



## Joseph Reeves Hartzog Jr.

October 21, 1936 - March 5, 2019

Bluefield, VA- Joseph Reeves Hartzog, Jr. of Bluefield, VA died on March 5, 2019 at his home. Born in Stone, KY to Joseph Reeves Hartzog and Maude Lambert Hartzog, his childhood home was made in Williamson, WV, where he graduated a proud Wolfpack in 1956. He was an avid sports fan, playing basketball and was designated an all-state baseball pitcher. He attended WVU and remained the most loyal of fans, rarely missing a televised game. He married his high school sweetheart, Fadwa Ammar Hartzog, who preceded him in death in 1997. The family moved to Bluefield, WV in 1967, where he worked for Ammar Brothers and was the proprietor of Bluefield Gift Shop, Plaza Cards, and Watkins Gifts in Bluefield and Beckley. In 1982, he opened Hartzog Insurance Agency, where he took great pleasure in assisting all his “friends” and even after retirement faithfully went in to work - including his last day.

He served his community through his membership in Kiwanis, and by faithfully giving to Bluefield Union Mission and other charities.

He loved and served the Body of Christ at Westminster as an elder and teacher. He faithfully taught the children of Westminster in catechism and Sunday school for over 30 years. He made sure they learned John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

In 1999, he married Lana Mitchell Hartzog, who devoted her life to caring for him and providing him with another extended family with whom to show love

with his gentle jokes and ribbing.

In addition to Lana, he is survived by his children, Julie Hurley (Chip) and Dr. Mike Hartzog (Loree), grandchildren Hannah Hurley, Chandler Hurley (Jessie), Elyse, Olivia, Jacob, Audrey and Caleb Hartzog, great-grandchildren Soren and Jax. He is also survived by siblings, Lauren Marcum, and Jeff Hartzog (Gwen). He was predeceased by sister, Sally Dixon.

A service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 9, at 11 a.m., to worship the Lord Jesus Christ and remember how the Lord worked in and through Joe.

In lieu of flowers, any donation would be greatly appreciated to Westminster Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1258, Bluefield, WV 24701 or Bluefield Union Mission, PO Box 4056, 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 is serving the family of Mr. Joseph Reeves Hartzog, Jr.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
2005 Washington Street  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Reeves Hartzog Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Papa Joe loved us like his own, and this flowed down to our daughters. Anytime I saw him he would hug me and tell me he loved me. His love was contagious. I am so thankful I grew up knowing him and his family.*

**meghan hardy** - March 08, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ *Papa Joe was a loving Sunday school teacher who never let his students go hungry, spiritually or physically (honey buns and kool aid every week!). He will forever have a special place in my heart and will be missed greatly.*

**Caitlin L.** - March 08, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joseph Reeves Hartzog Jr..*

March 08, 2019 at 12:24 PM



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“ *Sammy Branton sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Reeves Hartzog Jr.*



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**Sammy Branton** - March 08, 2019 at 09:34 AM

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**Sammy Branton** - March 08, 2019 at 09:33 AM

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“ *Sammy Branton lit a candle in memory of Joseph Reeves Hartzog Jr.*



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**Sammy Branton** - March 08, 2019 at 09:32 AM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I always remember how much I enjoyed attending his Sunday School class and learning from him. He was a faithful servant and I am sure is happy to be present with His Lord and Savior. I'll be praying for you guys as you grieve and miss him. Love to you all.*

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**Daniel Pelts** - March 07, 2019 at 07:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Reeves Hartzog Jr..*



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March 07, 2019 at 03:53 PM



“ *Julie,  
I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was a wonderful man and I know he will be sorely missed. You, Chip and your families have been so connected to mine in so many ways over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!*  
*Bob Altizer*

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**Bob Altizer** - March 07, 2019 at 02:07 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Joseph Reeves Hartzog Jr..*



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March 06, 2019 at 08:33 PM