



## John Albert Timmerman, Sr.

October 15, 1925 - March 8, 2018

John Albert Timmerman, Sr., 92, went to be with his Lord and Savior Thursday, March 8, 2018. John was born October 15, 1925, in Edgefield, SC, the son of William Ryght Timmerman and Mamie Cheatham Timmerman. A farm boy by birth, but a ball player by desire, he attended Clemson College where he was a standout second baseman. His baseball career was interrupted by WWII and he proudly served in the US Army. After the war, he went on to play with both the Twins and Giants organizations. While he was at Clemson, he met the love of his life, June, to whom he was married almost 70 years, until her death. After his baseball career, he became a sales rep for several grocery suppliers throughout the Southeast all the while serving as CFO of Timmerman School, the independent school founded in 1954 by his late wife.

He was a true conservationist and was an avid quail hunter. John was an excellent golfer and enjoyed playing with family and friends. He was recognized by the Indian Waters Council of the Boy Scouts of America as a true friend and supporter. The happiest he was, though, was spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren who lovingly called him Gump.

As a child of the Depression, he developed a relentless work ethic. He instilled the qualities of love for his fellow man and compassion for all God's creatures in all the lives he touched. Always an optimist, he loved telling the younger generations, "If you think good thoughts, you will do good things" He was a member of Shandon Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School to the seniors.

Survivors include his daughter, Liz Jordan (Steve) of Edgefield, SC and Columbia, SC; son, John A. Timmerman, Jr.; grandsons, Baker Leigh (Charity) of Aiken, SC, Ryght Jordan (JoAshley) of Edgefield, SC, Vann Jordan (Ashley) of North Augusta, SC; granddaughter, Paige Pennington (Rick) of Blacksburg, SC; 10 great-grandchildren; son-in-law, Jim Leigh of Blacksburg, SC; a host of nieces and nephews; and his beloved English Bulldog, "Petey". In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his wife, June Hylton Timmerman; daughter, Beverly Leigh; his brothers, William Ryght

Timmerman, Shelden Timmerman; and sisters, Lula Sandifer and Sabrina Walker.

The family would like to thank Helga Shobert for all her years of constant love and care of her “Grandpa” and the staff of Timmerman School whom he adored.

Family and friends are invited to gather from 4 until 6 o'clock, Friday, March 9th at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Ext., Columbia. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be made to June Hylton Timmerman Scholarship Endowment, Anderson University, 316 Boulevard, Anderson, SC 29621 or the Zain Valimohamed Academic Scholarship, c/o Timmerman School, 2219 Atascadero Drive, Columbia, SC 29206.

# Events

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**MAR**   **Visitation**   04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel  
7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC, US, 29223

# Comments

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“ Liz and family, Mr Timmerman was such a Godly man who loved all. He was always so kind when John and Shelby Hallman attended the school. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. John and Melonie Hallman and family.

**Melonie** - 11 minutes ago

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“ I met John Timmerman at Timmerman School where my three children went and two grandchildren attend. He was truly an inspiring person and provided strong leadership for the school. He also was a great supported of Scouting. He will truly be missed.  
Thoughts and Prayers to the family and the staff at Timmerman School.

**Henry Richardson** - 15 minutes ago

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“ Travis George lit a candle in memory of John Albert Timmerman, Sr.



**Travis George** - 20 minutes ago

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“ He was a good man that will be missed by many. And he, Mrs. Timmerman, and family influenced so many lives that they will not be forgotten. The Derrick family will have you all in their prayers. God Bless!

**The Derricks** - 3 hours ago

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“ All three of our children went to Timmerman School and now our granddaughter is a student there. It was always so nice seeing Mr. T watering the plants, filling the drink machine, or just greeting people with his big smile. He was such a wonderful and kind man. He will truly be missed by so many people. Our hearts go out to his wonderful family. May God give them the comfort they need. We will all miss his smiling face! He was such a good influence and inspiration to so many people!

## Sam and Sherry Chesnutt

Sam and Sherry Chesnutt - 6 hours ago

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We had the pleasure of knowing Gump thru Baker and Charity. The angels will be rejoicing to have him join them in heaven. Love and prayers from Jill, Derek, Beth and emma Suranie

Jill Suranie - 9 hours ago

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“ Mr. and Mrs. Timmerman were like second parents. No one new at the time I started school at Timmerman how much of an influence and contribution you would make on my family with generations to come. Thank you and may you RIP.

Angela Pope Mantooth - 10 hours ago

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Mr Timmermans passing but happy to think of he and Mrs Timmerman reunited in the presence of their Lord. God Bless you all! Sherri, Blake and Johanna Love

Sherri Love - 12 hours ago

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“ So Sorry to hear of Mr. Timmerman's passing. He and Mrs. Timmerman were a big part of my life and my Mother's (Edna Gaye Flanagan) life. They were great friends to her and my Father (CSM U.S. Army (Retired) Harley Howard Flanagan, Sr.) along with being employers as well for a period of time. My memories with their school and family members have always been fondly treasured ones. Sympathetic Condolences are being sent by me, my husband Joey Ellis, and our three sons Brett Joel Ellis, Owen Patrick Ellis, and Matthew Gene Ellis to all of the Timmerman Family. Hugs and LOVE are also being sent to the entire family during this sad time. He and Mrs. Timmerman are now back together and are wrapped in HIS loving arms.

Love - Tina Flanagan Ellis

Tina Ellis - 13 hours ago

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“ Nancy & Ben Patterson lit a candle in memory of John Albert Timmerman, Sr.



**Nancy & Ben Patterson** - 15 hours ago



“ What a wonderful legacy Mr.& Mrs. Timmerman gave to so many children. God be with the family at this sad time. We will miss seeing that smile when we visit Timmerman School!

**Nancy Patterson** - 14 hours ago



“ Amy and Graham Black purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of John Albert Timmerman, Sr..



**Amy and Graham Black** - 15 hours ago



“ Sooo sorry! Many great memories of John and June. frances Bowen cothran

**frances bowen cothran** - 15 hours ago



“ Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of John Albert Timmerman, Sr..



16 hours ago



“ 3G Retirement Services, LLC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Albert Timmerman, Sr..



3G Retirement Services, LLC - 16 hours ago

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“ We sure will miss you Mr. T. Such a wonderful man who we all adored at Timmerman!!

Sarah McVey - 17 hours ago

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Albert Timmerman, Sr..



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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Albert Timmerman, Sr..



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“ Liz, John, Jr., & family.  
I went to Timmerman from K5- 8th Grade(70s & early 80s). The Timmermans were a big part of my life growing up. I know that Mr. Timmerman will be missed by all that knew him. He was always such a kind man. He is now back with the love of his life. I know he has missed her the past few years. Please know that all of you will be in my

thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



**Terri Jo Shupe** - 18 hours ago

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“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Albert Timmerman, Sr..



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