



## John Nelson Kersey

March 25, 1937 - July 8, 2023

Bluefield, VA- John Nelson Kersey, 86, of Bluefield, VA, died on Saturday July 8, 2023 in Charleston, WV.

Born March 25, 1937 in Bluefield, WV, he was a son of the late John Lawrence Kersey, Jr. and Kate Osborne Kersey. Mr. Kersey was a varsity football player at Duke University where he had the opportunity to play in the Orange Bowl. He was drafted as a lineman to the Philadelphia Eagles, but chose to go into business instead. Mr. Kersey and his father went on to found Lawnel Corporation in Bluefield. He was also a member of Christ Episcopal Church and was a long-time member of the Rotary Club.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Kersey was preceded in death by his son, William Barton Kersey.

Survivors include his wife, Delia Ann Chamberlin Kersey; two sons, J. Nelson Kersey, Jr. and wife Erika of Warrenton, VA, and Kyle S. Kersey and wife Tara of Christiansburg, VA; sister, Betsy Sagady and husband Ron of Princeton, WV; brother, Tom Kersey of Bluefield, VA; grandchildren, Katherine, Zach, Justin, Luke, James, Sean, Rachel, Edgar, Lucelle, John-Francis, Owen, and William, and the Petersons, Kyle, Ashley, Sophia, and Josie; and nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Sunday, July 30, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, July 31, 2023 at 11:00 am at Christ Episcopal Church with Father Paul Barker officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ Episcopal Church, 200 Duhring Street, Bluefield, WV 24701 or to the Bluefield Union Mission, 2200 Bluefield Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory of Bluefield is serving the family of Mr. John Nelson Kersey.

# Cemetery Details

## Christ Episcopal Church Columbarium

Bluefield, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
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## Memorial Service

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church  
Bluefield, WV

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Nelson Kersey*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Dear Delia, I'd like you to pretend this is from your old friend Georgia McGhee. Her note to you would have been prompt, sincere, and on nice stationery. I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. No one should have to outlive a spouse and a child. You have been a dear friend to our family for decades and we will always happily remember your yummy Christmas Eve deliveries. May you find peace. Allison McGhee Hile*

**Allison McGhee Hile** - August 17, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Nelson Kersey.*

July 27, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Nelson Kersey.*



July 27, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ *Dear Delia and family, I am so sorry you lost your dear husband and father. May your sweet memories help you to deal with your deep grief. With sympathy, Marsha and Ivan Platnick*

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**Marsha Platnick** - July 19, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of John Nelson Kersey.*



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July 15, 2023 at 01:36 PM