



John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.

August 31, 1948 - March 28, 2021

John "Hoppy" Earl Brown, Jr., age 72, of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, passed away on Sunday, March 28, 2021 at the Maple Grove Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Home in Lebanon, Virginia following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Hoppy was born August 31, 1948 in Richlands, Virginia and was the son of the late John Earl Brown, Sr., and Margarette Marie McCoy Brown. He was a graduate of Richlands High School Class of 1966 and graduated in 1968 from the Southwestern Business College with a degree in business administration. He then served in the US Marines from 1968-1970 during the Vietnam conflict. After returning home he earned an Associate's Degree in 1975 from SWCC in Mining Technology. Hoppy worked for a while at the Seaboard Mines as a superintendent, later becoming a mine inspector for the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, retiring in 2017.

Hoppy was a member of the Gethsemane Baptist Church in Richlands, he was a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Roanoke, Virginia and was elected and received the Degree of Knights Commander Court of Honor in 1999. Kazim Shriners of Roanoke, Tazewell and Russell Shrine clubs where he had served as a past commander, president of the club and was a chairman of the Tennessee Walking Horse Classic for 30 years. He was faithful to his craft and always had the best interest of all the children who needed his help. He was a member of the Cedar Bluff Masonic Lodge #260

AF&AM, where he received the Degree of Master Mason in 1972.

In addition to his parent's, he was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara "Bobbie" Jeanne Brown Belcher Sweeney

Those that remain on carry on his spirit are his;

Wife, Alice Cunningham Brown of Cedar Bluff, VA

Son, Michael Scott Brown of Belfast, VA

Daughter, Cynthia Renee Brown of Decatur, GA

Brother, James Douglas Brown and wife, Diana of Bristol, VA

Granddaughter, Isabella Grace Brown and several nieces and nephews also survive.

In honor of John's memory, the family ask that in lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605-4277; <https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/greenillesc> or call them at 1-864-241-3444.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, all services for John "Hoppy" Earl Brown, Jr., will be private. Dr. Rev. Marc Brooks and Rev. Lonnie Perkins will be officiating. A masonic service will be conducted by the Cedar Bluff Masonic Lodge #260 AF & AM. He will be interred at the Greenhills Memory Gardens and the Casey Short VFW Post#9640 will conduct military graveside rites. Pallbearers will be Michael Brown, James Brown, Jim Reynolds, Ernest Edgell, Joe Smith and Ray Collins.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Tribute Wall

Hurst-Scott
Funeral Home

“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - March 29, 2021 at 03:56 PM

BR

Not working

Bobby Ratliff - March 30, 2021 at 08:20 AM

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Funeral Home

“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - March 29, 2021 at 03:56 PM

DC

Hoppy was a great friend and will be missed. He was a vital part of Virginia Mining Institute and dedicated to our mine rescue contests. It was a pleasure knowing him and an honor to call him my friend. Prayers going up for all the family during this time.

Diane Crouse - March 29, 2021 at 06:06 PM

CM

Sincere sympathy to Alice and her family.

Connie S. McGuire - March 29, 2021 at 07:43 PM

LB

Love this! Beautiful memories of our Friend.

Laura Barden - March 30, 2021 at 09:49 AM

TB

Sincere condolences and prayers for the family. It was our pleasure knowing Hoppy.

Teresa and Henry Bolling

Teresa Bolling - March 30, 2021 at 09:58 AM

HB

Teresa and I have many fond memories of Hoppy at the Tazewell Horse show and visiting the Frog Level Yacht Club with him. REST IN PEACE MY BROTHER. Teresa and Henry Bolling

Henry Bolling - March 30, 2021 at 10:37 AM

JP

I was a classmate of Hoppy's at Southwestern Business College. I was saddened to learn of his passing. Hoppy was a fun loving individual that loved life. My prayers are for his family that God will bring peace to his family.

John Pruett

John Pruett - March 31, 2021 at 02:18 PM

LB

I was a classmate with Hoppy at Southwestern Business College. The college was small, but we had a close-knit family. Those were wonderful days. I lost my husband after 49 years of marriage to cancer this past February 3rd. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this stressful time. May God give you comfort as you lean closer to him during the days ahead. Lenora Newman Brown

Lenora Newman Brown - April 01, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ *John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Larry Nelson lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.*



Larry nelson - July 13, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *I only recently learned of Hoppy's passing. I was saddened to hear the news. I knew Hoppy most of my life, due to the friendship of our families. After college, I ended up working at Jewell Ridge Coal Corporation, where Hoppy was enjoyed a successful career. I enjoyed both working with him at JRCC and later when serving with him in the Virginia Mining Institute. My thoughts and prayers are with Alice and the rest of the family as they adapt to his passing.*
- James Lowe, Forest, VA

JAMES LOWE - April 04, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ *Semper Fi Sir! Salute to you, your life, and your family that you'll be guarding from Heaven's gate!*

Sean Hagy - April 01, 2021 at 09:15 PM

TT

“ *He will always be remembered as a kind neighbor.*
Timothy and Mary Trent



Timothy and Mary Trent - April 01, 2021 at 01:10 PM

MJ

“ *Micheal P Rogich Jr lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.*



Micheal P Rogich jr - April 01, 2021 at 08:17 AM

CV

“ *Sorry to hear of Hoppy's passing. I traveled with him several times underground over the years. RIP Brother. Prayers for the Family*

Craig VanDyke - March 31, 2021 at 11:39 PM

RS

“ *HOPPY THE RALEIGH SHORTT FAMILY LOVED YOU AND YOUR FAMILY*



Raleigh Shortt - March 31, 2021 at 09:10 PM

MR

“ So sorry for your loss, we're praying for peace and comfort.
Phantom Band, Mike Rush

Mike Rush - March 31, 2021 at 08:53 PM

SB

“ Sonny knew Earl from work. They shared a lot of memories. I knew Earl from high school. He had a laugh that was intoxicating. Our condolences go to Alice and his family. He shall be missed by many.
🙏💙

Sonny and Betsy - March 31, 2021 at 08:09 PM

JB

“ Thoughts and prayers are with all family members



Jennie Bane - March 31, 2021 at 07:21 PM

RS

“ SO LONG HOPPY MANY YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP WE LOVED YOU HOPPY RALEIGH SHORTT FAMILY ';

Raleigh Shortt - March 31, 2021 at 07:14 PM

KS

“ With deepest sympathy. Randy and Karen Smith

karen smith - March 31, 2021 at 07:11 PM

RM

“ So sorry to learn of John’s passing. Praying for you family to be comforted by God and lifted by prayer. In Christian love, Rhonda Morgan

Rhonda Morgan - March 31, 2021 at 02:25 PM

Hurst-Scott
Funeral Home

“ 17 files added to the album Powerpoint Photographs



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - March 31, 2021 at 12:54 PM

CP

“ Casey-Shortt VFW Post lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.



Casey-Shortt VFW Post - March 31, 2021 at 12:34 PM

MH

“ Michael Hickman lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.



Michael Hickman - March 31, 2021 at 12:32 PM

DM

“ Rest In Peace Hoppy. We will remember you. Thank you for caring so much for my Dad.



Dana Altizer Moats - March 31, 2021 at 12:14 AM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.



TonyanEdgar Wicks - March 30, 2021 at 07:23 PM

AD

“ We will miss our friend, and praise God that we knew him so many years. Our prayers for all the family are being sent. May God give you strength and comfort.



Anna and Garry Damron - March 30, 2021 at 05:34 PM

BJ

“ We have many wonderful memories over the years of our friendship. RIP Hoppy. You will be missed. Our sincere condolences to Alice and family.

Bill and Naomi Joyce - March 30, 2021 at 02:54 PM

JG

*I'll never forget our inspections together at VP 1, golfing, mine rescue contests in Blacksburg. Rest in peace my friend.
Griff*

John Griffith - March 30, 2021 at 07:33 PM

BJ

“ *Bill And Naomi Joyce lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.*



Bill and Naomi Joyce - March 30, 2021 at 02:51 PM

LK

“ *So sorry to hear about Mr. Brown. We met him when we were attending the Tazewell Horse Show. He always took very good care of us. He was so helpful and nice. We made it a point to find him and speak to him when we got there. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We'll miss him.*

*Lynn, Shelby, and David Keatts
Gretna, Va.*

Lynn, Shelby and David Keatts - March 30, 2021 at 02:29 PM

HB

“ Teresa and I have many fond memories of Hoppy at the Tazewell Horse show and visiting the frog level yacht club with him. rest in peace my brother. Teresa and Henry Bolling

Henry Bolling - March 30, 2021 at 10:28 AM

RN

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family in your loss.



Rosalie Null - March 30, 2021 at 10:07 AM

JF

“ Prayers for James and all the family. I lost my dear brother and it leaves a hole in our hearts and family. May God bless you with happy memories of Hoppy!

Judy G. Fowler - March 30, 2021 at 10:02 AM

LB

“ We enjoyed a friendship for more than 30 years. Hoppy was always the first to be here for us in time of need. We will remember him always as uplifting and dedicated to his family, his community and his friends. Our prayers go out to Alice, his son and daughter, granddaughter and brother. We will miss you, Hoppy Brown. Laura and Roger Barden



Laura Barden - March 30, 2021 at 06:29 AM

GA

“ *Glenda RB Altizer lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.*



Glenda RB Altizer - March 29, 2021 at 11:56 PM

BR

“ *So very sorry to hear of Hoppy's passing. He will be missed by so many.*

Bill and Brenda Richardson - March 29, 2021 at 11:51 PM

KJ

“ *I remember Larry speaking about Hoppy Brown. So sorry Alice. God bless you and your family and friends.*

Kay Jackson - March 29, 2021 at 11:20 PM

RF

“ *We send our deepest sympathy. Our love and prayers are with you Alice.*

Roger and Kim Farmer



Roger and Kim Farmer - March 29, 2021 at 10:54 PM

WW

“ Wonderful times at our grandparent McCoy's home every weekend and the summer visits at the Richland coal mine village, dancing on the back porch to "Rocking Robin". Some of the best days of our life when all our cousins would come and visit. Having weenie roast by the river, hiding Easter eggs, climbing haystacks and sliding down, smoking in the outhouse, laying on our backs looking up at the sky and seeing all kinds of animals and faces in the clouds, counting the stars, listening to our aunts and uncles telling tales as they played cards, maw maw Coy cooking for all us. So much fun around the kids table in the kitchen. So thankful for the cousin reunions we started having in Hillsville over the past few years. Junior there will be a great void in our life and hearts, but we have wonderful memories as we continue our journey on this earth. You told me you were ready to meet your maker. See you again one day cus. Will always love you. Give Bobbie a hug for me.

Wanda W.H.Chrisco - March 29, 2021 at 10:24 PM

BN

“ Bill & Vicki Nuckels sent a virtual gift in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.



Bill & Vicki Nuckels - March 29, 2021 at 10:08 PM

EH

“ EVELYN HESS sent a virtual gift in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.



EVELYN HESS - March 29, 2021 at 09:51 PM

KS

“ *Deepest condolences
Prayers of comfort and love*



Kathy Sneed - March 29, 2021 at 09:43 PM

DC

“ *Dear Alice and Family. We were saddened to hear of Hoppy's passing. He was a good friend and neighbor and visited us several times recently during Darell's lengthy illness and subsequent recovery. He and Darell shared a bond in Darell's brother Jerry who was a friend of Hoppy's during college and prior to them both serving in Viet Nam. Sadly Jerry was killed while serving. Hoppy brought Darell a beautiful "some gave all" picture on his last visit with us and said Cynthia had made it. He was so proud of it and wanted Darell to have it. We were so touched by his thoughtfulness and will treasure it. We will miss him. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers, and please let us know if there's anything we can help you with now or in the future. God bless. RIP Hoppy.*

Darell and Dwana Cantrell - March 29, 2021 at 09:27 PM

JW

“ *Judy West lit a candle in memory of John Earl
"Hoppy" Brown Jr.*



Judy West - March 29, 2021 at 08:04 PM

MF

“ I will always cherish my fond memories of my good friend and brother, Hoppy Brown. He was such a prankster, and no one was exempt from his mischief. No one I know enjoyed a good laugh as much as he did. Hoppy and his wonderful wife, Alice, along with their kids, Michael, and Cynthia will always be among my fondest memories of my 15 years of fellowship in Gethsemane Baptist Church. Praying that God will comfort all Hoppy's family, friends, and church family in their loss. God Bless you all....Marty & Barbara

Martin Farmer - March 29, 2021 at 06:47 PM

TM

“ Tom And Dot McGlothlin sent a virtual gift in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - March 29, 2021 at 06:30 PM

JW

“ Jerry And Pat Warner lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.



Jerry and Pat Warner - March 29, 2021 at 06:26 PM

KH

“ Ken And Susie Hess lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.



Ken and Susie Hess - March 29, 2021 at 05:15 PM

TM

“ Hoppy was a true gentleman and my family loved and respected him. He was such a great supporter of my husband and we all loved Hoppy. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Terri Mosley

Terri E Mosley - March 29, 2021 at 04:51 PM

LN

“ Leroy Nelson lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.



Leroy Nelson - March 29, 2021 at 04:15 PM

PA

“ Our deepest heartfelt sympathy to this wonderful family. May you find comfort through God's love.

John Otis and Patricia Altizer



Patricia Altizer - March 29, 2021 at 04:08 PM

CV

“ Charlotte Vencille lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.



Charlotte Vencille - March 29, 2021 at 03:55 PM

GE

“ Our condolences and prayers to Miss Alice and family. I am so sorry to hear of my dear friend's passing, he was always quick with a smile, a warm handshake, a hug and an I love you brother. He will be greatly missed. May God's peace comfort each of you. Much love, God Bless.

Greg and Carletta Edmonds - March 29, 2021 at 03:52 PM

AM

“ Alice...I am very sorry for your loss. My sincerest condolences to you and family.

Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - March 29, 2021 at 03:42 PM

AM

“ Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - March 29, 2021 at 03:41 PM

BC

“ So sorry to hear about Hoppy! An amazing awesome friend to me since 2004. A miners best friend. Prayers! Heaven must have needed a Head Angel! Till we meet again Brother! RIP!

*Bob Clay
Mine Rescue Coordinator
Norton District, United States Department of Labor
Mine Safety and Health Administration*

Bob Clay - March 29, 2021 at 03:38 PM

HL

“ Henry And Brenda Lawson lit a candle in memory of John Earl "Hoppy" Brown Jr.



Henry and Brenda Lawson - March 29, 2021 at 03:18 PM

JP

*Hoppy was a life long friend of mine . Grew up in Jewell Valley where we were friends and neighbors. He never forgot his roots and old friends.
So sorry to hear of his passing, prays for family. Judy Goodman Phipps*

Judy Phipps - March 30, 2021 at 08:51 AM

LP

*Alice and family, I am so sorry to learn of Hoppy's passing. My first memory of meeting him was at Claypool Hill Skating Rink many, many years ago. Then through high school. He always had a smile and a how are you doing. My heart and prayers are with you. May the Lord bless you and keep you in His loving arms during this time.
Linda (Whitt/Joyce/Russ) Pendry*

Linda Pendry - March 30, 2021 at 11:15 AM