



## John Ferrell

August 1, 2023

John H. Ferrell, 87, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather went to be with the Lord on Aug. 1, 2023. He was an active and devoted member of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church.

He was born and raised on a farm in Lucama, North Carolina by his loving parents, Lizzie and Albert Ferrell. He married his life-long love while a senior at Lucama High School and joined the US Navy upon graduation. After his service and moving to Virginia he worked for and retired from the Bell System while raising a loving family.

His friends and family knew him as a man with a great love for bluegrass music, good Bar-B-Q, NC sausage and a good pearwood smoking pipe. But it was his kind gentle nature and his love for Christ that defined him.

John was predeceased by his wife of 57 years Patricia Ann Ferrell. He is survived by his son, John P. Ferrell; daughter, Lynn McDermott and husband James Walther; grandchildren, Chelsea Gunter and husband, Jeremy Gunter, Joshua McDermott, Noah McDermott and Jackie McDermott; greatgrandchildren, Lexi Gahagan, Jamie Gunter and Carolina Gunter; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and a multitude of lifelong friends. He was predeceased by his brother, James, and sisters, Mildred, and Gladys.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church by Dr. Thomas Larson. The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral Home Friday from 6-7 p.m. Interment is private.

The family suggest memorial contributions to the American Heart Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 4. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel  
3225 Academy Ave  
Portsmouth, VA 23703

## Funeral Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Jackson Memorial Bapt Church  
4316 Bruce Rd  
Chesapeake, VA 23321  
(757) 484-5568

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ I'm so sorry to read about Hulon's passing. I was searching for another person's obituary when I came across his. Hulon was the kindest person I have known. He was my First Cousin and he kept telling me on the phone he was ready to go home. I hadn't called lately because I am still grieving from my husband's death. He came from a very nice family and I loved him for the wonderful person he was. I never ever heard him say a bad word in my entire life! I sure will miss him, and our conversations on the phone. I know he is glad to be with his wife Ann in heaven. My condolences to all the family.

Margaret Brown - September 10, 2023 at 03:12 AM

JT

“ I worked for western electric with John on many occasions and he was always a gentleman. I've never heard anyone on the job say other wise. I bought a super beetle from him in the seventies. While on transfer to washington d.c. it caught on fire while I was returning to the apartment and was totaled. I found out from the fire department that was not unusual for the beetles, the gas line would vibrate out of the carb. and dump gasoline on the engine . Of course John nor I had ever heard of that happening, but he did get some good hearted kidding on the Job for selling a grill on wheels to me. Rest in peace my friend.

John Tillman - August 31, 2023 at 01:29 AM

TB

“ I knew “Hulon“ my entire life. He was my mother's first cousin and I spent a lot of my childhood playing with John and Lynn on Drum Creek Rd. He was such a gentle and caring soul. He will surely be missed.



Terri Marsh Buckley - August 10, 2023 at 10:50 PM

DM

“ My heart goes out to Lynn John and family he reminded me of my own dad kind, sweet ,and enjoyed the simple things in life he will be missed

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**Deborah mills** - August 04, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Ferrell.



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August 04, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John Ferrell.



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August 03, 2023 at 05:21 PM