



John Franklin Townsend Jr.

January 11, 1943 - April 17, 2018

John Franklin "Frankie" Townsend, Jr. of King William passed away Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Born on January 11, 1943, Frankie was a graduate of Ferrum College and attended Virginia Tech. He returned home to Pampatike Farm, Inc. as owner/manager of the dairy farm. Frankie's legacy and passion was soil and water conservation. He served for 46 years as Director of the Three Rivers Soil and Water Conservation District. He also served for 8 years at the State level on the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board with 6 of them as Chairman. Through his leadership, Mr. Townsend was instrumental in bringing citizens' attention to land, water and related resource problems and assisting in the development of programs to solve them. Frankie also served as chairman of the King William Wetlands Board for 40 years. He was an active member and past president of the King William Ruritan Club and recently named an Honorary Member. He was a lifelong member of McKendree United Methodist Church. Frankie loved his family and adored his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He loved hunting and fishing and really missed being able to participate in recent years. All the people that loved him enjoyed his sense of humor and big heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Franklin and Mary Townsend, and brother, James Townsend. Frankie is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Madeline Sue Rouzie; three children, Susan Rae (Brian), John (Jennifer), Mark (Jesse); seven grandchildren, Charlotte Townsend, Townsend Adcock, Trent, Ryder and Lauren Faith Townsend, Hunter and McKenzie

Kidd; one brother, David (Sharon); a sister, Mary Anne Hopkins (John); and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 2 to 7 p.m. at "Pampatike", 1036 Pampatike Rd, King William VA 23086. Funeral services will be Friday, April 20, 2018 at 2 p.m., McKendree United Methodist Church, 4347 Manfield Rd, Aylett, VA 23009. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to McKendree United Methodist Church Building Fund, P O Box 254, Manquin VA 23106.

Cemetery Details

McKendree UMC Cemetery

4347 Manfield Rd.
Manquin, VA 23106

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pampatike
1036 Pampatike Rd.
King William, VA 23086

Service

APR **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKendree United Methodist Church
4347 Manfield Rd.
Manquin, VA 23106

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry Madeline Sue and I have fond memories of both Frankie and James as we fished, hunted and worked together. I was in California when James died and I won't be able to come to the funeral unfortunately as one of my daughters is coming to visit from the west coast.

With heartfelt blessings,

Brock

Brock Townsend - April 18, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ Some of my best memories was when we would go to the beach every summer. He would stand firm against the waves and we would just grab on knowing we we're safe to flow in the waves because he wasn't going anywhere, he was like a rock! Much love to Uncle Doodle, may God's love shine like the beach sun on you.



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