



## John "Big John" Bennett

June 25, 1928 - December 23, 2014

John B. "Big John" Bennett, 86, of Winfield passed away Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at Teays Valley Center, Winfield, WV.

He was born June 25, 1928 at Weston, WV to the late George E. and Nettie Brane Bennett. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Connel E. and Renzel Bennett.

John retired as a cable splicer from C & P Telephone Company (now Verizon) with 36 years of service. He was also a former employee of Barlow-Bonsall-Johnson Funeral Home, Charleston. He was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of St. Albans, served as chaplain and secretary/treasurer of the home board for the International Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 9 Charleston and Past President of the Tall Charlestonians Club, Charleston. He was employed at Charleston Civic Center Ice Arena teaching ice skating.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Betty Deardorff Bennett, sons and daughter-in-law: John H. and Nancy Bennett, Brian E. Bennett all of Winfield and grandson, John F. Bennett.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, December 27, 2014 at First Baptist Church, St. Albans with the Rev. Joel M. Harpold officiating. Burial will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Friends may call one hour prior to the funeral service at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to First Baptist Church, 523 Second Street, St. Albans, WV 25177 or Odd Fellows, 225 Georgetown Road, Elkins, WV 26241.

You may share memories or condolences with the family at [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Bennett family.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane  
Saint Albans, WV 25177

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
523 Second Street  
St. Albans, WV

## Funeral Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
523 Second Street  
St. Albans, WV

# Tribute Wall



“ *John "Big John" Bennett*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Sharon Ann College Sponaugle sent a virtual gift in memory of John "Big John" Bennett*



sharon ann college sponaugle - May 01, 2016 at 05:28 PM



“ *Betty & family- I was so sorry to hear of John's passing I only had a few conversations with him but he was always warm, friendly and funny. That area of Bill's Creek just won't be the same without "Big John's" big personality and presence.  
Much love, Pam Williams Jacobs*

Pam Jacobs - December 31, 2014 at 12:44 PM



“ *May God's Love and Prayers of Comfort be with Your family. Rest in Peace my Friend, you were a great guy and a wonderful friend and coworker .... Love Diana White*

diana white - December 27, 2014 at 12:39 PM

HO

“ I will never forget John's kindness to everyone he met. I extend heartfelt sympathy to Betty and John's entire family. My thoughts are with you.

*Hunter O'Hara (Saint Petersburg, Florida)*

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**Hunter O'Hara** - December 27, 2014 at 10:59 AM

LR

“ Bennett family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Growing up beside your family was a joy. I loved taking care of your "lassie" dogs for many years when you were gone and I'll always remember how helpful Big John was whenever there was a bad storm he was the first one out to help people out. He was a great Christian role model as is Betty, and he will be missed. God Bless, Laura Shank Ruben (Ravenswood, WV)



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**Laura Shank Ruben** - December 26, 2014 at 09:48 PM

GC

Betty, and family sorry to read about the passing of Big John. He was a fun guy to be around, he will be missed. Sorry I was out of town when he passed or I would have made the visitation. I hope to see you soon.  
*Greg Chaney*

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**Greg Chaney** - December 31, 2014 at 08:28 PM

BL

“ Dear Betty and family, Bob and I are so sorry to hear of John's passing. Please know that our prayers for comfort and peace at this time are with you all. May our Lord be near you in a special way tomorrow as you celebrate John's life.

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**Bob and Martha Layman** - December 26, 2014 at 09:38 AM

JD

“ So sorry to learn of this. John and Betty, you both were wonderful friends and mentors to a young high school student trying to adjust to a new church. My deepest condolences.

*John Deardorff*

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**John Deardorff** - December 26, 2014 at 09:31 AM



“ I cannot, in no way possible, put my memories of Big John into words. My boys have grown up having never known life without John in it. All 3 have been blessed by his wisdom and his stories and his presence, whether they were with him or not. His love and devotion to his family and friends, of which he had many for he never met a stranger, has always been and will always be, an inspiration to me and my boys. May God's love and peace settle over you and yours and give you the knowledge that Big John rests now in the arms of our Heavenly Father.



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**Lori James-Kelly** - December 26, 2014 at 09:22 AM

MA

*Dear Betty,  
I was so saddened to hear of John's passing. He always had a big wonderful smile for everyone. As a teenager he and you had a profound effect on the direction of my life. My prayers are with you, your boys and the entire family.  
Love,  
Mary Conley Holladay*

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**Mary** - December 27, 2014 at 08:33 PM