



John Williams Lazenby

February 14, 1951 - February 19, 2025

Bluefield, VA – John Williams Lazenby, 74, of Bluefield, VA, passed away on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at Dogwood Crossing in Tazewell, VA.

Born on February 14, 1951, in Bluefield, WV, he was the son of the late John Hancock Lazenby and Agnes Williams Lazenby.

Johnny was a lifelong resident of Bluefield and a 1969 graduate of Bluefield High School, where he excelled in football. His talent on the field led him to play football at the University of Tennessee until an injury ended his playing career. He then returned home to join his father in the insurance business.

Known as “Hammer Head,” Johnny was as tough off the field as he was on it—but he loved just as fiercely. He found joy in the outdoors, whether fishing, boating, or riding motorcycles. One of his greatest pleasures was spending time at the Belle Acres Club, his favorite place to relax and unwind. However, his most cherished roles were those of a devoted husband, father, and grandfather and son of his lord and savior Jesus Christ.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his two sisters, Elsie Jordan and Jackie Cruthfield.

Left to honor his memory are his loving wife, Ruth Ann Lazenby; his children,

Sara Lazenby Lester (Moose) of Lewisville, NC, and Todd Lazenby (Tiffany) of Summerville, SC; his stepson, Heath Havens (Lori) of Bluefield, VA; and his nine beloved grandchildren: Jack, Sam, and Kate Lester; Madeline and Ella Lazenby; Caden Sellers; and Bryce, Brennan, and Mila Havens.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at Mercer Funeral Home, with Pastor Chris Roberts officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 2:00 p.m. until the service begins.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Memorial Service

FEB 22. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KG

“ I will miss seeing you and John at church. I will miss seeing John's smiling face and friendly handshake.
Ken Gray

Kenneth W Gray - February 21, 2025 at 10:31 PM

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“ Johnny you will be missed by so many people I'm so glad we were friends Ruth Ann if ever you need anything I'm here
Connie and Don Dinger

Connie Dinger - February 21, 2025 at 06:34 PM

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“ Ruth Ann, we're so sorry to hear about John. Such a nice man. Always a big smile on his face anytime that we saw him. May the Lord help you through this.
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Alice Thomas Faulkner - February 21, 2025 at 10:16 AM

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Ruth Ann, I sorry to hear this. Prayers for peace and comfort during your difficult time. Sending love and prayers..

Donna Flanner - April 05, 2025 at 07:31 PM