



## Hans Jurgen "John" Rakebrandt

November 1, 1950 - March 1, 2024

Greer, SC – Hans Jurgen “John” Rakebrandt entered into Heaven on Friday, March 1, 2024. John was the son of the late Wilhelm and Grete Rakebrandt and the loving husband of the late Dale Ann Rakebrandt.

Born in Uslar, Germany in 1950, John was one of eight children. At the age of five he moved from Germany to Ontario, Canada with his family where he would find a passion for photography, attend and graduate from a renowned photography college- Conestoga College, and meet the love of his life. John and his wife would then move to the US in 1979 to build their lives together. John continued his photography career for over 40 years and truly loved the work that he did. Not only did John have a heartfelt passion for photography, but he also had a sincere love for animals. He owned two horses, a dog, and a pigeon and found solace in devoting his time to caring for his animals in the years after his wife passed. John was a quiet man, often keeping to himself, but had a caring soul and a heart made of gold. He loved his family and was a proud father and grandfather. Although he will be deeply missed in the years to come by those who loved him dearly, it is comforting to know that John was blessed enough to be able to do what brought him so much comfort – caring for his horses – until his very last moment.

He is survived by his children, Matthew “Matt” Rakebrandt (Rebecca “Becca”) and Kathleen “Katie” Traffie (Adam); his grandchildren, Kaleb Rakebrandt, Gavin Rakebrandt, Tyra Traffie, Asher Traffie, Trace Traffie, Cashton Traffie, Harlow Traffie, and Freya Traffie; his siblings, Horst Rakebrandt (Irene),

Lothar Rakebrandt (Ruby), Seigrig Groves (Tim), Anna Galfusz (Hans), Gerhard Rakebrandt (Diane) and Uta Milmine (Ron); and his brother-in-law, Edmond Fritz; as well as many other loved family members and friends. In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by his sister, Margaret Fritz. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 2:00 PM at Eastside Apostolic Lutheran Church; 2200 Mays Bridge Road Greer, SC 29651. Pastor Arvi Aho will officiate.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Eastside Apostolic Lutheran Church  
2200 Mays Bridge Road  
Greer, SC

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ I'm so sorry to learn of John's passing, John and I worked together for years at Sidney Boguss /Image Communications Photography Studio in MA . we became good friends, my husband and I visited you all in Groton a couple of times. I remember his love of horses and his weekends away with Katie and the riding shows , you did really well he was so proud!  
It hurts me to realize he is gone!  
Sending you lots of love Rest in peace my dear friend  
judi Dennison

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**Judi Dennison** - July 13, 2025 at 06:37 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hans Jurgen "John" Rakebrandt.



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March 10, 2024 at 09:31 PM

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“ Rutherford Rd. ALC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hans Jurgen "John" Rakebrandt.

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**Rutherford Rd. ALC** - March 10, 2024 at 05:08 PM

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“ Rutherford Rd. ALC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hans Jurgen "John" Rakebrandt.



Rutherford Rd. ALC - March 10, 2024 at 05:08 PM



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Living Waters Funeral Home & Crematory - March 09, 2024 at 03:35 PM

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“ The Forcier Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hans Jurgen "John" Rakebrandt.

The Forcier Family - March 08, 2024 at 09:57 PM

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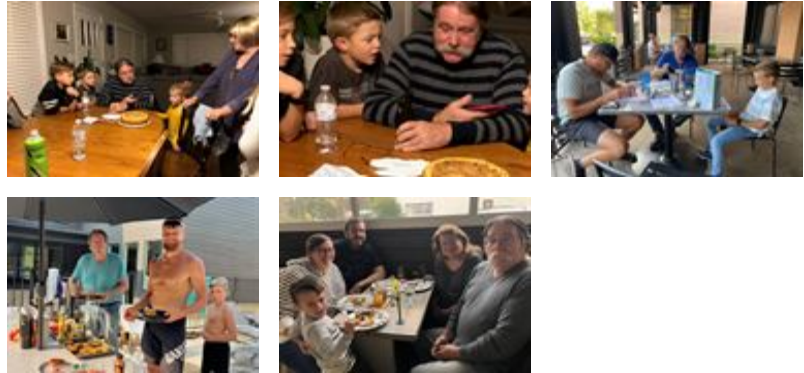
“ The Forcier Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Hans Jurgen "John" Rakebrandt.



The Forcier Family - March 08, 2024 at 09:57 PM



“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Living Waters Funeral Home & Crematory - March 08, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hans Jurgen "John" Rakebrandt.



families - March 08, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ To the family my heartfelt condolences for your loss. May God comfort you in these difficult days .John was my favorite "Hello" and I enjoyed our conversations and he made me laugh when he talked about his dog he called "Brat" , I will miss my friend - rest in peace !. Janice



Janice S. Owen - March 07, 2024 at 10:01 AM

LJ

“ Love Jan and Juha planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hans Jurgen "John" Rakebrandt.

Love Jan and Juha - March 06, 2024 at 08:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hans Jurgen "John" Rakebrandt.



March 06, 2024 at 08:51 PM

CG

“ Chad and Karen Gibson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Hans Jurgen "John" Rakebrandt.



Chad and Karen Gibson - March 06, 2024 at 04:30 PM