



David Lee Lawson

May 25, 1944 - November 10, 2018

The sudden death, Saturday November 10, 2018, of David Lee Lawson, age 74, at his home in the Hawks Heights community of North Tazewell, VA was a shock to his family and friends. David was born May 25, 1944 in Richlands, VA and was a son of the late Leonard and Nora Vandyke Lawson. Dave was a 1963 Graduate of Richlands High School where he lettered in football and basketball. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in the Vietnam War Era from 1965 – 1969. Dave was a Communications Specialist, serving the last two years of his deployment at Fuchu Air Station in Tokyo, Japan and was responsible for allowing many service personnel extra phone calls home. Mr. Lawson was a retired Locomotive Engineer, having worked for N&S Railroad for over thirty-five years. Dave was a mentor to many and a friend to all. He invested a lot of himself in the lives of others, especially in the youth who wanted to play sports and be in the band. David was proud to be an Ancient Free and Accepted Mason. He was a Past Worshipful Master in Cedar Bluff Lodge #260 and Tazewell Lodge #62; Past District Deputy Grand Master for the 45th Masonic District; Past Worthy Patron for the Richlands Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #104 and Tazewell OES #187 and supported all of the appendant bodies of Freemasonry: York Rite and Scottish Rite, holding several stations and offices in each. David loved his Lord and was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in the Springville community of North Tazewell, VA. He was a beacon of light in a darkening world and will be truly missed by his family and friends, whom he loved and

who loved him in return.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one grandson, Mitchell David Lawson; three sisters, Jo Nell, Lila and Ola; three brothers, Frank, Charlie and Bill; one brother-in-law, Bernard; one sister-in-law, Loretta. Those who survive to cherish his memory include his loving wife and companion of fifty-one and one-half years, Donna B. Hampton Lawson; three children, Sharon Beth Lawson Kinser of Tazewell, VA, David Lee Lawson, Jr. and wife, Maria of Daniels, WV and Brian Michael Lawson and wife, Mindy of Charlotte, NC; one sister, Sue Compton of Richlands, VA; one brother, L.C. Lawson of Trenton, NJ; four grandchildren, Olivia Kinser, Hannah, Mallie and Grant Lawson; a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends also survive.

Funeral services for David Lee Lawson will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell, VA with Pastor Chris White and Rev. Creighton Smith officiating. Entombment will follow at Grandview Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Bluefield, VA. Dave's family and many friends will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 – 9 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, 2018, where Masonic Rites will be held at 7:00 p.m. involving all area Masonic Lodges and Master Masons.

Military Graveside Rites will be conducted by members of the Bluefield Memorial VFW Post #9696 in Bluefield, VA.

In addition to floral tributes, the family request that memorial donations be made to the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church: PO Box 25, Tazewell, VA 24651.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA is serving the family of Mr. Lawson and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

38659 Gov . G.C. Peery Hwy
Bluefield, VA 24605

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell
870 Main Street
Tazewell, VA 24651
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Masonic Service

NOV 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

NOV **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Lee Lawson*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *David Lee Lawson*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *During our high school years, Dave & Sonny Hagy became my protectors. If anyone tried to bully me, they had to answer to them. I don't know why they adopted me as their "friend" - but I do know it made my life so much better. I have never forgot what their friendship meant to me. I looked forward to seeing Dave at every class reunion and will miss him dearly. RIP my friend!!! And may God Bless His Family!! James Hess, Class of '63.*

James Hess - November 15, 2018 at 08:33 PM



“ *YOU WERE ONE OF THE PIONEERS OF THE SPORTING PROGRAMS HERE IN RICHLANDS VA. IT IS HARD TO TELL HOW MANY KIDS YOU HELPED AND KEPT OUT OF TROUBLE ! THANKS , DAVE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICES ! GO BLUES !*



DAVE - November 14, 2018 at 07:02 PM

JW

“ Sincere sympathy to the entire family, he was a good friend. May GOD bless and comfort each of you in this most difficult time. Prayers from our family to yours. Jerry & Pat Warner



Jerry and Pat Warner - November 13, 2018 at 10:40 PM

JW

“ Jerry And Pat Warner lit a candle in memory of David Lee Lawson



Jerry and Pat Warner - November 13, 2018 at 09:43 PM

SD

“ Rest in Peace Big Dave, thanks for being a friend for many years. I remember when I was Dad's manager and you played basketball, then as teammates on the Rangers. That time at the Peterstown Tournament when you chased me all around the outfield before the game for aggravating you was priceless. But I could never thank you enough for stepping in as a spectator while I was umpiring and "calming down" a rowdy fan. Heaven has a great first baseman and power hitter, as well as, a great father and citizen.
Stan Dunham

Stan Dunham - November 13, 2018 at 08:30 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of David Lee Lawson.*



November 13, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ *DAVE WAS A CANDLE THAT LIT A TORCH FOR THE NEEDED FLAME . HE BELIEVED IN YOU WHEN OTHERS HAD FORSAKEN YOU ! I LOST CONTACT WITH HIM OVER THE YEARS , BUT I STILL HEARD A FEW STORIES ABOUT DAVE OVER THE LONG HAUL . THANKS DAVE FOR YOUT ENCOURAGEMENT ! RIP MY SOLDIER, AND THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS ! I WILL SAY " HELLO" TO YOU AGAIN IN HEAVEN !*



DAVID - November 13, 2018 at 08:13 PM



“ *Martin Holbrook lit a candle in memory of David Lee Lawson*



Martin Holbrook - November 13, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of David Lee Lawson.



November 13, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ The Richlands classmates of 1963 will miss you, our friend.

Nora Catherine Damron - November 13, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ I'll never forget what an encourager Dave was. He was always smiling and talking about his football teams, poking me about being from Gate City. I know he loved and cherished his family. Heaven gained a good one. I'll never forget him asking me if I heard him blow the train horn after midnight when I lived at North Tazewell. Such a good natured soul. Love to Donna and the family.

Dr. Brad Scott - November 13, 2018 at 09:47 AM



“ Eunie-Lowe And Jack Breeden lit a candle in memory of David Lee Lawson



Eunie-Lowe and Jack Breeden - November 13, 2018 at 09:19 AM

LB

“ *Dave was a great friend. I will miss him until we meet again.
My condolences to the family and friends.*

Larry Buckland

Larry Buckland - November 13, 2018 at 06:23 AM

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“ *Rest in peace my friend. I will never forget the year that I came
home for our class reunion*

Edgar L. Grimsley (Ed) - November 13, 2018 at 06:11 AM



“ *Chris Smith purchased the Peaceful White Lilies
Basket for the family of David Lee Lawson.*



Chris Smith - November 13, 2018 at 05:53 AM



“ *My Prayer and Love go out to the Lawson
family. David always was a pleasure to talk
and see for he always shared a smile and a
heartfelt laugh in his greetings and
conversations.*



Chris Smith - November 13, 2018 at 05:44 AM

BN

“ *Bill & Vicki Nuckels lit a candle in memory of David Lee Lawson*



Bill & Vicki Nuckels - November 12, 2018 at 08:48 PM

SM

“ *Scott & Ami Mullins lit a candle in memory of David Lee Lawson*



Scott & Ami Mullins - November 12, 2018 at 07:41 PM

SM

“ *Scott & Ami Mullins lit a candle in memory of David Lee Lawson*



Scott & Ami Mullins - November 12, 2018 at 07:40 PM

GG

“ *Gaynell (Hess) Goss lit a candle in memory of David Lee Lawson*



Gaynell (Hess) Goss - November 12, 2018 at 07:18 PM

IM

“ *David was a friend and we are sorry to hear this terrible news. May God love comfort his family. He will be missed.*
Les and Irma Mitchell

irma mitchell - November 12, 2018 at 06:21 PM

CR

“ *Rest in peace my friend.*

Clifford Reynolds

Clifford Reynolds - November 12, 2018 at 05:43 PM