



John Hervey Boughton Jr.

July 4, 1931 - May 17, 2025

John Hervey Boughton, Jr., 93, of West Point, Virginia, passed away peacefully on May 17, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. John was born on July 4, 1931, to John Hervey Boughton, Sr. and Jessie James. He grew up in Truehart Virginia where he was raised by his grandparents, Warren and Myrtle Boughton.

John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Jessie, and his daughter, Brenda Varboncoeur. John is survived by his wife Susan Boughton, daughter Donna Hadley (Matt), grandchildren Lauren Varboncoeur, Carter Hadley, and Monroe Hadley.

After graduating from Pleasant Hill High School in 1948, he moved to West Point for work. It was in there that he met his sweetheart, Susan Carter and they married on March 24, 1951, at First Baptist Church and were together for over 74 years.

John served his country in the Virginia Army National Guard for eight years during the 1950s. He worked various jobs at local auto shops and grocery stores and later went to work at the Chesapeake Corporation where he retired as storeroom crew leader after 35 years.

John loved a good deal and spent weekends working as an auctioneer. He

attended the Mendenhall Auctioneer School in High Point, NC and became a member of both the Virginia and National Auctioneer Associations. He was on the Board of Directors and received the first Spoke Award. Each year, John and Susan attended the State and National Conventions traveling many miles while seeing most of the country, where they had great times with fellow auctioneer friends.

John was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in West Point where he served as a Deacon, Sunday School President, and was a member many other committees. He was also active in the West Point Jaycees, working on projects that helped the town thrive.

For years, John and his family spent weekends soaking in the beauty and relaxing at Grey's Point Campground on the Rappahannock River. Whether casting a line, picking out crabs or telling stories around the fire, John cherished every moment surrounded by family and friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:30 am, Friday, May 23, 2025, at First Baptist Church of West Point, 414 Fourth Street, West Point, VA 23181. The family will receive friends starting at 10:30 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the First Baptist Church of West Point, P.O. Box N, West Point, VA 23181, or at <https://www.fbcwestpoint.org/online-giving>; or to the West Point Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box X, West Point, VA 23181, or at <https://westpointvfd.com/>.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

MAY **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of West Point
414 Main Street
West Point, VA 23181

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

GC

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss
With heartfelt sympathy
Gloria Couch and Inez Hawthorne*



Gloria Couch - May 22, 2025 at 08:54 PM

AC

“ *Agnes Croswell lit a candle in memory of
John Hervey Boughton Jr.*



Agnes Croswell - May 22, 2025 at 11:26 AM

RC

“ *R.T. Croswell And Donna Croswell lit a candle
in memory of John Hervey Boughton Jr.*



R.T. Croswell and Donna Croswell - May 22, 2025 at 10:28 AM

DG

“ *So very sorry. John was always smiling and a bright light for
everyone. He will be missed. Love to the family.*

Dougalyn guthrie - May 22, 2025 at 09:04 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - May 22, 2025 at 07:16 AM

BE

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of such a fine man. May God Bless you all at this difficult time. Beverly & Jim Ross*



Bev&Jim - May 21, 2025 at 10:33 PM

DH

“ *David N Ann Hall lit a candle in memory of John Hervey Boughton Jr.*



David n Ann Hall - May 21, 2025 at 02:53 PM

PC

“ *Pamela S Carter lit a candle in memory of John Hervey Boughton Jr.*



Pamela S Carter - May 21, 2025 at 01:34 PM

JB

“ Prayers for John and His family!!!

Jerry Blanchard - May 21, 2025 at 01:13 PM

VB

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Susan and the entire family. Johnny was indeed a special character. I can remember Johnny and Susan visiting my family's restaurant, Britton's Restaurant, downtown in West Point back in the 1950's. We also cherish the items we bought from Johnny at his great auctions. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Vic and Sharon Britton

Vic and Sharon Britton - May 21, 2025 at 11:51 AM

DP

“ Don Perry lit a candle in memory of John Hervey Boughton Jr.



Don Perry - May 21, 2025 at 11:47 AM

WW

“ William And Susan Willis lit a candle in memory of John Hervey Boughton Jr.



William and Susan Willis - May 21, 2025 at 11:31 AM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of John Hervey Boughton Jr.*



john and vickie roane - May 21, 2025 at 09:08 AM

MH

“ *Michael Haden lit a candle in memory of John Hervey Boughton Jr.*



Michael Haden - May 21, 2025 at 06:11 AM

CL

“ *Carolyn Lockley lit a candle in memory of John Hervey Boughton Jr.*



Carolyn Lockley - May 21, 2025 at 05:52 AM

ES

“ *Condolences to Susan, Donna and all of the Boughton family!*

Eddie R Sears - May 20, 2025 at 09:43 PM

RW

“ *Rickie Willis lit a candle in memory of John Hervey Boughton Jr.*



Rickie Willis - May 20, 2025 at 07:36 PM

RP

“ *John was a good Christian man and lived life that way. I worked at the Paper Mill with him, but remember mostly the good times at his auctions --they were always fun to go to. May God continue to watch over you. Richard K. Parkes*

Richard K. Parkes - May 20, 2025 at 06:15 PM

PG

“ *Our sympathy to the Boughton family. We were next door neighbors of Johnny and Susan for years and have many fond memories of being friends with them. We pray that God will keep all of you in His loving arms during this time of loss.*

Pat and Bill Gwaltney and Family

Pat Gwaltney - May 20, 2025 at 05:40 PM

DS

“ *Dale Seward lit a candle in memory of John Hervey Boughton Jr.*



Dale Seward - May 20, 2025 at 04:45 PM

JP

“ So sorry to hear about Johnny. We send our love and sympathy to his family.

Judy and Glenn Palmer - May 20, 2025 at 04:43 PM

JW

“ Sorry to hear this news. He will be missed by many. Had many laughs with him over the years and really enjoyed going to the auctions he had

Janie wampler - May 20, 2025 at 02:57 PM

CH

“ TowneBank Senior Partner travel will never be the same without John and Susan. John always had a kind word, always greeted me with a big hug, was always smiling and was one of the sweetest Christian men I have ever met. He never complained and had such a positive outlook on life. John is now in Heaven with the Lord he served every day where he will never know pain again. I will miss him so much but am so thankful that I got to share precious time and make lasting memories with him and Susan. Rest in peace my faithful friend, Carol Hernandez.

Carol Hernandez - May 20, 2025 at 02:28 PM

AW

“ Avril & Gerald Williams lit a candle in memory of John Hervey Boughton Jr.



Avril & Gerald Williams - May 20, 2025 at 01:16 PM

NB

“ Nancy H. Bland lit a candle in memory of John Hervey Boughton Jr.



Nancy H. Bland - May 20, 2025 at 12:46 PM

TO

“ Our sympathy to the Boughton family. We will miss John’s smile & wit. He always had great stories to tell of West Point in the “olden days”!

He was always a bright light in my day when he called or stopped by.

Warm regards,

Tricia Orenstein

Tricia Orenstein - May 20, 2025 at 11:48 AM

HW

“ HENRY WARD lit a candle in memory of John Hervey Boughton Jr.



HENRY WARD - May 20, 2025 at 10:10 AM

CC

Susan, I am so sorry to hear about your great loss. I will always remember you and Johnny stopping by and visiting us on your Florida trips. We had so much fun reminiscing about old times.

Clarence Bristow & Charlotte - May 21, 2025 at 07:47 AM



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