



John (Fred) Fredrick Saverance

October 17, 1936 - April 20, 2024

Lieutenant Colonel John F. Saverance was born October 17, 1936 in Cartersville, SC to Robert M. and Dorothy Schueller Saverance. His early years were spent on the family farm in the Fair Hope Community. Attending Lamar Schools, he graduated from Lamar High having played quarterback for the football team and driven a school bus route.

From Lamar, he next attended the University of South Carolina, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Electro-Mechanical Engineering. He joined class 61-G for undergraduate pilot training at Spence AFB in Moultrie, Ga., after marrying Lorraine Lee to whom he was married for 64 years. After completing pilot training, the Saverances were assigned to Pope Air Force Base near Fayetteville North Carolina. While there, Fred flew C-123 aircraft and their son Robert was born. Later, they moved to Eglin AFB in the Florida Panhandle where their son Julian was born.

After completing two tours in Vietnam, the family moved to Florence and Fred became an instructor in the early years of Florence Darlington Tech. He continued his military flying as a member of the North Carolina Air National Guard where he flew C-124 and C-121 aircraft. During this time he also became a Designated Pilot Examiner with the FAA beginning a long involvement with general aviation throughout South Carolina. In November of 1967, he was appointed to the South Carolina Air National Guard and flew F-102, T-33, A-7D, and C-131 aircraft.

In 1973, the family moved to Columbia where Fred began work with the South

Carolina Division of General Services. After having served as assistant director of General Services, he retired from both the State and the Air National Guard. He moved back home to Lamar, S.C. and continued his work as a Pilot Examiner working extensively with an international aviation school in Conway. For several years, he hosted these international students at his home in Lamar for Christmas Dinner.

A lifelong member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, he enjoyed plant visits and meeting with the group. He served on the Board of the Pee Dee Electric Cooperative and was always in his church, Sardis Baptist, on Sunday morning having served in many capacities in all of his home churches.

Mr. Saverance was pre-deceased by both Parents and his daughter-in-law Dawn Williams Saverance. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; sister, Phyllis (Jay) Lambeth; his two sons Robert (Mindy) and Julian; and five Grandchildren, John (Graysen) Saverance, Andrew Saverance, Madeline Saverance, Carsyn (Connor) Faile, and Macie Saverance.

Funeral services will be held at Sardis Baptist Church in Timmonsville, SC on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 1 pm. Visitation will directly follow the service.

There will be a private family interment.

Memorials may be made to Sardis Baptist Church, 3129 Sardis Highway, Timmonsville, S.C. 29161.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **27**. 1:00 PM (ET)

SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH
3206 State Rd S-21-53
Timmonsville, SC 29161

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Captain Saverance was the DPE for my Private Pilot License at Florence Airport. Such a genuine man! I remember his advice after my checkride. I'll never forget him. He earned his heavenly wings. RIP Captain Saverance.

Dr. Taurean Walker - January 15, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ 89 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home - April 26, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John (Fred) Fredrick Saverance.



April 26, 2024 at 02:13 PM

GF

“ Gloria Askins and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John (Fred) Fredrick Saverance.

Gloria Askins and Family - April 26, 2024 at 02:13 PM

LT

“ Love: David and Linda Trekell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John (Fred) Fredrick Saverance.



Love: David and Linda Trekell - April 24, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John (Fred) Fredrick Saverance.



April 24, 2024 at 11:11 AM

EB

“ Knew Fred quite well at one point along the way. One of the finest upstanding men and patriot I've ever known.

Eddie Blackmon - April 23, 2024 at 10:00 PM

RB

“ I was so sorry to hear about Mr Severance. He was such a caring man. My husband and I went on a trip to Canada with him and Mrs Lorraine a few other couples in his RV. That was the best Time I ever had. I love you Mrs Lorraine and my prayers will be with you and your family

Ruth and Gene Boyce - April 22, 2024 at 08:42 PM

RO

“ Mr Fred was a friend and mentor I will cherish memories of flying with him. Condolences to family and friends. Roger

Roger - April 22, 2024 at 08:04 AM

JB

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I enjoyed working for Fred for several years with State Government. He was an excellent boss. Never demanding always courteous and considerate. He will be truly missed.

Jean Burroughs

Jean Burroughs - April 21, 2024 at 06:15 PM



GE

“ Ginny Edwards lit a candle in memory of John (Fred) Fredrick Saverance

Ginny Edwards - April 21, 2024 at 05:16 PM



RR

Deepest sympathy to Loraine and all. Just to tell "Thanks for the memories" covers it all.....they were good.

Rogers Reynolds - April 23, 2024 at 08:09 AM

DH

So sorry for your loss . Prayers for your family.

Deborah Ham - April 23, 2024 at 07:38 PM

DT

Fred was a wonderful friend, as is Lorraine. We graduated Air Force flying school together. In later years, we traveled together, planned reunions, shared stories and our love for Christ. He was extremely intelligent, witty and a good man. He has been released and now resides in heaven. David & Linda Trekell

David W. Trekell - April 24, 2024 at 03:41 PM

BT

*I knew Fred 'back when' from SCANG. From all my encounters, I knew he was an all around good person!!
Bill Tolleson*

Bill Tolleson - May 18, 2024 at 09:44 AM