



Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.

November 30, 1941 - July 16, 2021

John Bennett was born in Prairie, Alabama on November 30, 1941. He went to sleep in Christ on Friday, July 16, 2021. John accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at a very young age and kept the faith until his death.

He was a member of Saginaw, Michigan Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church, along with his wife, Rosamary Bennett and his mother, Alcer Bennett. Both preceded him in death. John worked as the Ephesus Sabbath School-Children's Division Leader for 20 years. He guided young people basic Bible principles that would last them for life. He also served as an Adult Sabbath School teacher and Elder for the church for many years.

John graduated from Oakwood College with a bachelor's degree in Biology in 1963. He went on to graduate from Central Michigan University with a M.S. in Secondary Education with an emphasis in Science. He was an exemplary teacher in the Buena Vista School District for over 35 years. He loved teaching Science and expanding young minds every day. Through his educational service, he touched the lives of so many. His personal mantra was always to: "Never give up, finish strong, and God will take care of all the rest."

He leaves to mourn, his two children and their spouses: Rochelle and Kenneth Morris and Dr. Jonathan and Christina Bennett; six grandchildren, Kendall Morris, Nathan and Adah Bennett, Evan, Aaron and Sarah Dix; two

brothers-in-law, Amos, Jr. and Evette Lane, and Robert Lane; three special nieces and two nephews, Marlana, Melissa, Tamara, Adam and Robert, Jr.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. From the Mosley and Patterson families a host of favored cousins, and family friends; a special lifelong friend, Dr. Nathaniel Higgs, his roommate from Oakwood College.

Funeral service 11:00 AM Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607. Pastor Steve Bramwell will officiate. Interment will take place in Forest Lawn cemetery, 3210 South Washington, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Browne's Mortuary - July 28, 2021 at 10:41 AM

MS

Extending sincere prayers and condolences to the family of Cousin Johnny Bennett. A wonderful man of God who embraced and walk in the teachings of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. We will miss you Jr. Rest In Peace my dear cousin. Sibley, Kegler and Poole Family, Rochester, NY

Marilyn Sibley - July 28, 2021 at 12:13 PM

LG

To the family of Bro. John Bennett, we are deeply sadden by your loss. We are praying that God continues to wrap HIS loving arms around each of you, we will be continuing to lift each of you in prayer. Thinking of you always,, Mother Eula Gay Sr., & Gay Family. The Owusu, Bell, Rainwater, Kennedy, Rothschild, Debardelaben, Walmsley & Owen's Family send warm hugs of comfort.

Linda Gay-Debardelaben - July 29, 2021 at 05:50 PM

SB

“ *Shender Brown-Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Shender Brown-Mckinney - July 24, 2023 at 11:26 PM

YS

“ *Mr Bennett Buena Vista Knights Family 🧡🙏❤️🙏 is Thankful n Bless to have you as my Teacher n All 7 Siblings RIP Angel*

Yolanda Seay - July 18, 2023 at 06:38 PM

BR

“ *Brenda Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Brenda Ryan - August 07, 2021 at 11:04 AM

SH

“ *Shunda Haygood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Shunda Haygood - August 06, 2021 at 01:12 PM

CP

“ *Charlotte Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



charlotte perkins - August 04, 2021 at 05:15 PM

LU

“ *My husband and I were friends with Rosamary and John for over 50 years. It's hard to believe that both are gone. I'm sure they are happy to be together again.*
Linda and Bernard Uhlmann

Linda Uhlmann - July 31, 2021 at 12:46 PM

LL

“ *Lonnie & Londia Langston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Lonnie & Londia Langston - July 30, 2021 at 01:51 PM

NH

“ *John was my best friend and life long friend. I will certainly miss our visits and chats about the days of long ago. But there is a better day to come when eternity will be our theme. Thanks for sharing the link. May the God of heaven bless each one. Nathaniel G. Higgs & Autherine Higgs*

Nathaniel Higgs - July 30, 2021 at 12:07 PM

TR

“ *Terry Richard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Terry Richard - July 28, 2021 at 08:53 PM

LC

“ *Mr.Bennett was my 8th grade science teacher who actually got me to like science. He ws a caring and thoughtful teacher. RIH*

Latrice Chandler-Williams - July 28, 2021 at 06:54 PM

TH

“ *Thomas Henley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Thomas Henley - July 28, 2021 at 05:18 PM

MW

“ *Rest In Peace My Uncle/Cousin! You will be missed!*

Dina

Mardina Woods - July 28, 2021 at 04:25 PM

DB

“ *Dot & Ben lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Dot & Ben - July 28, 2021 at 11:58 AM

JL

“ *Jenise Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



jenise lewis - July 28, 2021 at 08:04 AM

GW

“ *GRACIE M WITHERSPOON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



GRACIE M WITHERSPOON - July 27, 2021 at 09:50 PM

TB

“ *Tonja S Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Tonja S Brown - July 27, 2021 at 09:49 PM

GW

“ *GRACIE M, Witherspoon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



GRACIE M, Witherspoon - July 27, 2021 at 09:47 PM

BF

“ Bro Kirk Floyd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Bro Kirk Floyd - July 27, 2021 at 09:19 PM

NA

“ Nikki (Lewis) Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Nikki (Lewis) Anderson - July 27, 2021 at 07:55 PM

GC

“ Gwen Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Gwen Conway - July 27, 2021 at 05:01 PM

BP

“ Prayers and condolences for the Bennett Family



Barbara Payton - July 27, 2021 at 11:27 AM

TW

“ *Trebora Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Trebora Washington - July 27, 2021 at 12:20 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr..*



July 26, 2021 at 02:45 PM

JS

“ *Jackie Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Jackie Sanders - July 26, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ *Tania Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Tania Moore - July 26, 2021 at 12:59 PM

MO

“ *Ms. Harriet Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Ms. Harriet Oliver - July 26, 2021 at 03:21 AM

OC

“ *James & Betty Chaney*



Ona Chaney - July 25, 2021 at 07:03 PM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Derrell Martin - July 25, 2021 at 05:59 PM

BM

“ *Sincere condolences to Mr. John Bennett's family and friends. Mr. Bennett was a great man and teacher. It was an honor to have known him and taught with him at Ricker Middle School in the Buena Vista School District. Brenda Miller/friend and fellow teacher.*



Brenda Miller - July 25, 2021 at 05:53 PM

CP

“ Cheryl K Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Cheryl K Payton - July 25, 2021 at 09:48 AM

Kay
Tafel
Curry

“ He was a wonderful teacher.

Kay Tafel Curry - July 24, 2021 at 10:39 PM

JJ

“ Johnnie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Johnnie Johnson - July 24, 2021 at 10:13 AM

BS

“ Billie Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



billie stribling - July 24, 2021 at 07:06 AM

MW

“ *Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas - July 24, 2021 at 05:08 AM

SH

“ *Shauna Hemphill*



Shauna Hemphill - July 23, 2021 at 11:19 PM

CS

“ *Connie J Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Connie J Sanders - July 23, 2021 at 09:33 PM

TH

“ *Tiffani Hollis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Tiffani Hollis - July 23, 2021 at 07:43 PM

AN

“ Alicia Ann Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Alicia ann Nelson - July 23, 2021 at 07:18 PM

DG

“ Daryl Grays lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Daryl Grays - July 23, 2021 at 06:32 PM

FJ

“ Felicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Felicia Jones - July 23, 2021 at 05:26 PM

SW

“ Rest In Peace Mr Bennett thanks for being a great teacher to not only myself but my son as well. You were a great role model that he thought so highly of, I'm sure he welcomed you through the pearly gates 💙



Stefanie Rueda Wood - July 23, 2021 at 04:18 PM

FT

“ *Felicia Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Felicia Thomas - July 23, 2021 at 01:37 AM

HD

“ *To the family of Mr. Bennett, may the peace of God rest with you as you prepare to lay to rest your loved one. I pray your strength each day to endure the preparation time and those time that will come afterward.*

*Mr. Bennett was a kind hearted man. I met him at Ricker Middle School in Buena Vista School District. He and I worked together in the science department. He was very instrumental in me moving up in the science department in the State Curriculum Department. Many opportunities came my way because of John Bennett, a great guy, one I will always remember. Gone but will not be forgotten.
A friend, Helen Dyson-Jiles*

Helen M Dyson-Jiles - July 22, 2021 at 07:39 PM

CC

“ *Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Cheryl Cooper - July 22, 2021 at 04:44 PM

JC

“ Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Judge Terry L. Clark - July 22, 2021 at 04:18 PM

NS

“ Natalie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Natalie Sanders - July 22, 2021 at 02:41 PM

JF

“ John Jr. And Judi Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



John Jr. and Judi Ford - July 22, 2021 at 09:07 AM

PP

“ Paula Phillips-Terrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Paula Phillips-Terrell - July 21, 2021 at 11:40 PM

MG

“ *Michael And Delphine Greene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Michael and Delphine Greene - July 21, 2021 at 09:12 PM

GF

“ *Genobia Flunder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Genobia Flunder - July 21, 2021 at 08:09 PM

PC

“ *Wow I remember him my brother and I was his paperboy. Sending condolence to his family.*



Peter Cooper - July 21, 2021 at 06:51 PM

CC

“ *Mr. Bennett was a great teacher. He was my teacher at Ricker Junior High School. I have very pleasant memories of him, and he will definitely be missed. I will be praying for his family, friends, and former students.*



Carey (Alford) Cargile - July 21, 2021 at 05:51 PM

DP

“ Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Dorothy Price-Omar - July 21, 2021 at 03:17 PM

JP

“ Mr. Bennett was a fantastic teacher God Bless the family.



Janice Powell-Coleman - July 21, 2021 at 03:02 PM

TG

“ Mr. Bennett was the BEST Science Teacher EVER!!! He CARED... for "Us" his students. He will ALWAYS live in the hearts of the many students he cared for over the years.... A True Ricker Gear/B.V. Knight. Take your Rest... ❤️



Trevina Gillespie - July 21, 2021 at 02:43 PM

MC

“ Mr. Bennett was one of the best science teachers at Ricker Middle School. He really did care about the students and was a great roll model. Rest In Peace Mr. Bennett. You will always be remembered for the kindness and compassion you showed toward others
Marcella Crudup-Jones

Marcella Crudup-Jones - July 21, 2021 at 02:40 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Brenda Harris - July 21, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ *He was my high school teacher at BV. R.I.P. SENDING PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY.*



Veronica Roby - July 21, 2021 at 01:04 PM

DH

“ *Rest in Heaven Mr. Bennett, you were a great teacher. BV Class of '76*



Debra Hatfield-Lane - July 21, 2021 at 12:21 PM

BC

“ *Bobbie Crosby-Locke sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Bobbie Crosby-Locke - July 21, 2021 at 09:23 AM

CF

“ Cynthia Foster-Mack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Cynthia Foster-Mack - July 21, 2021 at 12:23 AM

MM

“ My sincere condolences to the family of John Bennett. Mr. Bennett was an exceptional, and very knowledgeable science coordinator. He took pride in his work, and, was especially proud of his students. Rest In Peace, John.



Melleretha Moses-Johnson - July 20, 2021 at 09:58 PM

RT

“ Mr Bennett was a great mentor, coach, teacher to me. Always pushed for the best out of us , he made a big difference more then a teacher , he was father figure to many of us. Rest Sir you have earned your wings.

Rafael(Ray) Taylor - July 20, 2021 at 09:49 PM

KJ

“ Oh, My! One of the BEST teachers, from whom I've EVER LEARNED! There are many of us who often recall Mr. Bennett and style. Thank You, Mr. Bennett. Thank You, Bennett family.



Kimberly Jackson-Woodley

Kimberly Jackson-Woodley - July 20, 2021 at 09:38 PM

SJ

“ Mr. Bennett was not only my science teacher, but we were members of the same church. He demonstrated his christian values in his work. He genuinely cared about his students. Thank you Mr. Bennett for your service as a great teacher and a great man.



Jonathan and Rochelle, your dad touched so many lives in such a positive way. Those of us who had him as a teacher will never forget him. May God bless you both and your families during this very difficult time. I'm so sorry for your loss. 🙏

Sarah Jones-Hunt - July 20, 2021 at 09:34 PM

KM

“ Condolences to the Bennett Family. Mr. Bennett was a great teacher one to remember always.

Karen Martin-Brodnex - July 20, 2021 at 09:11 PM

AC

“ Worked with Mr Bennett for many years at Ricker middle school. Never will forget those quails an other science projects he did with our students. Really had a passion for young people



Arwanda Conner - July 20, 2021 at 08:49 PM

AF

“ *Annie Fairris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Annie Fairris - July 20, 2021 at 08:26 PM

BB

“ *I have very fond memories of Brother Bennett and his lovely wife. I looked forward to coming to church every Saturday at Ephesus SDA in Saginaw. The Bennett's had the best Sabbath school classes. To this day I still remember the lessons they taught me. Brother Bennett always encouraged me to strive for greatness. He always had stories about Wilcox County and where he grew up. He will be greatly missed, but I look forward to seeing him in the resurrection. Rest in peace. To the Bennett and Lane family, you are always in my prayers.*

Brendan Bryant - July 20, 2021 at 07:43 PM

ST

“ *Shirley Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.*



Shirley Taylor - July 20, 2021 at 06:25 PM

RB

“ Rosette Blakes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Rosette Blakes - July 20, 2021 at 05:42 PM

VD

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I remember Mr. Bennett being a great teacher, who encouraged his students and held them accountable. He was an example and gave his students something to aspire to. We looked up to him and admired him. He'll live on in our hearts.

Vickie White Daniel - July 20, 2021 at 04:57 PM

EL

“ Edith Delphine Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Edith Delphine Lewis - July 20, 2021 at 04:24 PM

SM

“ Shender Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Columbus Bennett, Jr.



Shender Mckinney - July 20, 2021 at 02:29 PM