

John Kitchens

August 10, 1938 - January 1, 2026

Mr. John Lewis Kitchens, 87, passed away on Thursday, January 1, 2026. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 PM on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 in the Chapel of Williams Funeral Home with Rev. Tim Thomas and Scott Hudson officiating.. Interment will be held at 1 PM on January 13, 2026 in Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 from 1 PM until the service hour.

Mr. Kitchens was a native of Coopers and lived in Baldwin County all of his life. He was the son of the late Eloise Moore and Marion Dudley Kitchens and preceded in death by his in laws, Bernice and Charlie Meridth; son, Jonathan Brookins; sister, Linda Schultheiss; brother in law, Ricky Meridth (Kate). He retired from Central State Hospital after 28 years, taught graphic design at YDC, and woodworking at NDI where he also served as principal. He was a Retired Veteran of the Army National Guard with more than 23 years of service, a member of Gordon Masonic Lodge and had attended Freedom Church.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia "Shan" Kitchens of Gordon; daughter, Christina Ann Ritzema (Justin) of Richmond Hill; daughter in law, Michelle Brookins of Milledgeville; siblings, Marion Kitchens Jr. (Judy) of Summerduck,

VA; sister in law, Nancy Thomas (Dan) of MN; brother in law, Richard Schultheiss of MD; sister in law, Renee Gant (Chuck) of TN; grandchildren, Corey Brookins, Lily Ritzema, and Rider Ritzema; his beloved dog, Raider; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Freedom Church, 500 Underwood Rd, Milledgeville, GA 31061.

Cemetery Details

Georgia Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

2617 Vinson Hwy
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville
1670 N. Jefferson St.
Milledgeville, GA 31061
(478) 452-2148
staff@williamsfuneralhome.net
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

Funeral Service

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



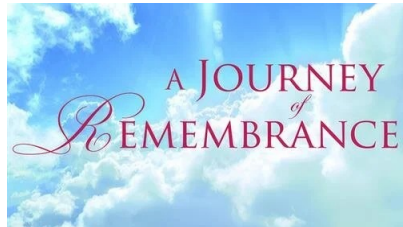
“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of John Kitchens



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - January 06 at 01:46 PM



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of John Kitchens



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - January 04 at 11:55 AM

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You will dearly be missed my friend 🙏💔. Rest in Peace with your son by your side. Love you and Shan always. ☐

Cheryl L Smith - January 11 at 12:50 PM

BH

“ *Billy Hardwick lit a candle in memory of John Kitchens*



Billy Hardwick - January 04 at 04:23 PM

BM

“ *Johnny always had a joke and could brighten any day. The love of his life was Pat and vice versa. Rest in peace my friend.*
Barbara Middlebrooks

Barbara Middlebrooks - January 03 at 09:43 PM

DO

“ *Donna and Paul Oxford lit a candle in memory of John Kitchens*



Donna and Paul Oxford - January 02 at 07:20 PM