



## John I. Alexander

January 21, 1933 - November 7, 2020

Bluefield, WV - John I. Alexander, 87, of Bluefield, WV, was called home to be with the Lord on November 7, 2020. He was surrounded by his family and Hospice Care Givers at his home on Mountain View Avenue in Bluefield, WV. Born January 21, 1933, he was the son of the late Ruth L. Franklin and John I. Alexander in Lynchburg, VA.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his sister, Barbara A. Blanks of Olney, MD and his brother, James F. Alexander of Virginia Beach, VA.

John is lovingly survived by his wife of 60 years, Clara W. Alexander of Bluefield, WV, his daughter, Laura Ann Alexander Giordano and her husband Glenn A. Giordano and grandchi Idren Alexander Samuel and Matthew Christian, of Cocoa, Florida as well as his son, Christian Emil Alexander and his wife, Paige Cook Alexander and grandchildren Gracyn Rebecca and Christian John-Joseph, of Timmonsville, SC, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who always put his family first.

As a child and a young adult he studied art at the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design in Washington, DC with the intent of becoming a commercial artist. His art continued throughout his life as a hobby.

John's US Army Reserve Unit was activated in 1951 during his senior year of High School in Bethesda, MD. He served three years in the US Army during the Korean War and returned to his Mother's home in Arlington, VA when his service was complete.

One of his first jobs was with the Maxwell and Tennison Pharmacy in Washington, DC as a Pharmacy Assistant. Being interested in electronics, John pursued a career as an Electronics Technician and was accepted as a student at the Naval Weapons Plant in the District of Columbia. After graduation, he accepted a position as an Electronic Technician at the Potomac River Naval Command for a short time and then transferred to the US Naval Research Laboratory (US NRL) in Washington, DC where he retired in November, 1992. During his tenure at the US NRL he attended the University of Virginia where he maintained an A average. During his tenure he received recognition for several assigned projects as well as receiving U.S. Government Patents.

Upon retirement, John and his family moved to Bluefield, WV where his mother Ruth L. Franklin was born while her father was a Baptist Minister in Bluefield in 1912.

John was a member of the Bland Street United Methodist Church since coming to Bluefield, WV. John loved trees and was a member of the Tree Board in Bluefield, WV, where he gave several presentations to community organizations on the care and importance of trees for the environment.

The family would like to thank Compassus Hospice Care of West Virginia for the outstanding care of John during his final days. We would also like to thank relatives and friends for their support during this time as well.

In keeping with the Covid-19 regulations John's family has opted to have a celebration of life with a service at a later date.

Mercer Funeral Home of Bluefield, WV is serving the Alexander family . In lieu of flowers the family requests that you send a donation to Compassus Hospice, 1330 Mercer Street, Princeton, WV 24740.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John I. Alexander*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of John I Alexander, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Army Veteran, John I. Alexander, is “A True American Hero”  
God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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