



## Johnny Wayne Vandyke

May 19, 1946 - November 15, 2017

Johnny Wayne Vandyke, age 71, of Bristol, Virginia, passed away Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at his home.

He was born in Grundy, Virginia and was the son of the late George L. and Lou Looney Vandyke.

Johnny was a retired electrician from CONSOL and was a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of the Central Presbyterian Church in Bristol, Virginia. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters: Juanita Pasteur, Ola Gay Matney, Helen Jackson; and brothers: Noah, Marshall, Lowell, and Paul Vandyke.

Survivors are:

His Wife: Darla Vandyke

Daughter: Ginger Ellison and husband, Kevin of Greensburg, PA

Son: Jonathan W. Vandyke of Bristol, VA

Brother: Joe Vandyke of Raven, VA

Two Grandchildren: Sidney Paige Ellison and Lindsey Brooke Ellison

Graveside services for Johnny Vandyke will be conducted Friday, November 17, 2017 at 2pm at the Greenhills Memory Gardens Mausoleum Building #4 at Claypool Hill, Virginia. Entombment will follow. Members of Casey-Shortt VFW Post #9640 will conduct military graveside rites. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy may do so online at <http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenhills Memory Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Johnny Wayne Vandyke

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Johnny Wayne Vandyke

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ I remember he would let us sit under his carport while waiting on the bus, all us Kirby Road Kids. Very nice family and many prayers going up for all of them.  
Raina Bales-Groves

Raina Groves - November 17, 2017 at 08:16 PM



“ I never saw Johnny that he did not greet me with a smile, a kind word, and a warm handshake. He was one of those nice people that made you feel like he cared. Doodie, our prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family during this time of grief. May God bless and comfort you all as only He can.  
In Christ's love,

Marty & Barbara Farmer

Marty Farmer - November 17, 2017 at 11:03 AM



KT

“ Johnny and Darla were my grandparent's neighbors for years. They became family to me as I was growing up. Johnny was one of the kindest, genuinely caring people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. My heart is heavy just stumbling upon this news. I'll ALWAYS love all of you Vandykes.

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**Kym Taylor** - November 16, 2017 at 11:48 PM

JC

“ I am Johnny's nephew, Jimmy Carter - my mother, Juanita, was his oldest sister. I remember going to a triple header horror show at a theater in Grundy with him when we were in high school and I was visiting for a week from our home in Florida. Also another visit, we built a broom sage fort beside the rr track below his house in Vansant....the snow crushed our fort that night. Johnny came to Florida and spent a high school summer with us working on the farm we owned and we shared the double bed, which I still have, and it was hand made by Pappy George in his woodshop back in the 30's or 40's. John and I also shared the same year of service tour in Viet Nam but in different units. He once came to my army base camp to find me, but that day I was out on a resupply run to our artillery firebase in the jungle. So we never got to meet up during our Viet Nam tour. I did not find out about his visit to my camp until after we were both back stateside. There were several more times we shared growing up in different states and visiting each other. One was the time we attended the Daytona Firecracker 400 race and the top of my head got sunburned...ouch! I guess he was the one I spent the most time with over all the years out of all of mom's brothers and sisters, with the possible exception of his brother Paul. Since the operation which removed his voice box, we were left with text messaging as the only communication over the past couple of years. I am sorry we did not get one last visit in before his passing, and I will miss him much. My deepest sympathy to Darla and the rest of the family.

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**Jimmy Carter** - November 16, 2017 at 11:13 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnny Wayne Vandyke.*



November 16, 2017 at 08:18 PM



“ *Church friend, sweet smile, prayer warrior for others even through his own suffering. Truly a saint.*

**Joan and Jim Keith** - November 16, 2017 at 05:59 PM



“ *Carolyn V. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Johnny Wayne Vandyke.*



**Carolyn V.** - November 16, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ *Johnny was a good christian man. We thought alot of Johnny and Darla. Woody and I met the both of them at Central and had so much respect for the both if them. Johnny loved his family, friends, and church. He was an inspiration to both Woody and I, he will be missed dearly!*  
*Woody & Sandy McGlothlin*

**Woodrow & Sandra McGlothlin** - November 16, 2017 at 04:21 PM

WM

“ Johnny was a good friend to both Woody and I. We met Johnny and Darla at Central. He loved his family and God. He was such an inspiration to us with his unwavering dedication to his family, friends and church. Woody & Sandy McGlothlin

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**Woodrow & Sandra McGlothlin** - November 16, 2017 at 04:09 PM

AP

“ Johnny was an inspiration to so many days during his battle with cancer. He was a kind and faithful member of Central Presbyterian Church He will be missed. Condolences to the family. Archer and Tom Parsons

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**Archer B. Parsons** - November 16, 2017 at 10:39 AM

NK

“ Johnny was a man of great faith who was an inspiration to all. He was so humble, kind and generous with his time and talents. He will be greatly missed. Your family is in my prayers. Nancy Kiser

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**Nancy Kiser** - November 15, 2017 at 09:47 PM

CF

Darla, you and Johnny were such a big part of my and my children's lives at such a needed time. I love you both so much. Johnny was a good man and treated myself and my kids as part of his family. I will greatly miss his smile and humor. God has truly taken an angel home. You are in my prayers dear friend as are Ginger, Johnathon, and those precious girls. God bless and keep all of you.

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**cathy ferguson** - November 17, 2017 at 12:06 AM

CW

“ I attended church with Johnny, and will always remember his kindness and support during my daughter Erinn's illness and passing. He always had a gentle smile and I will miss him. Prayers for the family.

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**Cathy White** - November 15, 2017 at 09:12 PM

SE

“ My memory of Johnny is his smile. He always had one. He was a good man and our loss is Heaven's gain.

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**Susan Ellison** - November 15, 2017 at 08:03 PM

LC

“ Darla, Steve and I are so sorry to hear about a Johnny. Please. Know you are in our prayers.

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**Linda Cooley** - November 15, 2017 at 07:56 PM

TE

“ My memories of Johnny are always fun memories. Johnny was one of the kindest and most helpful people that I've ever known. I remember a time when Johnny, Eugene Hall, Kevin and I were playing golf in a captain's choice round at Wolfe Creek and he hit his approach on number 10 across the creek to within 2 feet. He turned to me and didn't say a word. He didn't need to. The smile on his face said it all and that's the way that I will always remember my friend, Johnny Vandyke, the most gracious and humble soul that I have ever known. May he rest in peace.

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**Tommy Ellison** - November 15, 2017 at 07:54 PM