



## John Victor McGrew Jr.

September 15, 1938 - January 27, 2019

John V. McGrew, Jr, 80, of Buckhannon, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, January 27, 2019, at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. He was born September 15, 1938, in New Haven, WV, to the late John Sr. and Irene McGrew. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two sisters: Jane Lee and Ramona Nease. John is survived by his high school sweetheart and loving wife of 63 years, Janet A. McGrew; their six children: John “Kenny” (Retha) of Chesapeake, VA, Mike (Sheri) of Buckhannon, Joanna Mitchell (Kenny) of Huntington, Steve (Dianna) of Smithfield, VA, Scott (Melissa) of Midlothian, VA, and Jason (Mindi) of Hurricane, WV; fifteen grandchildren: Jessica, John Travis, Ashley, Chelsie, Tanner, Korey, Brianna, Stephen, Jordyn, Bailey, Brooklyn, John, Jack, Mitch, and Rhett; ten great grandchildren: Collin, Savannah, John “Luke”, Blake, Cole, Keegan, Aubree, Parker, Mason, and Fallon.

John had been a resident of Upshur County since 1961, and retired from the West Virginia National Guard after 39 years of service, holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was the president of the Tennerton Public Service, a 40-year active member of the Tennerton United Methodist Church, and active in the local Lions Club. John spent his life loving and caring for his wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He greeted each morning and family member with a smile as if it was his duty to make their day better. An avid sports fan, his talents were many, from carpentry, to auto mechanics,

to gardening, to accounting, to his famous weekend breakfasts. Family and friends could always count on his dependability and expertise to fix almost anything. He loved his wife more than himself and taught his children to do the same. He always looked forward to the next chapter in life and never dwelled on what might have been. Sacrificing daily for his family, he was slow to anger, even in raising five imperfect sons and one daughter. He demanded accountability and respect for their behavior and treatment of others, all while maintaining a wonderful sense of humor. Always humble and full of faith, this "Gentle Giant" was a great family and community leader who will be greatly missed.

The family will receive friends on Friday, February 1, 2019, from 4-7:00 PM, at the Heavner and Cutright Funeral Chapel. The funeral will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at 11:00 AM, at the South Buckhannon Mission Church, with the Rev. Robert Anderson officiating. Interment will follow in the Heavner Cemetery, where the Upshur County Honor Guard will provide military honors.

# Cemetery Details

## Heavner Cemetery

505 Hall Road  
Buckhannon, WV 26201  
(304) 472-1651

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services  
940 Route 20 South Road  
Buckhannon, WV 26201  
(304) 472-8024  
heavnerandcutright@aol.com  
<https://www.heavnerandcutright.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

South Buckhannon Mission Church  
152 Randolph Street  
Buckhannon, WV 26201

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Mike and family. My prayers and thoughts are for you in this sad time. Remember all the great memories your father gave to you. May God bless your family. David L Beer*

David Beer - February 01, 2019 at 11:27 PM

MC

“ *Millie & Randy Calkins lit a candle in memory of John Victor McGrew Jr.*



Millie & Randy Calkins - February 01, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of John Victor McGrew Jr..*



February 01, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of John Victor McGrew Jr..*



February 01, 2019 at 11:38 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Victor McGrew Jr..*



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January 31, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of John Victor McGrew Jr..*



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January 31, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Victor McGrew Jr..*



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January 31, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Victor McGrew Jr..*



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January 31, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Victor McGrew Jr..*



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January 31, 2019 at 01:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Victor McGrew Jr..*



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January 31, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ *When I coached Babe Ruth baseball, I coached two of John's sons(Steve and Scott) on all-star teams. John was very supportive of his sons and coaches.. I also enjoyed playing golf a few times with John and Steve. John was a pleasant person and a real gentleman.  
Prayers to John's family.  
Rich Calef*

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**Rich Calef** - January 30, 2019 at 09:11 PM

JM

“ Dear Janet & Family, Pat and I were both shocked and saddened upon reading of John's death. He certainly enjoyed the boys excelling at sports and was justifiably proud of their successes along with the remarkable accomplishments of grandson Tanner. His exemplary service to country and this community will not soon be forgotten. Sincere condolences and Godspeed to all. Jim & Pat

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**Jim & Pat Marsh** - January 30, 2019 at 09:09 PM

TH

“ RIP Soldier. Your mission here was well done and honorable. My condolences to all the McGrew Family.

LTC Tom Huxley (Ret).

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**Tom Huxley** - January 30, 2019 at 12:09 PM

JG

“ I grew up with the family on Stoney Run...got to talk to John and Janet recently. Sending my heart felt condolences. Loosing your parents is one of lifes most difficult roads we must travel. Prayers of comfort.

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**Jackie Baker Gilley** - January 29, 2019 at 07:16 PM

NL

“ We spent many hours with John, Janet and family at various ball fields and courts. Always obvious was John's love for Janet, his children and America. May you Rest in Peace, John. We are sending prayers and hugs for your beautiful family. ❤️❤️❤️❤️  
Danny and Nancy Lantz and Sons, Brian and Ryan

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**Nancy Lantz** - January 29, 2019 at 05:53 PM

MP

*Scott and family so very sorry for your loss. Love Aunt Bev and Uncle John.*

Mrs Bev Porter - January 29, 2019 at 06:55 PM

RK

*“ I came to Buckhannon in 1986 and remember John as the WV STARC Logistical Officer. He was always there to answer questions, provide advise and keep me on track. His tutelage assisted in my success and understanding of the NG system. I only have fond memories of John, thanks for being there when needed friend. COL (ret) Robert J. Kincaid*

Robert Kincaid - January 29, 2019 at 05:21 PM

AW

*“ Sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in my prayers. God Bless all of you.*

Aleece Williams - January 29, 2019 at 03:05 PM

LS

*“ Sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Our love Lynn and Renee*



Lynn Snyder - January 29, 2019 at 11:50 AM

VS

“ Violet And Stan Severt lit a candle in memory of John Victor McGrew Jr.



Violet and Stan Severt - January 29, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ Karen Carlyle-Bennett lit a candle in memory of John Victor McGrew Jr.



Karen Carlyle-Bennett - January 29, 2019 at 06:01 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Victor McGrew Jr..



January 28, 2019 at 05:49 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services - January 28, 2019 at 12:06 PM