



## Laverne Eddie "Bernie" Summers

September 13, 1934 - December 11, 2024

Laverne Eddie "Bernie" Summers, age 90, of Bowman, SC, saw the face of Jesus on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. He was born on September 13, 1934, to the late Eddie & Pauline Summers. He retired as supervisor at Westvaco Papermill in Charleston and served in the National Guard for many years. He was a graduate of Branchville High School. He was a faithful member at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church and served on the Mt. Tabor Cemetery Committee for many years. He loved God, his wife of 69 wonderful years, his children, grands, great-grands, all of his family and friends that he's left behind.

He loved spending time with his family, traveling with his wife throughout the entire United States and frequent visits to Pigeon Forge, TN. He loved farming, cleaning his yards (especially cutting the grass), chewing his tobacco, counting his cows on the four-wheeler, laughing, spending time with people, going out to eat, and making sure his family was taken care of. He always blessed the food with his special prayer and made sure everyone had enough to eat. If something needed to be done, he never hesitated to do it and without complaint. To some in the community he was affectionately referred to as the "Mayor of Pea Ridge". He was a very patient man, easy going and would go out of his way to do for his family and those in need. He is survived by his children, Ronnie (Lanee) Summers, Wanda (James) Wiles, his grandchildren, Ashley (Adam) Murray, Cullen Summers, Jay (Hannah) Wiles, Lee (Bonnie) Wiles; five great-grandchildren, Ava & Anaston

Murray, Regan, Micah, & Cora Wiles; his sister, Nona (Curtis) Clark, brother-in-law, Wayne (Brenda) Dukes, sister-in-laws; Edith Dukes & Gerry Dukes along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Tee Summers, child, Tara Elizabeth, his parents, step-mother, Annie Bell Summers, brother, Johnny Summers, sister-in-law, Mary Summers, & brother-in-laws, Philip "Duck" (Marlene), Gene, and HL Dukes.

A celebration of life service will be held at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church on December 14, 2024 at 11am and officiated by Rev. Jay Johnson and Rev. Bobby Etheridge. A visitation will be held at 10am, one hour prior to services. Pallbearers are Jay Wiles, Lee Wiles, Cullen Summers, Adam Murray, Phil Dukes, Sandy Dukes, Gene Dukes, Steve Summers, Gregg Clark, & John Clark.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Mt. Tabor cemetery fund.

# Tribute Wall

HL

“ *Ronnie and Family  
Wanda and Family  
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. Another amazing figure of our community gone to rest. At least he and your Mom are now together at last and in peace and are happy. May that be your comfort today. Unfortunately we are out of town and will not be able to attend services today but our thoughts and prayers are with you as they have from the beginning. God bless all of you and know we are gonna miss an amazing and wonderful couple. They were a pillow to our community. Take care. Our love..John and Hazel*

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**Hazel Looper** - December 14, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers. He truly was a godly man just like your mom.  
Love to all  
Joyce P Axson*

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**Joyce Axson** - December 13, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *Deepest sympathy. Senn Brothers Produce*

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**Anonymous** - December 13, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Colleen Newsome Jolly lit a candle in memory of Laverne Eddie "Bernie" Summers



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**Colleen Newsome Jolly** - December 13, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Ronnie, Sincere condolences from the SC Governor's School for Agriculture and the JDLH School Foundation.

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**Dr. Tim Keown and Ms. Stacie Smith** - December 13, 2024 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ He always had a sparkle in his eyes and a kind word.  
Ed Billings

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**Ed Billings** - December 12, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Ott Funeral Home

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Laverne Eddie "Bernie" Summers** - December 12, 2024 at 12:00 AM