



## John Yarrington Burton

August 20, 1927 - March 5, 2017

John Yarrington Burton, 89, passed away quietly and peacefully on March 5, 2017. John was preceded in death by the love of his life Ethel Gaines Burton. John and Ethel were married for 63 years. He was also preceded in death by his sisters Ann Burton, Winnie Lee Tate, Eva Courtney Ross; brother in law Zane Grey Ross; nephew Timothy Glenn Gaines Tanner. John will be remembered by his nephews Blake Ross and his wife Joanne, David Ross and his wife Wanda; sister in law Joan Tanner; niece Tracy Bond, great niece Sarah Herbert; nephews, Thomas M. Tanner, Todd T. Tanner; great nephews Brian Ross, Stuart Ross, Michael Ross; many dear friends. John was born August 20, 1927 in Elsom, VA, the son of John Yarrington Burton and Annie Hobday. He graduated from Pleasant Hill High school in 1944, served in the United States Army, worked at Citizens & Farmers Bank in West Point and was the President of the Chesapeake Employees Federal Credit Union in West Point. John was a long time resident of West Point where he was active in his community. He was a member of West Point First Baptist Church, the Ruritan Club and served on many other boards and civic organizations. John donated over 100 units to the Mid Atlantic Bloodmobile. Most notably, John was the West Point Weatherman for 35 years. He was always interested in the weather and continued to follow weather patterns until the time of his recent illness. At the time of his death, John was a resident of Heron Cove in Gloucester, Va where he received loving care and support by the staff there. John will be remembered for his keen sense of humor, as a lifelong fan of the

Washington Redskins and the New York Yankees and for his care of friends and neighbors throughout his life.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m., Thursday, March 9th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th St., West Point, and interment will follow in Olivet Baptist Church Cemetery, King and Queen, Virginia. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., just prior to the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions should be made to a special account for the care of Erik Medhus; checks may be made payable to Joanne Ross, c/o BB&T, P.O. Box 436, Mattaponi, VA 23110.

# Cemetery Details

## Olivet Baptist Church Cemetery

25338 The Trail  
Mattaponi, VA 23110

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel  
417 11th St  
West Point, VA 23181  
(804) 843-2550

## Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Time passes, and yet, I want to pick up the phone and call...sometimes over very simple things in life. "Hey, Uncle Johnny, how about those Yankees?"...until we meet again, remembering you with love and find peace in knowing you and Aunt Ethel are together again.



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**Tracy Bond** - October 26, 2017 at 03:15 PM

MS

“ John and Ethel have been missed from First Baptist Church for some time now. Even when they lived in assisted living in Richmond, they would make the drive back to West Point each Sunday morning. It was hard to look out and not see them there any longer or receive a warm greeting from each of them. We were blessed to worship and work along side them for so many years. Wonderful people! Our sympathy to John's family during this time.

*Kenny and Michele Smith*

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**Michele Smith** - March 14, 2017 at 12:19 PM

MD

“ Mary Ellen & Bobby Davis lit a candle in memory of John Yarrington Burton



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**Mary Ellen & Bobby Davis** - March 12, 2017 at 04:57 PM

CC

“ *Carrie Conklin lit a candle in memory of John Yarrington Burton*



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**Carrie Conklin** - March 11, 2017 at 09:28 AM

CC

“ *My prayers to his family. John was such a nice man. He was always coming in the shop to have his watch set to the correct second. I will miss seeing him here!*

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**Carrie Conklin** - March 11, 2017 at 09:28 AM

JR

“ *John, Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of John Yarrington Burton*



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**John, Vickie Roane** - March 08, 2017 at 04:10 PM

WB

“ *I was sorry to hear of John's passing. I will miss his smile , his smile could light up a room.*

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**Willard and Joyce Bristow** - March 07, 2017 at 01:50 PM

WB

“ Willard And Joyce Bristow lit a candle in memory of John Yarrington Burton



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**Willard and Joyce Bristow** - March 07, 2017 at 01:46 PM

PY

“ Ptsy Yarrington lit a candle in memory of John Yarrington Burton



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**Ptsy Yarrington** - March 07, 2017 at 10:27 AM

JW

“ So sorry to hear this news. I have known John for many years and always brought a smile to my face. He will be missed

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**Janie Wampler** - March 07, 2017 at 09:13 AM

JG

“ Joanie Gordon lit a candle in memory of John Yarrington Burton



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**Joanie Gordon** - March 07, 2017 at 07:14 AM

DF

“ Donna Fudala sent a virtual gift in memory of John Yarrington Burton



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**Donna Fudala** - March 07, 2017 at 04:29 AM

BE

“ Enjoyed his management skills at the Credit Union, and his humor. Our deepest sympathy to the family.



*Beverly and Jim Ross*

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**Beverly** - March 06, 2017 at 08:08 PM

GC

“ John was a dear gentleman with a great sense of humor. He and Ethel were such a loving, caring couple. I know he missed her everyday. I have some special memories but I will miss seeing both of them. Heartfelt sympathy to the family.

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**Gloria Couch** - March 06, 2017 at 01:46 PM