



John Samuel Sitman

May 25, 1950 - April 10, 2025

Spartanburg – John Samuel Sitman, 74, of Spartanburg, passed away Thursday, April 10, 2025. He was the husband of Deborah Bramer Sitman and the son of the late Harry Martin Sitman and Mary Jane Desantis Sitman.

John was a member of Fairview Baptist Church in Spartanburg and a retired truck driver. He served our country in the Army during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed wood working, painting and writing books and poetry.

In addition to his wife, John is survived by his children, Carrie Yarbrough (Dereck), Chrissy Schwanke (Stephen), and Josh Sitman (Heather); his grandchildren, Carson, Callie, and Caiden Yarbrough, Josiah, Lily, Leah, Lyla, Lydia and Jadon Schwanke, Bayleigh, Cassidy, Emily, Jenna, and Alyssa Sitman; and his brothers, Richard and Thomas Sitman. He is predeceased by his brother, Harry Sitman.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 17, 2025 from 1:00-2:00 PM with the service beginning at 2:00 PM at Living Waters Funeral Home & Crematory, 529 Spartanburg Hwy. S. Lyman, SC 29365. Pastor Stephen Schwanke will officiate.

Interment with Military Honors will follow the service at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, 14050 E. Wade Hampton Blvd., Greer, SC 29651

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 E. Wade Hampton Blvd.
Greer, SC

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

APR 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory
529 Spartanburg Hwy. S.
P.O. Box 758
Lyman, SC 29365
(864) 439-7141
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Celebration of Life

APR 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

APR 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GN

“ *A loss of a fellow veteran. A loss of a wounded warrior. A loss of a friend. A man who faced his demons with courage and commitment and treated others with love gentleness and understanding. A loss to us all.*

Cpt Gerald Nieters M.D.

Gerald Nieters - April 17, 2025 at 10:00 PM

KB

“ *Deepest condolences to the Sitman family from his Scottish friend. I will be forever grateful for the beautiful painting John completed of my mum when she passed. You were a true gentleman*

KB - April 17, 2025 at 01:05 PM

ML

“ *Mike Smith and Midge Lorenc purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of John Samuel Sitman.*



Mike Smith and Midge Lorenc - April 16, 2025 at 10:08 PM

DW

“ *Our prayers are with the Sitman family, Pastor Daniel G. Waters and Good News Baptist Church*

Daniel Waters - April 16, 2025 at 10:08 PM

BE

“ Beth purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Samuel Sitman.



Beth - April 16, 2025 at 08:09 PM

MB

“ Mike and I send our condolences and prayers to John's family! We thought so very much of him and will treasure our memories! I am truly going to miss my writing tutor and buddy! Seeing him walk through our front door at the shop was always a very welcome interruption (as he called himself)! I have no doubt that he will be missed by so many. Sending prayers!

Mike & Cherie Bailey - April 16, 2025 at 03:16 PM

DH

“ I was fortunate enough to meet John while attending youth group in church. John was always such a kind man, we shared some laughs and fun working on cars. Please accept my deepest condolences. John, may you rest in peace and glory kind sir.

David Herbert - April 16, 2025 at 01:41 PM

TF

“ The Herbert family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Samuel Sitman.

The Herbert family - April 16, 2025 at 01:37 PM

TF

“ *The Herbert family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Samuel Sitman.*



The Herbert family - April 16, 2025 at 01:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Samuel Sitman.*



April 16, 2025 at 08:45 AM

LR

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Bramer-Sitman family. Many fond memories of John and Debbie when they lived in Hollywood/Ft. Lauderdale. I still can see their wedding in my mind's eyes. It is not where the essence/soul of John is that is so difficult during these days --- it is where he is not. In those silent moments and empty spaces, I pray you are comforted with the deep peace of knowing that nothing that is real can ever be threatened. John is held in love and so are you. Much love, prayers, comfort and peace be yours.....
Lisa Wisnoski Robbins*

Lisa L. Robbins - April 15, 2025 at 06:55 PM

KK

“ I basically “grew up” in church with Mr John and Mrs Debbie back in Brandon, Florida. I counted John as a friend, mentor and role model. He was the kindest man who didn’t just talk the talk...he walked the walk and set such a shining Christian example for so many of us youth at church! He LOVED my mama’s lemon bars and pecan torte and he couldn’t wait for our church potlucks! I just know that Mama greeted him in Heaven with a grand dessert spread and with a big Nadine hug! John’s presence here will surely be missed, but I know he is basking in Glory with his Lord and Savior and like with my mama, that brings a great peace! I thank God for putting John, Debbie and their family in my path as a teenager and I will lift up all of those who loved him in prayer for comfort!
Love and hugs- Kim Kull

Kimberly Kull - April 15, 2025 at 06:42 PM

AB

“ Angela & Lynn Bembry purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Samuel Sitman.



Angela & Lynn Bembry - April 15, 2025 at 05:56 PM

HM

“ My family has known John and his family for many, many years. We attended the same church together in Brandon FL. John, Debbie and their children were like family to us. We worshipped together and had a lot of fun together. I can remember when we had church suppers, John always loved for me to bring blueberry crunch. We shared happy times and sad times. He will be missed, but we know without a doubt that he is now home with his Heavenly Father. Our love, sympathy and prayers are with Debbie and the family.

*With love,
Helen Mechtell*

Helen Mechtell - April 15, 2025 at 04:01 PM

JM

“ Rest in peace "PEACE" dear brother-in-law. At 16 you were a kind, humble & caring person & you never changed. In God's Love, your sister-in-law Judy.

J. Manus - April 15, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Life Tributes



Living Waters Funeral Home & Crematory - April 15, 2025 at 11:25 AM

DB

“ Don and Kathy Babcock purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Samuel Sitman.



Don and Kathy Babcock - April 15, 2025 at 09:32 AM

JM

“ John was the kindest man I knew. I always felt a connection; because he served in Vietnam; as my only brother did also. That was a bond That meant a lot to me! John and my husband Eddie were great friends! They loved going for breakfast and talked for hours! I admired all the talents John had; superior painting skills! Chrissy was so blessed to have a Dad that could build and refine her furniture! I always enjoyed John, when he did lessons at our church. A man that loved his country, his wife & family! Mostly he loved God And was ready to be with his Savior. The McNamara family loved Jonn Sitman! He will be greatly missed. Heaven received a precious Soul!

Janice & Ed McNamara - April 14, 2025 at 08:41 PM

JG

“ John was truly an inspiration to me. As his cousin we considered ourselves as Kindred Spirits. John was a prayer warrior that I could depend on whenever I needed prayer. He was the finest husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend! I will miss him dearly but know I will see him again!!! Praise the Lord!! Janeane DeSantis Gainer

Janeane Gainer - April 14, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ 58 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Living Waters Funeral Home & Crematory - April 14, 2025 at 02:51 PM

CD

John was my Sunday school teacher at Providence Baptist Church in Riverview, Florida. We were also neighbors with John and Debbie. We couldn't ask for better neighbors than John and Debbie! John encouraged us to be faithful going to church. He was a good husband, father and neighbor. We will miss John but we know he's with our Lord and Savior!

coral dean - April 14, 2025 at 06:56 PM

CD

And friend!

coral dean - April 14, 2025 at 07:20 PM

LT

The world has lost a fine man, but it's heaven's gain. From the few times I was honored to be around John, I know he loved the Lord Jesus, and he was definitely a family man. The messages he gave when he stood in for our pastor were always really inspiring. His calm and collected demeanor always impressed me (especially considering all his experiences in Viet Nam).

Never got to spend the time with John I would have liked, but I know we would have been close friends. I would have loved to have discussed in more depth his views of the Bible, family matters and life in general. I can only dream of completing an auto restoration to the magnitude and quality that John did. His trucks were gorgeous. John was talented in so many areas. He will be greatly missed!

Larry Tillery

Larry Tillery - April 15, 2025 at 09:17 AM

LC

I'm a little bit in shocked to hear all this at this point, myself. My deepest sympathy to Debbie. Bramer/Sitman families. I grew up with all of them. My father was the pastor of Westgate Baptist Church were we were all like family as we were teenagers, growing up. I was in Debbie and Johns wedding. Prayers of comforting to everyone. I know John is singing with our Lord right now, how glorious for Him!

Linda Christmann - April 15, 2025 at 10:45 PM