



John Anthony (Tony) Bishop

February 29, 1940 - July 26, 2025

John Anthony (Tony) Bishop of Greenville, SC, passed away at home on July 26, 2025 at the age of 85.

Born in Greenville on February 29, 1940 to John Vollie and Mae Tankersley Bishop, John graduated from Travelers Rest High School where he was on the varsity football and track teams. He served his country in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Canisteo, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Furman University. After working for the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Studies at the University of Georgia, he returned to Greenville to work in the textile industry. Later in life he opened his own businesses in cabinetry and birding supplies; in retirement years he enjoyed working in the garden department at Home Depot.

A lifelong outdoorsman, birder, and hunter, he became a scoutmaster who taught many young men to love and respect nature. He was a founding member of the Travelers Rest Historical Society and a longtime member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, where he served as a ruling elder and Sunday school teacher.

John was a loving husband, father and grandfather, and a loyal friend. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy Neal Bishop, his children Betsy (Ken) Weiss and Andrew (Julea Summers) Bishop, and his grandchildren Andrea, Ashley, Maegan and Katherine.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 1st, 2025 at 1PM, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Travelers Rest.

The family will receive friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to the Building Fund at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Presbyterian Church
405 Trailblazer Drive
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall

PW

“ Mrs. Bishop and Betsy and Drew, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a good man. Thinking of all of you. —Pam Wilkins

Pam Wilkins - August 01, 2025 at 07:55 PM

KB

“ Drew, so sorry for your aching heart...but rejoicing with you because you know your Pop has seen the face of Jesus. ❤️🙏❤️

Kathi Brannen - July 31, 2025 at 08:22 PM

WA

“ With love, Kenny, Amanda, Esri and Ava planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Anthony (Tony) Bishop.

With love, Kenny, Amanda, Esri and Ava - July 31, 2025 at 07:03 AM

WA

“ With love, Kenny, Amanda, Esri and Ava purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Anthony (Tony) Bishop.



With love, Kenny, Amanda, Esri and Ava - July 31, 2025 at 07:03 AM

ST

“ *Sammie Tate lit a candle in memory of John Anthony Bishop*



Sammie Tate - July 30, 2025 at 07:01 AM

MK

“ *Michael and Louise Kelley lit a candle in memory of John Anthony Bishop*



Michael and Louise Kelley - July 29, 2025 at 01:31 PM

TM

“ *Tom and Cassie McCarron planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Anthony (Tony) Bishop.*

Tom and Cassie McCarron - July 29, 2025 at 12:19 PM

TM

“ *Tom and Cassie McCarron purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John Anthony (Tony) Bishop.*



Tom and Cassie McCarron - July 29, 2025 at 12:19 PM

JW

“ Jimmy Watson lit a candle in memory of John Anthony Bishop



Jimmy Watson - July 29, 2025 at 09:26 AM

JD

“ Tony and I were friends for 54 years. We had moved away from Greenville because of my job. We moved back in 2008 and I went to the nearest Home Depot to get something. We almost ran head on when he came out of an aisle. I shouted Tony Bishop and he shouted Jim Dansby. I looked at his HD apron and his name was John. I asked him why it said John. He said it because it was his name. I asked him what his mother called him. He said Anthony and I said I'll just continue to call you Tony. I did not know his first name was John. We had lunch together every Wednesday. I'm going to miss him.

Jim Dansby - July 29, 2025 at 08:45 AM

JF

“ Jeannie Ferguson lit a candle in memory of John Anthony Bishop



Jeannie Ferguson - July 29, 2025 at 02:40 AM

PF

“ *Dot and family I am so very sorry to read of John's passing. He was such a nice man and a wonderful friend. May he rest in peace.*
Much love, Penny

Penelope Forrester - July 28, 2025 at 07:33 PM

PF

“ *Penelope Forrester lit a candle in memory of John Anthony Bishop*



Penelope Forrester - July 28, 2025 at 07:30 PM

RH

“ *Randy Hawkins lit a candle in memory of John Anthony Bishop*



Randy Hawkins - July 28, 2025 at 07:00 PM

JH

“ *Jonell Hart lit a candle in memory of John Anthony Bishop*



Jonell Hart - July 28, 2025 at 03:53 PM

KR

Losing John Bishop is like losing a family member for he & Dot made Metz's & our move to Travelers Rest & Trinity Presbyterian Church such a welcoming time. Both he & Dot have meant so much to us. They were also so comforting to me upon losing Metz's, just as Jesus cares for us. We truly were brothers & sisters in Christ & May he comfort the family on their great loss. †

Karen E Robertson

Karen E. Robertson - July 28, 2025 at 11:07 PM