



## John Wayne Callahan

March 26, 1933 - July 11, 2016

John "Johnny" Wayne Callahan, 83, of Mooresville, passed away on Monday, July 11, 2016. He was born on March 26, 1933 in Wilkes County and was raised in Charlotte, where he lived until 1991 then moved to Mooresville where he passed away in his home after a courageous battle with cancer and under the care of hospice. Thanks for the wonderful care by the Critical Care team at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center especially Lori, Yang and Cathy. He served in the US Army 1953-1955, worked in upholstery field all of his life and worked with Kroehler manufacturing from date of discharge until retirement. He worked his way from the upholstery line to VP and Plant Manager in Charlotte. Johnny was a loving and devoted husband for 63 years to his wife Betty who cared for him during his illness with unfailing love and devotion. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was an avid fisherman who enjoyed fishing at Lake Norman and at his vacation home at the Outer Banks. He was a member of the American Legion Post in Statesville and was a member of Berea Baptist Church in Mooresville. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar Lee and Ester Key Callahan; and brothers, Ronald, Roger, Larry and Bernie Callahan. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Elizabeth S. Callahan; daughters, Debra C. Williams and husband, Latimer Williams IV, Phyllis Callahan; granddaughters, Dana Schloesser and Ashley Gordon; grandson, Patrick Gordon; great grandchildren, Ella Schloesser and Kai Gordon; brothers, Gerald Callahan and wife, Helen, Ralph Callahan and wife, Cordie; and many nieces and

nephews. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 14 at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel, Mooresville, with Rev. Dan Freeman officiating. Burial with military honors will follow the service at 1:30 PM at Sharon Memorial Park in Charlotte. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 6:00-8:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell, 2347 Simonton Rd, Statesville, NC 28625 or Berea Baptist Church, 1015 River Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28117. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Callahan family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Wayne Callahan*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *John Wayne Callahan*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *John Wayne Callahan*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your lost. Please read Isaiah26:19 for some comfort found in your Bible.*

**Julia Vanderburg** - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *The family of George Washington CALLAHAN, ( Johnny's father, Oscar's, brother) Jack, Barbara and Carol express our deepest sympathy to the family of John Wayne. Daddy worked with Johnny at Kroehler Mfg. for many years. Daddy thought very highly of Johnny as did we all. All the Blessed.*

**Barbara CALLAHAN Mauney KIRK** - July 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ The family of Viola Norman Callahan are so sad to hear about John Wayne's passing. A wonderful cousin. To his family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy and love to you all. Jewel, Revearn, Shelby, Glenda, Hugh and Danny. Sorry we could not be at the memorial service.

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**Glenda Boling** - July 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Betty, So sorry to hear the bad news. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls. Judy and Pickles are at the coast, but send there thoughts. Pickle still talks about Johnny's Mud Hole at the lake.

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**Jay Hall** - July 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Betty and family, Larry and I are so very sorry to hear about Johnny. You both were so very good to Mom (Pansy) and she loved you both very much! We are keeping you all close in our thoughts and prayers! Much love and peace! Larry and Sheree Griffin

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**Sheree Griffin** - July 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Phyllis, I am so very sorry for your loss. Your father was delightful and I am so glad to have had the opportunity to meet him. I am thinking of you and your family.

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**Kathryn Mast** - July 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IG

“ Betty, my heart aches, alongside yours and the rest of the family, for the loss of Johnny. He was a wonderful and caring husband, father grandfather, great grandfather, and friend. You and Johnny have been dear friends of mine for a very long time, and I will always cherish the times we spent together. Johnny, had many great attributes, but one of my favorites was his sense of humor. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. I am sorry that I will be unable to attend his service, but my thoughts, prayers and love will be with you and the family.

Ivie Gullede - July 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear family I am so sorry for your loss. May the God of comfort be with you during this difficult time. 1 Timothy 1:11 says that God is a happy God so he will help you to be happy.

July 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

YO

“ May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.

young - July 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Betty, Debbie and Phyllis, I am so sorry to hear about Johnny. I remember all the times our families spent together at the river. Some of my fondest memories of those times were the stories Johnny would tell, mostly about something my dad Kenneth had done! His sense of humor and the sound of his laugh makes me smile, even at this horrible time. With deepest sympathy, Tammy Icard

July 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Dearest Aunt Betty, Debby & Lat, Phyllis, Dana, Patrick & Ashley: Our hearts are heavy with the loss of another family member. May our cherished memories help us cope with this loss, and even make us smile during this difficult time. We are deeply saddened that we cannot physically be there to provide support and comfort -- please know that all of you are in our thoughts, prayers and hearts while adjusting to this new reality. With much love, hugs & sympathy, Susan, Mike & Ashley*

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**Susan & Mike Moyer** - July 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM