



Mr. John Robert Alexander Sr.

January 6, 1942 - December 17, 2024

It is with deep sorrow that Mrs. Jeannette Montgomery Alexander announces the death of her beloved husband, Mr. John Robert Alexander, Sr, 82.

Mr. Alexander entered into rest on Tuesday, December 17, 2024. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins are caring for the family in Hartsville, SC. Hanes Lineberry Funeral Home is conducting the services in Greensboro, NC.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on his birthday, January 6, 2025, from 2:00 until 4:00 pm at Abbotswood in Greensboro, NC. The Rev. Dr. Michael Brown of Blowing Rock Methodist Church will officiate. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be announced. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home will be caring for the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in his honor to Samaritans Purse P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607, or the Blowing Rock Methodist Church, c/o Mr. Wayne Bass, Treasurer, 1530 Queens Road #704, Charlotte, NC 28207.

John was born in Statesville, NC, the son of the late Robert Woodrow Alexander and the late Thelma Withers Alexander. He finished Statesville Senior High School in 1960. He played football, basketball, and ran track all three years and was awarded the coveted Purdue award for most valuable

athlete by his coaches. He went to Appalachian State and played basketball his first year there. Then, he became very involved in student government. He earned his BA degree from ASU in 1964, and that same year he married Jeannette Montgomery of Hartsville, SC.

They moved to Hartsville in 1965 when John started his career at Sonoco Products Company. He took early retirement in 2001, having become Director of Corporate Purchasing, where he was responsible for all national and international procurements for the global company. During his career at Sonoco, John was president of the Carolinas/Virginia chapter of the Purchasing Managers Association (PMACV). He was a long-time member of the Kiwanis Club, serving as President. He was named Kiwanian of the Year in 1990. He was president of Prestwood Country Club and an elder and treasurer at First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville.

His coaching days for the boys' basketball city league gave him immense pleasure as he was able to coach his son and even took them to the state championship. Throughout their 60 years of marriage, he and Jeannette traveled extensively. They loved riverboat cruises and went on most of the major rivers in Europe, including Russia, China, and Thailand. Then, they began taking equally enjoyable ocean cruises.

After early retirement, he enjoyed more than twenty wonderful years with his wife and family in their homes in Charleston, SC, Fripp Island, SC, and Blowing Rock, NC. He was a member of the First Scots Presbyterian Church, the Gibbes Museum, and the Historic Charleston Foundation, all in Charleston, SC. He was also a member of the Blowing Rock Country Club and the Blowing Rock Methodist Church, where he served on their Board of Directors. They moved from Blowing Rock to Greensboro in 2020, and in 2023, they moved into a cottage at Abbottswood in Irving Park, a wonderful retirement community in Greensboro. Alzheimer's hit John hard in 2024, and

he was moved to Memory Care at Abbotswood, which was within walking distance from their cottage.

As we were reminiscing about our life together, we realized that we should not cry because it was over, but we should laugh and rejoice because it happened! John was the love of Jeannette's life, and she was his. They made the most of their many blessings and cherished the years they've had together. He was visited by his children and several grandchildren the night of his passing, and he died in the arms of his beloved wife that same night. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Those who knew him loved him - a gentleman and a gentle spirit who knew His Father in heaven and is now home for Christmas -- At peace and joyful.

He is survived by his wife, Jeannette Montgomery Alexander of Greensboro, NC; daughter, Mimi Alexander Joyce (Steve, Jr); granddaughters, Liza and Nora Kate, all of Greensboro, NC. He is also survived by his son, Dr. J. Robert Alexander, Jr (Tracie) of Charleston, SC; two grandsons, Robert Cole and Aidan Wells, all of Charleston, SC; and granddaughter, Chloe Rose of Charleston, SC; sister, Toni Alexander of Boston, MA; brother-in-law, Henry DuBose Montgomery (Nancy) of Austin, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Pat Alexander Anderson of Hickory, NC.

Tribute Wall

DT

“*Dave Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Robert Alexander Sr.*



Dave Thompson - March 31, 2025 at 06:22 PM

CG

“*Connee Gamble Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Robert Alexander Sr.*



Connee Gamble Grantham - March 31, 2025 at 08:24 AM

BP

“*Bill And Linda Price lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Robert Alexander Sr.*



Bill and Linda Price - December 28, 2024 at 12:18 PM

MS

“*Jeannette, you're in my thoughts, my heart, and my prayers. May angels walk with you today and always. May you find peace in knowing that you and John will be reunited in eternity.*
Myra

Myra Smith - December 24, 2024 at 11:29 PM



“ 10 files added to the album John Alexander



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - December 22, 2024 at 01:19 PM

LH

*Dear Jeanette, I can't believe I just saw you after so many years and now I read this. I am so sorry for your loss. I know how much you meant to each other, but I also know there are so many wonderful memories that you have. The two of you enjoyed life to the fullest. My prayers are with you as you move forward with John there, but I know what a strong person you are...(personal experience here). I always enjoyed dealing with the two of you, but as I remember, you were my main go to. I do hope that our paths will cross again in the future.
Love and prayers,
Linda Hyman*

Linda Hyman - December 22, 2024 at 05:20 PM

TW

“ Travis And Marilyn Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Robert Alexander Sr.



Travis and Marilyn Walters - December 21, 2024 at 06:05 PM

JC

“ *Jeri And Jim Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Robert Alexander Sr.*



Jeri and Jim Cox - December 20, 2024 at 06:48 PM

JS

“ *Jerry Sumner lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Robert Alexander Sr.*



Jerry Sumner - December 20, 2024 at 05:05 PM

BM

“ *Billie McManus lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Robert Alexander Sr.*



Billie McManus - December 20, 2024 at 12:49 PM

MZ

“ *Jeanette and Family,
Sid and I pray for Peace and Love as you journey on without John.
What a kind, gentle soul he was ...
A true Southern gentleman.*

Madge Zemp - December 20, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ *Judy Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Robert Alexander Sr.*



Judy Lane - December 20, 2024 at 10:02 AM



“ *Ron Wall lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Robert Alexander Sr.*



Ron Wall - December 20, 2024 at 08:55 AM



“ *Connee Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Robert Alexander Sr.*



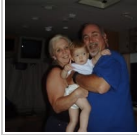
Connee Grantham - December 20, 2024 at 08:36 AM



“ *3 files added to the album John Alexander*



steve joyce - December 20, 2024 at 08:03 AM



“ John and I worked at Sonoco and I always thought he was an outstanding person and I considered him a friend. My thoughts and prayers to the family.

David Rudick - December 20, 2024 at 07:41 AM

JB

“ A true gentleman and my friend. RIP John!

Joyce Beasley - December 19, 2024 at 11:41 PM

CB

“ Tom and I are so sorry to hear this news. John was a distinguished gentleman, happy, and very devoted to his family. We attended the same church-First Presbyterian in Hartsville. He will be missed. May God wrap his arms around his family and give them peace. Blessings, Cecelia Brown

Cecelia Brown - December 19, 2024 at 10:11 PM

JH

I'm am so sorry to hear of John's passing. I worked with John at Sonoco in purchasing back in the 1980's. He was such a nice man and I'm glad I knew him. My prayers are with his family and friends.

Jennifer Millen Hatchell - December 20, 2024 at 09:03 AM

KL

“ Praying for this precious family



Kathy Lawhon - December 19, 2024 at 09:36 PM

LH

“ Sorry to hear of Johns passing. We played many sets of tennis together and also worked together at Sonoco for years. He was always a pleasure to be around and converse with. My prayers to the family for strength and peace.



Larry Huggins - December 19, 2024 at 08:44 PM

DW

“ Deborah B Winburn



Deborah B Winburn - December 19, 2024 at 07:35 PM

DB

“ Debbie Brown-Wynne lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Robert Alexander Sr.



Debbie Brown-Wynne - December 19, 2024 at 07:17 PM

DH

“ DEBRA HEMBY-SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Robert Alexander Sr.



DEBRA HEMBY-SMITH - December 19, 2024 at 07:00 PM

DG

“ *Deborah Gandy lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Robert Alexander Sr.*



Deborah Gandy - December 19, 2024 at 06:26 PM



“ *I was blessed to have known and interacted with John during my 47 years at Sonoco. He was a true Southern Gentleman.*



James Butch Mckenzie - December 19, 2024 at 05:09 PM

RH

What a quality friend and professional associate at Sonoco John was! I always admired John Alexander... Had not seen John since his 2001 retirement but today when I learned that he had “passed” it hit me like a rock! John gave so much and left a part of himself with every relationship. As is said: GONE BUT NOT/NEVER FORGOTTEN!!! May each family member continue to feel and share his love.... 🙏🙏🙏

Rodger Hatchell - December 20, 2024 at 03:45 PM