the family. John was a good friend.*
Frank S.ullivan

frank sullivan - March 29, 2024 at 03:59 PM

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“ *To the Children, Grandchildren, and Relatives of Mr. John Reese, we thank God for allowing us to have traveled some of this earthly journey with him. Our Mother always greeted him with "Hello Mr. Reese" although she was many years older than him. We, Linda and Brenda, respectfully greeted him as Mr. Reese even in our adulthood. David and James, our brothers, his friends called him John. We were wonderful neighbors, like relatives. He looked out for us and our property, we looked out for him and his. Never, ever any issues or unkind words. Our dogs, Max, Sugarbear, and Sky, loved him. When he pulled into his driveway and exited the car, he would make his way to the fence and they'd be waiting for him. A hello, a short conversation, a rub on their heads, and a treat. When he moved they kept a vigil at the fence every day for a long time waiting for Mr. Reese. We won't keep that vigil because we know that he is home at last. Family, we pray that you may rest in peace knowing that Mr. Reese is resting in everlasting, eternal peace. No more tears, no more sorrow, home forevermore. The Crosby's will pray for you and you pray for us. The Lord is Good and 90 years is a blessing! God bless you all.*

With Loving Kindness,

The Crosby's (James Crosby, Linda Allen, Brenda Moss)

The Crosby's - March 02, 2024 at 08:15 PM

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“ *Our meeting was unusual, but we immediately bonded, and lead to a 54 years friendship. I Love you and will miss you! My heart is broken because I could not be there to share precious moments with your Children and Family. I Love you Man. SAM*

Lawrence N Sampson - February 27, 2024 at 12:08 AM

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“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers to the family and relatives.*



Tammy Edwards - February 26, 2024 at 05:04 PM