



David Wayne Johnson

April 22, 1942 - November 5, 2023

David Wayne “Big John” Johnson, 81, of Keeling, VA went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

Born in Danville, VA on April 22, 1942 the son of the late Willie Bud Johnson and Ulver Canady Johnson.

David retired from the Danville Fire Department after 33 years of service. He spent most of his life volunteering serving as Chief of Blairs Fire Department. He later served on Blairs and Keeling Fire Departments Board of Directors. He enjoyed being a member of Blairs Ruritan Club, Carter Lodge # 323 A.F.&A.M, Keeling Hunting Club, and Ringgold Baptist Church. He was an avid outdoors man and made many lifelong friends while hunting and fishing.

On November 28, 1963 he married the love of his life of 60 years, Peggy Hill Johnson, who survives.

Survivors also include a son, Dwayne Johnson (Angela), a sister, Betty J. Milam, three grandsons, Zachary Turner (Amanda), Hunter Johnson, (Laura), Ezra Johnson, five great-grandchildren, Austin, Taylor, Weston, Reid and Tate, and special friends, Charlie & Linda Scarce.

He was predeceased by a son, David Wayne Johnson, Jr., and a brother-in-

law, Sammy Milam.

A celebration of David's life will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 2:00 PM at Ringgold Baptist Church with the Rev. Duane Caldwell officiating.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:30 PM at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel and at other times at the residence.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to your local volunteer fire department.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Johnson family.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Wayne Johnson*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - November 07, 2023 at 01:02 PM

RM

“ *Robin Guill Moore lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Johnson*



Robin Guill Moore - November 13, 2023 at 08:47 PM

SI

“ *David was a great firefighter. I enjoyed talking and carrying on with him. Rest in Peace Brother.*

Shelby Irving - November 09, 2023 at 10:38 PM

Jl

“ *David was a great influence on many children growing up in Blairs. He will be missed.*

John C. Blair, II - November 08, 2023 at 09:15 PM

CJ

“ Thinking of the Johnson family. We had so many good laughs from my time at Third Avenue Church. Wonderful man!

Christina Jackson - November 08, 2023 at 08:05 AM

MS

“ Mike S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Johnson.

Mike S. - November 07, 2023 at 06:30 PM

MS

“ Mike S. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of David Wayne Johnson.



Mike S. - November 07, 2023 at 06:30 PM

FL

“ Faye Lawrence lit a candle in memory of David Wayne Johnson



Faye Lawrence - November 07, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ 95 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - November 07, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. David was a wonderful person and I enjoyed working with him many years at the fire department. Fly high David until we meet again.

Billy Moore - November 07, 2023 at 08:12 AM



“ It's a mixture of joy and sorrow for me my friend. Happy he doesn't have to suffer anymore and sad for us that miss him. Peggy I am so sorry. You were a great companion to him. I loved him too. He always wanted a hug. Will definitely miss David💔 Praying for his family 🙏🙏

Dale Norton - November 06, 2023 at 07:39 PM

RM

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Robin Guill Moore - November 06, 2023 at 05:18 PM

LW

“ David was a sweet cousin..loved him. Prayers to Peggy,Betty and all the family! 🙏🙏❤️❤️🦋🦋. Garland & Lois

Lois & Garland wells - November 06, 2023 at 03:45 PM

JC

Loved the video! So thankful for knowing David for many years along with his beautiful wife Peggy. Always so much fun. He is in Heaven with Jesus and we will be joining you soon!! Praying for you Peggy.

Janie Curtis - November 07, 2023 at 03:36 PM

MS

David worked with me machine planting trees around Pittsylvania Co. back in the 80's. I remember he and my dad bouncing around on the tree planter yelling for me to slow down. Usually hitting a big rock would set them to hollering. I was in my 20's and getting paid by the tree, so as soon as I slowed the tractor down enough for them to quiet down, I'd start gradually speeding up again until the whole process repeated.

I can still see his easy, swaying walk and feel the comfort of his steadiness. Time and distance have not faded my memories of him. What a great man.

Mike Sheets - November 07, 2023 at 06:23 PM

DH

I worked with David at Station 2 in Danville when I first got started in firefighting. He was always very helpful and we became fast friends. I have the highest regards for him and his family. May God comfort the family with hope and encouragement.

David B Huffman - November 11, 2023 at 08:25 AM