



John Vest

September 22, 1921 - September 19, 2008

JOHN WILLIAM VEST GREENVILLE, SC

John William Vest, 86, passed away Friday, September 19, 2008.

Born on September 22, 1921 in Travelers Rest, SC, he was the son of the late Clarence C. and Lula Hart Vest. He was an Army veteran of WWII; worked for Roadway Express and retired from Associated Transport where he served as Office Manager for 20 years and was the former owner of A&A Fence Co. He was member of the Cooper Lodge #282, A.F.M.; 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and on the Board of Directors of the Speech Center Scottish Rite; member of the Hejaz Shrine Temple and charter member of the Wade Hampton Lodge #404, A.F.M and Recovery Lodge # 31. John also devoted 47 years of volunteer service to The Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children and was a member of Gap Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving are his daughter, Carol Duncan of Honea Path, SC; brother, Harvey Doyle Vest and Peggy of Greenville; grandson, Steven Duncan and Dana of Greenwood; granddaughter, Sandra Madden and Dale of Honea Path; 2 great-grandchildren, Sean Duncan and Trevor Madden; Aunt, Ruby Neves of Travelers Rest, sister-in-law, Lottie Vest of Greenville; and a special friend, Helen Trouton Golightly.

He was predeceased by a brother, Bobby Joe Vest.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 11 a.m. at The Howze Mortuary Chapel.

Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Monday morning from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. at The Howze Mortuary.

The family will be at their respective homes.

Memorials may be made to Gap Creek Baptist Church Building Fund, 381 Gap Creek Rd., Marietta, SC 29661 and/or John I. Smith Children's Center, The Scottish Rite Center in Greenville, PO Box 5776, Greenville, SC 29606-5776.

Condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting www.thehowzemortuary.com.

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of arrangements. (864)834-8051.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall



“ My heart is saddened by John's death. We worked together at Shriner's Hospital and we visited regularly at The Traveler. Our lives entwined in so many ways. Each conversation was a blessing to me. I will sorely miss him.##imported-begin##Rebecca Greene##imported-end##

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“ With a sorrowful heart we pray that God will give peace and comfort to the Vest Family. I believe John is home now and all tears and thoughts of us are now on Jesus. As Jesus calmed the waters so shall he calm our fears and give us peace.##imported-begin##Joe Bracken##imported-end##

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“ MY TRIBUTE TO JOHN
MY BELOVED, EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIEND

Sometimes I think of the times we've spent together, the long talks we had and the good times we shared with our parents.

I am very grateful for having a wonderful, lifetime friend like you. A friend to count on, to confide in and to treasure.

I will forever remember your loving smile, your kind heart and your gentle spirit.

John, you grew from a special little boy into a fine and wonderful person. Along that journey, you touched many lives, as well as mine, with your caring and compassionate soul.

Today, I thank you for each and every memory you left behind for me, they shall be embedded in my heart forever.

There comes a time for everything, and when God called, you could not stay another day; to love, to work or to play. All tasks undone must stay that way.

I thank you; for your friendship down through the years, the way that we shared a laugh, a hug or sometimes just a friendly handshake.

For now, my wish for you, is the sunshine of tomorrow. May you rest in peace.

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Hallelujah.##imported-begin##Helen Trouton Golightly##imported-end##

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