



John E. Blackmon Jr.

March 2, 1940 - April 10, 2026

John E. Blackmon, Jr., 86, of Darlington, passed away on Friday, April 10, 2026.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, in the chapel of Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Grove Hill Cemetery with Military Honors. The family will receive friends from 2:00 until 3:00 PM prior to the service at the funeral home.

John was born in Darlington, South Carolina, on March 2, 1940. He was the son of the late John E. Blackmon, Sr. and Almeda Kelly Blackmon. He was born, raised, and lived his entire life in Darlington County. High Hill Baptist Church was his home church. He attended St. John's High School where he was a proud member of the Blue Devils Football team. He graduated in the class of 1958. Following high school, he joined the United States Navy and became a Morse Code operator, a craft reserved for only a select few servicemen. He married his sweetheart, Rosa Lee Hutson, and they were married for 42 years before the Lord called her home in 2006. Together they raised two wonderful children, Eric and Candice.

John worked for Sonoco Products Company for 40 years and was a member of the Sonoco Old Timers Club. He retired in 2003.

He loved the great outdoors. When he had time, he loved to deer hunt. Even when his health began to fail, Eric rigged him up a set of steps to get him in

his stand. He was able to enjoy his passion up until just a few months ago.

He is survived by his children, Eric Blackmon (Sharry) and Candice Bennoit (Eric); his grandchildren, Josh Blackmon, Clint Suggs (Candace), Jesse Suggs (fiancée, Katelyn), Ashley Hubbard (fiancé, Jason), and Allison Gadwin (Gage) Zack Williams (Brianna); his great-grandchildren, Riley Gaaney, Zoie Suggs, Colton Williams, Brayslee Williams, Genry Ann Williams, and Jax Blackmon; his sister, Julie Rhodes (Larry); his brother, Tommy Blackman (Pat); his sister-in-law, Mary Lou Blackmon; as well as several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brother, Dickey Blackman.

He is also survived by his two nieces who always said he was their favorite uncle, Robin Clontz (Tim) and Susan Hart Rollins (Ray). He loved them like they were his own children.

Memorials are suggested to The McLeod Health Cancer Center. Donations can be made at Mcleodhealth.org. or mailed to The McLeod Foundation, 300 S Dargan St., Florence, SC 29501 or to The Darlington County Humane Society, 580 E Washington St., Hartsville, SC 29550

Tribute Wall



“ 106 files added to the album LifeTributes



Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home - April 14 at 01:12 PM

CD

“ Eric, your dad raise a fine gentleman. Always remember, just like God is always with us your dad is too because you are like him. When you find yourself being like your dad be proud of yourself and where you came from. Praying and grieving for you and your family

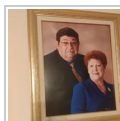
Charles Dimery - April 14 at 11:24 AM

KS

“ Eric our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family



Kerrie Ann Skidmore - April 13 at 09:56 AM



He was a very loving and kind man so gentle and love to his wife to the end and forever Sydney and Rusty lightning

Carol Grooms - April 14 at 08:09 PM

GO

“ Grady O'Neal lit a candle in memory of John E. Blackmon Jr.



Grady O'Neal - April 12 at 04:08 PM

CN

“ Eric and Family, Sorry to hear of your loss. A lot of memories of your Dad when you were playing baseball. I always enjoyed the chats we had. Praying for the Family during this time. RIP my friend



Chris Norton - April 12 at 02:50 PM

SO

“ Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Bo & Sherry Hill



Sherry Odom - April 11 at 08:37 PM

JL

“ Judy & Ricky Locklair lit a candle in memory of John E. Blackmon Jr.



Judy & Ricky Locklair - April 11 at 08:17 PM

AL

“ Andy, Laima purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John E. Blackmon Jr..



Andy, Laima - April 11 at 08:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John E. Blackmon Jr..



April 11 at 06:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John E. Blackmon Jr..

April 11 at 06:57 PM

KE

“ Keith's-Marcus,Becky,Dallas,Juice,Morgan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John E. Blackmon Jr..



Keith's-Marcus,Becky,Dallas,Juice,Morgan - April 11 at 01:36 PM

PG

“ *Our family sends our deepest condolences.
Wayne, Pat , Jessica and Ryan Rhodes*



Patricia Gainey - April 11 at 09:14 AM

MB

“ *Love and prayers for your family as you remember the special man
John was.*

Mary Lou Blackmon - April 11 at 09:05 AM

DB

“ *Denise Beasley lit a candle in memory of
John E. Blackmon Jr.*



Denise Beasley - April 10 at 09:42 PM

TW

“ *Travis Walters lit a candle in memory of John
E. Blackmon Jr.*



Travis Walters - April 10 at 05:48 PM

EH

“ Julie I’m so sorry to hear of your brother passing. Sending you hugs and prayers



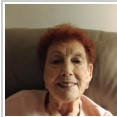
Elaine Hubbard - April 10 at 03:37 PM

TJ

“ Eric and Candy, I am so sorry to hear about uncle Johnny passing. You guys are in my prayers. Nothing but good memories!

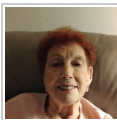


Tommy King, Jr. - April 10 at 02:28 PM



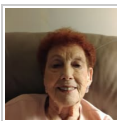
John with one of the sweetest man he was truly loved by all Carol Burns Carol grooms

Carol Grooms - April 12 at 12:49 PM



Hard to hear the loss of our uncle he was truly loved by us real family man Johnny he will attempt a good man Sydney and Rusty blackmon Darlington

Carol Grooms - April 12 at 12:50 PM



Is Grandma okay

Carol Grooms - April 12 at 12:50 PM

PM

My thoughts and prayers are with you Eric and Candy, and to you Julie and Tommy, too .

Paula Monovasis - April 14 at 03:20 AM