



## Mr. Johnny L Orr Sr.

April 3, 1939 - August 31, 2015

The relatives and friends of Mr. Johnny L. Orr, Sr. are invited to attend his Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, September 5, 2015, 11:00 AM at St. Patrick RC Church, 134 St. Philips St., Charleston, SC. 29403

Final Commendation and Farewell: St. Lawrence RC Cemetery

Mr. Orr, Sr. is survived by his loving and dedicated wife, Mrs. Yvonne Tolley Orr, his children, Ms. Michelle Orr Noisette, Mr. Johnny Lee Orr, Jr. (Paula), Mrs. Noelle Orr Blaney (Bernard), an adopted son, Mr. Augustine "Gus" Olalere, 7 grandchildren, sister, Ms. Laura Faye Adams, brother, Mr. William C. Zeigler, sister-in-law, Mrs. Lolita Tolley Hook, brothers-in-law, Mr. James H. Tolley, Jr. (Cheryl), Mr. Joseph L. Tolley (Shernette) and Mr. Michael F. Tolley (Susan), and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Viewing for Mr. Orr, Sr. is Friday, September 4, 2015 at The William M. Smith Memorial Chapel, 2 Radcliffe St., Charleston, SC 29403 from 2:00 to 5:30 PM.

Also a Vigil Service at St. Patrick's RC Church at 6:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers the family ask for donations to be made to The John L. Orr, Sr. Fund at Coastal Community Foundation, 635 Rutledge Ave., Ste. 201, Charleston, SC 29403

Condolences may be sent to [wmsmithmcnealfuneralhome.com](http://wmsmithmcnealfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements by W.M. Smith – McNeal Funeral Home, 2 Radcliffe St., Charleston, SC 29403 843-722-3676 or 1-800-924-5659

# Cemetery Details

## St. Lawrence RC Cemetery

Charleston, SC

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP 4. 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

W.M. Smith-McNeal Funeral Home, Inc. - North Charleston  
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North Charleston, SC 29405  
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# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Dear Yvonne and family,  
My heart goes for you. John became a good friend way back while working in the Colony House. He was a true gentleman who was always helping with his knowledge of human behavior. It was always a pleasure to meet him over the years with you, Yvonne. You and I met with CCSD. I will always treasure the memories.



*Ritva Babcock*

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**Ritva Babcock** - September 10, 2015 at 06:34 AM

RG

“ Dear Yvonne and family,so sorry to hear that John has passed on. Have so many lovely memories of our working together at the Colony House Will always remember his lovely smile and cheerful demeanour.  
It was great knowing him.  
Our heart felt condolences to you all.  
Chef Roland from the wine cellar and wife, Rae.

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**Roland Gilg** - September 07, 2015 at 01:31 PM

SB

“ A man that just through a casual conversation earned immediate respect and admiration. I met him many years ago. He was a vault of wisdom covered in a thick camouflage of humbleness; and yet an avid listener, ready to give you a target specific advice upon request. I feel blessed by having known this gentleman and father of a good friend of mine. Will miss him very much.

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**Salvador Brau** - September 04, 2015 at 09:36 PM

LH

“ Johnny lived next door to me on Spring St. and I remembered what a wonderful couple he and Yvonne made. So sorry for your lost, he was a very sweet and kind person.

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**Lydia Pezant Hopkins** - September 04, 2015 at 07:20 PM

SC

“ Yvonne, Johnny was a wonderful man. Know that you and your family are being remembered in prayer. Be strong!

God bless all of you,

Sister Canice

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**Sister Canice** - September 04, 2015 at 10:38 AM

GM

“ When I was President of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, all those years ago, 1989-1990, and Laura Hewitt was our Gala Chair, John was gracious and with humor helped us plan our Gala at the Omni. I can hear his laughter as we tried to get the prices reduced or make other changes that Laura wanted-- like free rooms for Peter Duchan, a Society Pianist from NYC that Laura hired for our Gala. He and Laura would laugh and barter while I just took it all in. He would always be on site the night of the event to be sure everything was done correctly. For years after, he would always give me a hug whenever we met. Gail Maginnis

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**Gail Maginnis** - September 04, 2015 at 09:15 AM

MS

“ John was such a warm, positive presence. I came to know him through Yvonne's work at Teachers' Supply Closet of Charleston. I cannot remember a time when he did not seem to delight in his time with his wife, his children and grandchildren and his city. When he would accompany Yvonne to various events, there was always a twinkle in his eye and enjoyment of those whom met. He was a good example of the individuals who have made Charleston a world-class city: skilled in his work, welcoming and committed to family and constructive change. God rest him.

*My sympathy to all the family,  
Marilyn Giblin Schnitz*

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**Marilyn Schnitz** - September 03, 2015 at 07:58 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Johnny L Orr Sr..



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September 03, 2015 at 03:59 PM

JB

“ Yvonne,

*I am so honored that I had the chance to get to know Johnny through your dedication to the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina. His smile was infectious and he had a way of making everyone around him feel good. May the comfort of your family and friends and your faith in G-d give you strength to face the days, weeks and months ahead.*

*Fondly,*

*Jennifer Bush*

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**Jennifer Bush** - September 03, 2015 at 03:00 PM

JA

“ Yvonne and Family,

*We pray that God will hold your heart in His hands and give you peace and comfort in all of your wonderful memories of John. He will be deeply missed.*

*With love, from the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families' team*

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**Jessica All** - September 03, 2015 at 11:59 AM

MW

“ Every time John walked into Teachers' Supply Closet a smile came to my face. I knew I was in for some teasing and laughter. His warmth just radiated from him. What a dear man with a wicked sense of humor and a true gentleman! Bob always remarked at his natty attire and even told John that he should be on the cover of GQ magazine. He will be sorely missed but we know that he is at peace and spreading joy in Heaven. Hugs to you all from Naples, FL. We are with you in spirit...

*Marcia and Bob Wolfe*

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**marcia wolfe** - September 03, 2015 at 11:13 AM

KJ

“ Keith, Pamala, Kourtney, Kristin, Jay, Jordyn and Jaimi purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Johnny L Orr Sr..



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**Keith, Pamala, Kourtney, Kristin, Jay, Jordyn and Jaimi** -  
September 03, 2015 at 08:49 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. Johnny L Orr Sr..



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September 03, 2015 at 08:20 AM



“ *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.  
Amen.  
May perpetual light shine upon him.  
Amen.  
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of GOD, rest in peace.  
Amen.*

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**Robert Higgins** - September 02, 2015 at 01:04 PM



“ *Johny Orr was a true gentleman and will be missed by all who knew him. I knew him as the manager at the Carolina Yacht Club as well as at Charleston Place. He was always warm with a wonderful smile and he truly cared about everyone he met. He was kind, generous and loving. He was also fun and had a good sense of humor! God will be delighted to have him in heaven. To his family I send my thoughts and prayers to you at the passing of this wonderful man.  
Courtenay Daniels*

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**Courtenay Daniels** - September 02, 2015 at 12:38 PM