



John Edward Tabb Sr.

September 12, 1943 - May 28, 2025

John Edward Tabb Sr. "Buster" was born September 12, 1943, was called home to be with the Lord on May 28, 2025, at his daughter Bernice home in Charles City, Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents Zack E. Tabb Jr. and Edna Jones Tabb, his wife Iris Johnson Tabb, son Joseph Tabb (Kathleen), son John Edward Tabb Jr. (Magdeline), brother Zack E. Tabb III, brother Thomas B. Tabb, grandson Bradford Thompson Sr.

He joined Little Elam Baptist Church in 1955. He attended Woodburn Elementary and graduated from Ruthville High School in 1961. He began his work career at Newport News Shipbuilding as a pipefitter. He went on to become a brakeman and engineer for C&O railroad where he retired after many years of service. You would see him coming through Providence Forge and blowing the whistle. He was a man of many talents and had a gift of lengthy conversations. John was an avid reader and enjoyed researching into his and other families genealogy. He worked closely with and was known well within the History Center in Charles City County. He was a very good cook and loved spending time with family, especially his grandchildren. He was well known in his community and will be greatly missed.

He leaves to cherish his memories, daughters Darlene Arredondo (Alex),

Bernice Cotman (Carlton Sr.) son Todd Tabb(Wanda), 12 grandchildren (Joseph Tabb, Kendall Griffie, Angela Tabb, Todd Jones, Rachel Lee, Edna Hernandez, Mariah Garcia, Antoine Tabb, Thomas Tabb, Carlton Cotman Jr., (Crystal), Welton Cotman, John E. Tabb III, 26 great grandchildren, sister Angela Greene (Floyd), brother Kenneth Tabb (Pat), aunts Virginia Webber and Ann Tabb, sisters-in-law Laverne Green(Clarence) and Nina Fleming (Bruce), brothers-in-law Lee Jones, Carneal Jones, Rodney Jones (Yvonne) and Noel Jones. A host nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. A lifelong friend and classmate William Christian.

A funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2025, at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140. A viewing will be held two hours prior to service, from 11AM-1PM. Interment to follow in the Little Elam Baptist Church Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Little Elam Church Cemetery

8840 Church Ln
Charles City, VA 23030

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Providence Forge, VA 23140
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Tribute Wall

AB

“ *May you Rest In Peace Dear Sir !!! And condolences to you (B) and your entire family ! God bless you all*



Amy Bradby - June 08, 2025 at 10:21 PM

RJ

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to the Tabb family. I'm so sorry that you've lost someone who you and your family loved so much. John and my father used to work closely together in researching our family history. Wishing you comfort during this dark time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Richard M. Bowman, Jr - June 08, 2025 at 11:58 AM

CM

“ *Christopher & Sharon Marrow lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.*



Christopher & Sharon Marrow - June 05, 2025 at 08:30 AM

AG

“ John, I don't even know what to say. I still can't believe you're gone 😞 Even with your heart problems; you still had so much more energy than me up until a few months ago. With my medical problems, there was a chance I would leave before you. But God only knows. RIP bro. I love and miss you. ❤️



Angela S Greene - June 04, 2025 at 10:35 PM

EJ

“ Eugene R Crump Jr Classmate And Judy lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.



Eugene R Crump Jr classmate and Judy - June 04, 2025 at 12:24 PM

BA

“ Bert & Sharon Allen



Bertram Allen - June 04, 2025 at 12:18 PM

LB

“ Lorna Braxton lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.



Lorna Braxton - June 03, 2025 at 07:59 PM

LB

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Sending prayers of comfort during this time to rach of you.*

Lorna Braxton - June 03, 2025 at 07:58 PM

BC

“ *John was indeed a shining light in Charles City and beyond. He was able to shine that light on the past to connect the dots to our present. Love you cousin.*



Brenda A Jones Cotman - June 03, 2025 at 07:36 PM

DJ

“ *Darlene Daughter Of John lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.*



Darlene Daughter of John - June 03, 2025 at 05:57 PM

DA

“ *Darlene lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.*



Darlene - June 03, 2025 at 05:55 PM

JC

“ James & Sylvia Christian lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.



James & Sylvia Christian - June 03, 2025 at 01:06 PM

CB

“ Our Deepest Condolences , Prayers, Love and hugs to our Tabb family members on their loss. Cousins John Tabb and Richard Bowman will always be my mentors as far as our deep family history goes. They taught me well !!! . Rest in Heavenly Peace Cousin John Sr. So sadly missed . Cousin Charles D. Bowman and family. 🙏❤️😔😔

charles D. Bowman - June 03, 2025 at 08:48 AM

LJ

“ Linda Jones-Wood lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.



Linda Jones-Wood - June 03, 2025 at 06:19 AM

GW

“ I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Tabb!! Darlene and family I would like to extend my condolences to you and your family at this time. Sending prayers!!

Gloria Williams - June 02, 2025 at 04:06 PM

RC

“ John will truly be missed. John and Richard Bowman were invaluable to me.
Love you both. I thank God for you two.
Raymond Cousins

Raymond Cousins - June 02, 2025 at 01:33 PM

SK

“ Our condolences to the family.
John was my dear friend and classmate.
Even though your gone from this earth, I will cherish our fellowshipping...you are gone but not forgotten.

*Rest in Peace until meet again,
Bubba and Jean Christian*



Sharon Kent - June 02, 2025 at 11:32 AM

BC

“ May the family find comfort in the promise that Jesus made, "I go to prepare a place for you".
Cousin John no longer has to endure endure the pains of this old world. We will miss him and all the knowledge that he possessed. Enjoy he fruits of your labor until we meet again.
Brenda Jones Cotman



Brenda A Jones Cotman - June 02, 2025 at 10:32 AM

MA

“ *Mildred B. Adkins lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.*



Mildred B. Adkins - May 31, 2025 at 01:28 PM

MA

“ *Grandpa John, we will always cherish your love for us. We will miss you and love you forever.*



mariah - May 31, 2025 at 11:21 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - May 31, 2025 at 07:07 AM

SM

“ John will truly be missed for his extensive knowledge in genealogy and family history of Charles City. I have worked with him on planing many reunions. This "REUNION", only John and God could make the plans. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord...". NIV Jer. 29:11



Susan J Miles - May 30, 2025 at 10:35 PM

BG

*Bernice and Family,
My children and express our sincere condolences for the passing od your father and my husband's cousin John. I got to know him in later years. May God bless you and keep you, while you treasure memories and his wisdom about family and friends.
The Gardners,
Bonnie, Ryan and Charra*

Bonnie Gardner - June 02, 2025 at 05:31 AM

WB

“ Condolences to John’s family. Will remember fondly his affiliation with the Gazebo Girls and his kindness to my mom as a member of that fun group. May God grant the family peace that surpasses all understanding. R.I.P. John.



Warren and JoAnne Bell - May 30, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ Charles Barbour lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.



Charles Barbour - May 30, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ Shirlette & Rayfield Squire lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.



shirlette & Rayfield Squire - May 30, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ Brian & Shereen Bradby-Ghee lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.



Brian & Shereen Bradby-Ghee - May 30, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ Marilyn Crump lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.



Marilyn Crump - May 30, 2025 at 10:26 AM

DR

“ Daryl Bowman Robertson lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.



Daryl Bowman Robertson - May 30, 2025 at 10:00 AM

JT

“ John was my children grandfather and great grandmother. He knew how to talk about family history and love to cook. I will always cherish our family time. I thank him for being him. Will miss him, but he will always be in our hearts.



Joyce Tabb - May 30, 2025 at 12:20 AM

JT

I meant great grandfather. Sorry for typo.

Joyce Tabb - May 30, 2025 at 12:21 AM

AJ

“ Anthony And Ebony Jones lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.



Anthony and Ebony Jones - May 29, 2025 at 10:05 PM



“ *Hugo Charity lit a candle in memory of John Edward Tabb Sr.*



Hugo Charity - May 29, 2025 at 03:50 PM