



## John W. Vann

June 29, 2015

John Willie Vann, 82, passed away Monday, June 29, 2015. He was a native of Suffolk, VA and the son of the late Dempsey and Pearl B. Vann. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Ruby Pruet Vann and his sisters Maybelle Johnson, Helen Vann, Selma Ellis and Erma Bell and his brothers Otha Lee Vann and Dempsey Vann, Jr.

He is survived by his sister Margaret Hoffman, his son David Michael Vann and wife Thelma Jane, his daughter Kathy Vann Smith and husband Robert, his granddaughters Jennifer Dunn, Denise Shields, and Selena Cullipher, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Also left to cherish his memory are his special friend Jo Haywood and his loyal little dog Grizzly.

John was a retired mechanic from Harris Tire. His favorite activities were fishing, gardening, and eating Ruby's great cooking. He was also known to enjoy special cakes and other sweets he received from many of his friends.

Whether you knew him as John, Jay, or J.W., you knew him as an honest and generous man. He enjoyed giving his family and friends vegetables from his garden, fish he had caught, or pecans he had picked and shelled. He was always ready to help anyone and loved being around people. He never met a stranger and would always have a smile, especially when he could joke on you good-naturedly. He will be missed in so many ways.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00am on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at Loving Funeral Home. The burial will be at noon in the Holland Cemetery in Suffolk. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 from 7pm-8pm.

# Previous Events

## service

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

 Glenda  
Worrell

“ *to thelma and family, my prayers are with you at this time,glenda worrell*

Glenda Worrell - July 09, 2015 at 01:11 PM

JL

“ *Our prayers are with you and your family at this time.  
Jerry and Francene Ledbetter*

Jerry Ledbetter - July 07, 2015 at 03:19 PM

CD

“ *Cathy and Rick Davis purchased the Blooming Garden Basket  
for the family of John W. Vann.*



Cathy and Rick Davis - July 07, 2015 at 02:29 PM

MW

“ *May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared bring some comfort  
to you during this sad time. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. Mike Wise  
and Family*

Mike Wise - July 07, 2015 at 09:53 AM

FB

“ *To the family of J.W. Vann,  
My name is Fred Brinkley from Suffolk, Va. I grew up at Cypress Chapel and  
remember J.W. and Ruby. My Dad was part owner of Knight and Brinkley Store at  
Cypress Chapel. I remember J.W. when he worked at Harris Tire. He and his lady  
friend would come to the Bethlehem Ruritan Club Music JAMS. I am sad to hear  
that he passed. I know you will miss him. My mom and dad would visit the family  
when we were kids. We will keep you in prayer. Fred and Janet Brinkley 129  
Manning Rd. Suffolk, VA.*

Fred Brinkley - July 06, 2015 at 04:59 PM

RP

“ Roger & Patsy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John W. Vann.



Roger & Patsy - July 05, 2015 at 02:16 PM

FW

“ from Jo's family, Nonie, Doris & Wahab purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John W. Vann.



from Jo's family, Nonie, Doris & Wahab - July 03, 2015 at 11:01 AM

LH

“ I had no idea Uncle Jay had been so ill. He and Aunt Ruby were a big part of my life growing up. I've been on many a fishing trip with him over the years between Nags Head, Hatteras, and the James River. I have so many great memories of the days when he lived on Madden Terrace and all the visits to Coleman's Nursery. He passed on his love of fishing and a good piece of peppermint candy to my oldest son Tyler. I will treasure the memories I hold near and dear to my heart. My thoughts, love, and prayers to Mike, Kathy, Jennifer, Denise, and their families.

Lisa Helms - July 03, 2015 at 09:35 AM

LR

“ J.W .was a god friend we enjoyed our weekly lunches .love to talk to him about fishing and his pecan he shelled and sold. Bought them from him for about 7 years.I love him and Ruby.They also used come to me for hair cuts and we shared many laughs . God Bless each of you that are hurting now .

Lyndia Redd - July 02, 2015 at 09:24 PM

KJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. I will treasure the memories of Uncle JW during my growing up years in Suffolk. Best regards to everyone.

Kay/ Roswell,GA kj14@bellsouth.net



Kay Johnson - July 01, 2015 at 10:33 PM