



## Walter Harold Johncox

September 19, 1935 - July 5, 2014

Walter H. Johncox, 78, of Lanexa, VA passed away July 5, 2014. He was the owner of Riverside Campground in Lanexa for 33 years. Walter was an avid fisherman and loved life on the river. He is survived by three daughters, Jill Lyons (Ed), Carol Starkey (Don), Karen Wright (Kenny), all of New York; four sons, Mike Johncox(Sandy) of Lanexa, Jeff Johncox (Chris) of New York, Ray Johncox (Angie) of Germany, and David Bishop (Debbie) of Kinston, NC; 18 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; a sister, Linda Anderson (Don) of Massachusetts; and a devoted friend, Connie Epperson. He was preceded in death by his loyal dog, Rusty. A celebration of life service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, July 26th at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140.

# Tribute Wall

CV

“ Christopher Vasquez purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Walter Harold Johncox.



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**Christopher Vasquez** - July 23, 2014 at 11:04 AM

CM

“ Woods & Waters Magazine grieves with the Johncox's on the passing of Walt. It's been a while since my first month on the job, before even Rusty, and those 20 years of monthly visits were always brightened by the time I spend chatting with Walt. When you run a route at some point it's not about the job it's about the people. Walt made my day better. - C.C. McCotter, Publisher Woods & Waters Magazine

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**C.C. McCotter** - July 21, 2014 at 08:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Harold Johncox.



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July 21, 2014 at 03:48 AM

“ TO: The JohnCox Family (In Loving Memory of Walt and Rusty)

*My husband (Gary) and I have fished at Riverside for quite some time and we became friends with Walt, Mike, Sandy, and of course Rusty (Walt's shadow). When we first starting fishing at Riverside, I was the one who always went inside (Mike and/or Sandy) and paid the ramp fee and there was this beautiful dog hanging out on the deck with his Daddy (Walt). I'm a sucker for dogs and I took a liking to him (Rusty) and began spoiling him with lots of love and eventually bringing him food and dog treats, and this is how Walt and I began a friendship. Everybody knew that Rusty and Walt loved the ladies. Walt and I took a liking to each other and could talk about anything and everything.*

*My husband and I just visited Riverside (one of our favorite places to fish and to catch up with Walt and find out what had been going on with each other) on Sunday, the 13th*

*I was getting excited to see Walt, it had been awhile since we last visited, life just sometimes gets in the way. When I walked inside and looked to the left at the table where Walt (and I) hung out, Mike was sitting there and before I could even ask where Walt was, Mike informed me that Walt passed. It took me by surprise, I couldn't believe it, and my heart was heavy.*

*The Lord has a plan for Walt and has freed him from his pain and he's beginning his new journey. We can't know why some things happen....but we can know that love and beautiful memories outlast the pain of grief. And we can know that there's a place inside our hearts where love lives always....and where nothing beautiful can ever be forgotten.*

*Walt was a very kind, genuine, and unique person with the biggest heart who always made you feel welcome in his presence and who always had a smile on his face and totally loved his entire family and all people in general. He's gone, but not forgotten, he lives on forever!*

*Each life is a miracle that changes the world - What a beautiful difference one (Walt's) single life made. In our memories and in our hearts, love lasts forever. Someone (Walt) who has truly touched us will always be close through the joy of memories and the beauty of love.*

*Sometimes it is simply the hope in our hearts and the faith in our souls that comfort us and let us begin anew. Praying that God reaches out to everyone who knew Walt with love to assure you, with grace to uphold you, with compassion to comfort you.*

*As we grieve, let's tell the stories, be grateful for the lessons and treasure the memories.*

*Sometimes we cannot understand, all we can do is trust in God....and believe.*

*There's peace in the promise that life is everlasting and one day we all we be united as one!*

*When I come to the end of the road*

*And the sun has set for me*

*I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.*

*Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little--but not too long*

*And not with your head bowed low.*

*Remember the love that we once shared*

*Miss me--but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take*

*And each must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's plan*

*A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart*

*Go to the friends we know*

*And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.*

*Miss Me - But Let me Go!*

*A butterfly captures our hearts*

*from the moment they appear.*

*They are vibrant and graceful*

*as their presence lifts our spirits.*

*Gone much too soon,*

*they will never be forgotten.*

*Don't weep at my grave,*

*for I am not there,*

*I've a date with a*

*butterfly to dance in the air.*

*I'll be singing in the*

*sunshine, wild and free*

*playing tag with the wind*

*while I am waiting for thee.*

*We'll always remember*

*that special smile,*

*that caring heart,*

*that warm embrace,*

*you always gave us.*

*In Loving Memory, Gary and Robin Tate*

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**Gary and Robin Tate** - July 16, 2014 at 02:51 AM

JJ

“ *Our sincere condolences to the whole Johncox family. He brought us his Virginia license plate that reads "Johncox". It is hanging in our museum. Very interesting gentleman. He will be missed by many. Jeff & Jennifer Jensen, Penn Yan, NY*

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**Jennifer Jensen** - July 14, 2014 at 08:13 AM

RB

“ *WILL MISS SEEING WALT WITH CONNIE AT OUR 468 WOODMEN MEETINGS.  
HE WAS A FRIEND TO EVERYONE REBECCA BAKER*

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**REBECCA BAKER** - July 13, 2014 at 08:56 PM

KM

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Walt was a great man. He will be missed.



Kimberly May - July 13, 2014 at 06:50 PM

RM

“ Ronald & Arleen Madsen lit a candle in memory of Walter Harold Johncox



Ronald & Arleen Madsen - July 12, 2014 at 05:10 PM

TM

“ The Boys of Maryland purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Walter Harold Johncox.



The Boys of Maryland - July 11, 2014 at 11:16 AM

AL

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



AL - July 09, 2014 at 02:39 PM

BC

“ Mike

*We are so sorry for your loss. You Dad was one of the great ones. He and our dad had great stories. I'm sure they're hanging out in heaven today fishing and enjoying eachothers company.*

*Your in our thoughts and paryers*

*The Cissel's*



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**Bob Cissel** - July 09, 2014 at 12:20 PM

MJ

“ This song is very fitting as i have considered my dad my best friend for years and when i married 2003 he was my best man. I sure am going to miss working with him and seeing him mow the parking lot for hours just to be doing something outside or standing down on the pier fishing with his pals the dog & cat with him.

I told him that last day we had been through a lot, he said Yep, i said we have had alot of good times he said yep, and we had alot of bad times but we went through them together and wouldn't change any of it. I am a blessed man to have been able to work with my dad these past 33 years. He taught me how to be a man and take care of yourself, live sober and best of all was if you don't screw anyone over treat folks right you can lay your head down at night and know you did your best, what more can you ask for.

We never made it to a baseball game this last couple months but did watch it on TV the time he was in the hospital i was there. He enjoyed climbing in the car and attending a Richmond game with my friends and a sausage sandwich there.

I put his boat together for him this spring, took and had an electric starter installed so he wouldn't have a hard time using it. Dad did get out one last time and he and Connie caught their mess of fish for a friend.

Folks i sure am going to miss my dad he was one in a million and as far as i'm concerned #1. Till we meet again dad keep the campfires burning and the coffee perking.

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**Mike Johncox** - July 09, 2014 at 07:08 AM

JB

“ *Lit a candle for my Uncle Walt.*



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**Judie Brown** - July 08, 2014 at 08:10 PM

CE

“ *WHEN YOU PASSED THIS PAST SATURDAY IT ALMOST TORE MY HEART INTO. YOU ARE THE ONE I LOVED DEARLY.. BUT I KNOW YOU ARE NOT SUFFERING ANYMORE. YOU FOUGHT IT FOR OVER A YEAR BUT YOU WERE TIRED FIGHTING. YOU TOLD ME MANY A TIME. YOU MAY NOT BE HERE IN PERSON BUT I HAVE MANY PRECIOUS MEMORIES AND YOU WILL IN MY HEART FOREVER.  
RIP DARLING.*

*LV, CONNIE*

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**CONNIE EPPERSON** - July 08, 2014 at 07:07 PM

MJ

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Mike Johncox** - July 08, 2014 at 03:20 PM

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**Mike Johncox** - July 08, 2014 at 03:35 PM

SA

*Love you dear..you were very lucky to have him as a dad*

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**sandy** - July 08, 2014 at 04:07 PM

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CE

*very true because he was my best friend connie epperson*

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**connie epperson** - July 08, 2014 at 05:13 PM

SA

“ Words could never describe the hurt I am experiencing but knowing you aren't suffering anymore makes it easier...you will always be in my heart and thank you for being in my life...RIP...Love, your daughter in law, Sandy



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**Sandy** - July 08, 2014 at 02:24 PM

JH

“ Walt was one of those who left a lasting impression on me. I only met him that one time when we visited you, but he & I seemed to strike up an instant friendship. Here is a poem that was sent to me when I lost my son, Rick. I think Walt would like it.

*I've finished life's chores assigned to me, so put me on a boat  
headed out to  
sea. Please send along my fishing pole, for I've been invited to the  
fishin' hole,  
Where every day is a day to fish, To fill your heart with every wish.  
I'M fishin' with the Master of the Sea.  
We will miss each other for a while; but, you will come and bring  
your smiles. It won't be long (you will see) 'til we're together. You  
and Me. To all of those that think of me, be happy as I go out to sea.  
If others wonder why I'm missin, just tell 'em, "I've gone fishin'"  
author unknown*

*Jessie, Augusta,  
Maine*

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**Jeanice Honas** - July 08, 2014 at 10:44 AM

CF

“ So very sorry for your loss. Linda and I have been good friends since nursing school. May you all find peace and comfort in the days ahead.

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**carol lewis fagnoli** - July 08, 2014 at 10:40 AM

MD

“ Mr. Johncox was a good friend and customer. We will miss him. Regards to Mike and the family.

*Mark and Carolyn  
York River Marine*

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**Mark Drexler** - July 08, 2014 at 10:05 AM

VS

“ Vickie & Tim Smith lit a candle in memory of Walter Harold Johncox



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**Vickie & Tim Smith** - July 08, 2014 at 09:19 AM

ML

“ Our sympathy to all of Walt's family. We have many happy memories of times spent with them all in NY. RIP, Walt.

*Marylou and John Lagana*

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**Marylou and John Lagana** - July 08, 2014 at 09:02 AM

RC

“ *Randy Carter lit a candle in memory of Walter Harold Johncox*



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**Randy Carter** - July 08, 2014 at 08:20 AM