



## John David Carpenter, Sr.

June 23, 1939 - June 24, 2025

John D. "Big John" Carpenter, 86, passed away peacefully on June 24, 2025.

Born

June 23, 1939, in Parkersburg, West Virginia, he was the son of the late

Everett

and Esther Carpenter.

A 1957 graduate of Parkersburg High School, John was a state wrestling champion

and maintained lifelong friendships with his high school buddies. He attended West Virginia University, where he was a proud member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. It was there he met the love of his life, Carol, his wife of 65 years.

John and Carol settled in Parkersburg, where he joined his family's homebuilding

business, Carpenter and Carpenter. Together, they built custom homes for many Parkersburg families and developed Woodland Park. His career later led him to

Charlotte, NC, where he worked with John Crosland Homes, and then to their beloved Seabrook Island, SC, with Centex Homes. As division president, John led

the development of numerous notable projects including Barefoot Landing in Myrtle Beach and several golf course communities in collaboration with

legendary

golfers Arnold Palmer, Davis Love III, Pete Dye, and Greg Norman.

John was an avid golfer and loved fishing in the Florida Keys, both passions he

continued to enjoy his entire life, even shooting his age in golf at 83.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Jenny Lynne Frances, and his

brother William "Bill" Everett Carpenter (Linda). He is survived by his beloved wife

Carol; daughter Kathy Nelson (Rob), sons John Carpenter (Alice) and Chase Carpenter (Livi); grandchildren Jordan Bass (Rette), Cory Nelson (Samantha), David Carpenter (Jordyn), Savannah Carpenter, Tyson Carpenter, and Faith Carpenter; and great-grandchildren Beckett Nelson, Oakley Nelson, Ella Bass, and

John "Jack" David Carpenter IV. He also leaves behind countless friends from West Virginia, Seabrook Island, and the Florida Keys.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 4:00 PM at Cavin-

Cook Funeral Home, 494 East Plaza Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115. A

reception will

follow.

For those unable to attend the service in person, there will be a live stream at the following link: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTc1MzI5MDgxNjM3MjgzNyZvbmVyb29tLWFFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Carpenter family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 2. 4:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory  
494 E Plaza Dr.  
Mooresville, NC 28115  
(704) 664-3363  
cavincookfh@gmail.com  
<https://www.cavin-cook.com>

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ Michael P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John David Carpenter, Sr..

Michael P. - August 04, 2025 at 07:52 PM

LI

“ My condolences to the family and friends of John Carpenter, Sr. May God continue to comfort and strengthen the family during this time of bereavement. Continue to focus on the loving and cherished memories of John and may they give his family and friends peace of mind.

Lisa - July 29, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John David Carpenter, Sr..



July 28, 2025 at 09:16 PM

PM

“ Pat M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John David Carpenter, Sr..

Pat M. - July 21, 2025 at 05:28 PM

RC

“ We will all miss Big John the Rabbit. Big John’s CB name was Rabbit as he drove to Canaan Valley with his family to visit our cabin to golf, hunt, ski and fish. Both families treasured our long lasting friendships at Woodland Park and throughout our lives. John was a master in the construction business and did build two beautiful homes that we cherished. Please accept our condolences to Carol and families as we will never forget Big John. A memorial tree will be planted in his honor in Canaan Valley,WV  
Ray Church

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**Raymond Church** - July 13, 2025 at 05:09 PM

JJ

“ John will be deeply missed by us. He was a true friend and we had many wonderful fishing trips with him. Our sincere condolences go out to John's family. We have planted a grove of 5 trees in John's memory.

*Lew & Joan Johnson*

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**Joan M Johnson** - July 11, 2025 at 01:54 PM

JM

“ Joan M. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John David Carpenter, Sr..

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**Joan M.** - July 11, 2025 at 01:49 PM

AB

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Although no words can truly ease the pain, I hope you find comfort in knowing how much your dad was loved and respected by those whose lives were touched by their kindness and spirit.

May you find strength in each other and in the memories you hold close. Thinking of you during this time and sending love, peace, and healing your way.

With deepest sympathy,  
Amy (White) Baier

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**Amy Baier** - July 06, 2025 at 08:21 PM

BC

“ Brownell abd Doug Cochran purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John David Carpenter, Sr..



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**Brownell abd Doug Cochran** - July 06, 2025 at 11:26 AM

BC

“ Brownell abd Doug Cochran planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John David Carpenter, Sr..

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**Brownell abd Doug Cochran** - July 06, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John David Carpenter, Sr..

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July 03, 2025 at 01:47 PM

RB

“ Rev Chip and Nancy Bass purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John David Carpenter, Sr..



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Rev Chip and Nancy Bass - July 03, 2025 at 12:54 PM

JF

“ John and I were roommates at WVU. I have a vivid memory of us with a rat we highjacked from our biology class to study for an exam. When we left for Christmas vacation we put it outside on our window sill. Big mistake when we found what was left when we returned. John was a lifelong friend, and I treasure every one of our memories for over 60 years. RIP Big John...

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John Funk - July 02, 2025 at 09:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John David Carpenter, Sr..



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July 02, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John David Carpenter, Sr..

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July 02, 2025 at 09:19 PM

OF

“ OSI Family abd Friends purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John David Carpenter, Sr..



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**OSI Family abd Friends** - July 02, 2025 at 08:52 PM

OF

“ OSI Family abd Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John David Carpenter, Sr..

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**OSI Family abd Friends** - July 02, 2025 at 08:52 PM