



## John W. Chapman III

January 9, 1948 - May 14, 2020

John W. Chapman III, 72, of Hurricane passed away at home surrounded by his family on Thursday, May 14, 2020.

John was a talented athlete and graduate of Winfield High School and Huron College, Huron SD. He is a member of Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, Scott Depot. John began his career in 1969 as graduate of Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. John is a member of Putnam Masonic Lodge #139 A.F. & A.M., Scottish Rite Bodies, Beni Kedem Shrine Temple, Royal Order of the Jesters, Court #111, the Rotary Club, Scott-Teays Lions Club and has served on numerous boards of directors throughout his career including the West Virginia Board of Funeral Service Examiners. He is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association, West Virginia Funeral Directors Association, and Preferred Funeral Directors International where he had served as past president, as well as many other professional and civic organizations. He was also humbled to receive the 2020 Mayo Lester Award acknowledging his lifetime dedication to the citizens of Putnam County.

John's compassion and dedication to the communities of Putnam County were instilled in him by his parents at an early age. As a son of a founding funeral home director, his career began with responsibilities such as routine maintenance, lawn and automotive care. Once older, he assisted his father with the early duties of a community ambulance service and other funeral

home related commitments. John began helping his father at their original Chapman Funeral Home located on Main Street in Winfield and together they later established the Chapman Funeral Home in Teays Valley. For many years John and his wife, Debra Leslie Chapman owned and operated Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home in St. Albans.

Following the death of his father in 1985, John and his wife Debra have continued these traditions by expanding their funeral home presence with new and modern facilities. The funeral homes have continuously been renovated, remodeled and expanded, and now includes the only “on-site” crematory in Putnam County. In 2015, Affordable Cremations of WV was launched to provide cremation services to all areas of West Virginia in the most economical fashion.

As a second generation funeral home owner in Putnam County many people throughout this area and the state of West Virginia have come to know and respect him and his family for the selfless dedication given to them during their most challenging times. Forging lifelong relationships with the residents and families of Putnam County has been one of his most rewarding accomplishments. John has always abided by ethical and moral standards for the families and community he has served and has set a higher standard for the funeral industry in this area and beyond.

The Funeral Home was a large portion of John's life, but his family was an even larger portion. He could be found at many ball fields supporting his children and grandchildren, and was additionally always a stable presence in many of the community youth events. He was a beloved mentor and friend to all.

John was preceded in death by his father, John W. Chapman Jr.

He is survived by his mother Jennie Margaret Erskine Chapman of Winfield; his wife of 41 years, Debra Leslie Chapman; his children, Jennifer Chapman Garrigan and her husband, Jay of Charlotte, NC; John William IV and his wife, Sarah of Fort Mill, SC; Jake Chapman and his wife, Lani of Hurricane; Ty Chapman and his wife, Tara of Charlotte; Jered Chapman and Morgan Pack of Hurricane; Justin Chapman and his wife, Brooke of Belmont, NC. He was affectionately named "PawPaw" by his 12 grandchildren, Reagan, Vaida, Elle, Carter, JW, John V, Ty II, Clara, Ruth, Jacob, Erin, and Bo; great nieces and nephews, Jason Patrick Smith, Grace and Faith Yeager, Sophia Yeager, Vivienne Yeager, George Cross and Ivery Cross who John considered as grandchildren. Additionally, he is survived by his brother, Dr. Thom Chapman of Winfield and Mrs. Chapman's caregiver, Marie Schimer along with several beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews. John was particularly close to his brother and sister-in-law Glen and Anita Leslie Yeager and their children, Glenn Yeager; Dr. Anita Yeager Smith and husband, Jason; Elizabeth Yeager Cross and her husband, Brett; Michelle Nichols, Thad Chapman, Andrew Chapman, Andrea Burch, J.F. Leslie and Josh Leslie, and all of their children. John always considered his employees part of his family as well, saying he was "only as good as my help."

Given these unsettling times we are currently facing, those wishing to pay respects to John and the Chapman family are welcome between the hours of 3pm and 8pm, Saturday, May 16, 2020 at their Teays Valley Funeral Home located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, where guests may enter the building while maintaining social distancing guidelines. Those wishing to remain in their automobiles are welcome between the hours of 12 Noon and 4pm Sunday for a drive-thru viewing at the funeral home as well. Staff members will direct traffic. You may also visit his tribute page at [ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://ChapmanFuneralHomes.com) to share memories and offer your condolences.

John will privately be laid to rest in Winfield Cemetery, Winfield with Masonic Rites conducted by Putnam Masonic Lodge #139 A.F. and A.M.

In lieu of flowers, contributions should be made in his honor to any of the following: The Joseph Michael Leslie Scholarship, in care of Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, 900 Lee Street, East, Charleston, WV 25301, Hospice Care, 1606 Kanawha Blvd., W., Charleston, WV 25387 or to a local food pantry of your choice.

The Chapman Funeral Home family is saddened but honored to serve John and his family as he taught us.

# Cemetery Details

## Winfield Cemetery

Rocky Step Road  
Winfield, WV 25213

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane  
3941 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
(304) 757-7531  
info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com  
<https://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

## Visitation

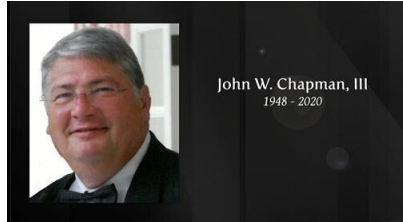
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# Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John W. Chapman III



Chapman Funeral Homes - May 15, 2020 at 04:29 PM

SH

*I'm so sad to hear of John's passing. What a good man and he was so kind to our family throughout the years. Thinking of you all.*

Susan Hofstetter - May 15, 2020 at 05:03 PM

CF

*Debbie I'm so glad that my family got to know your family your family has a special place in my heart I just want you to know that John was a great man breaks my heart I was passing it god gained A great man I am so sorry for your loss and your family if you need anything just message me and let me know he was always there when you need somebody to talk to you especially when my daddy passed away he was a very caring man. May God bless you during this trouble time you're all in my thoughts and prayers love you*

CAROLYN FERGUSON - May 15, 2020 at 10:00 PM

CH

*Our love, prayers & sincere sympathy to the Chapman Family, The Clifford Harper Family. 🙏❤️*

Clifford , Mary, Ashley & Clayton Harper - May 16, 2020 at 09:42 AM

SU

*So sorry to hear this. He was so compassionate to my family, especially to me when mom passed away. He was a good man and a precious friend.*

**Susan** - May 16, 2020 at 12:46 PM

 Laura McCullough

*You and the children put together a beautiful tribute, Debbie. John was a good person and a great uncle. I loved seeing and talking to him. His quick wit made him fun to be around. He was generous with his encouragement and was always interested in his niece's and nephew's lives. He will be missed by us all.*

**Laura McCullough** - May 16, 2020 at 03:53 PM

KP

*So sorry to hear this he was a wonderful man and he will be sadly missed by everyone prayers for his family*

**Karin pauley** - May 16, 2020 at 04:15 PM

LC

*My thought and prayers are with your family. He always had a smile. He was so kind over the years after Wade passed. I'm sure he and Wade are having all kinds of fun now.*

**Lee Ann Cox** - May 17, 2020 at 10:06 AM

MZ

*Judy, my significant other, and I have only come to know John in recent years. What a joy it has been to have known him! His warmth and down to earth demeanor. Judy would refer to him as a sweet man and very nice. I can only echo those thoughts, he was that and more. My heart is sad and prayers with his family.*

**Moses Zegeer** - May 17, 2020 at 10:39 AM

RC

*I met John when I was a young Associate pastor at St. Andrew UMC, St. Albans, in the late 1970's after Bartlett Funeral Home was purchased. We travel to several committals together and became friends. It was good to move to Hurricane in 2009 and rekinkle that friendship. I am grateful for funeral directors like John who cared for the people they served and also cared for the pastors who were caring for families. He helped to make me a better pastor. You have served many during difficult times and will be greatly missed.*

*Rev. Dr. Ellis E Conley*

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**Rev. Dr. Ellis E Conley** - May 17, 2020 at 02:40 PM

KL

*Our deepest sympathy to Debbie and all of Johns family. We are keeping all of you in our prayers at this vey sad time. It is amazing to see the amazing legacy of family, love, compassion, and care that John has nurtured. So many beautiful Children and Grandchildren will continue to make this world a better place just as he did.*

*Love from you New Mexico Family, Kim, Jeff, Paul, Kris and Paige Leslie.*

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**Kris Leslie** - May 21, 2020 at 11:20 AM

JA

*I am so sorry to hear of your great loss, Helen. He was truly a wonderful man and we all loved him. Please be brave for his sake, he would not you to be so upset. Aunt Jerry*

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**Jerry Laufer, Aunt** - October 08, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ *John W. Chapman III*

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October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ I loved John Chapman. He always encouraged me. I enjoyed serving him as my patient on multiple occasions. I will miss seeing him in the community. Prayers for Debbie and the family.

Cindy Skiles.

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**Cindy Skiles** - February 15, 2021 at 09:17 AM

HC

“ I'm sorry to hear about John. He was a kind and compassionate funeral director. My heartfelt condolences to the Chapman family.



Henry Vinson, JD, CFSP

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**Henry Vinson, JD, CFSP** - July 24, 2020 at 12:29 PM

NG

“ Like the church, the funeral home is a vital part of a community. The Chapman family and the employees ministered daily to St. Albans and surrounding areas, displaying love and compassion to everyone. God bless each one of you in the coming days. Thank you .

Nona Webb Gabany Southport NC

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**Nona Gabany** - May 23, 2020 at 02:26 PM

DW

“ I grew up with and played high school football with John. He always treated my family great. Helped us when loved ones passed away. A very caring and compassionate person.

He will be missed. God bless you John.

Dan Wilmoth

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**Dan Wilmoth** - May 22, 2020 at 12:35 AM

JC

*My name is Joseph Cavalier from Rivesville in Marion County. I believe I met John at Boys State in 1965.*

*After seeing his military photo I am pretty sure he and I meet at Jackson's Mill.*

*If I remember correctly there was a group of around 5 or 6 of us "jocks". All football players.*

*"Kibbie, Tom Callaway, John and me. There was a couple of others but I don't remember their names.*

*He must have been something else for me to remember him.*

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**Joseph Cavalier** - March 21, 2025 at 10:24 AM

GD

“Chapman Boys I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He and your mom were such great people to work with when I was at Hurricane High School❤️ and they were so supportive of the community. I enjoyed watching you go through HHS and miss all HHS gang❤️ I retired in 2018 and now living in Titusville Fl. If your down this way stop by or give me a call. My prayers are with you and your family.

*Greg Donahue*

*304-533-6385*

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**Greg Donahue** - May 21, 2020 at 09:29 PM

BW

“John was such a great guy. He would always reach out to me every time we were together at a PFDI meeting. We are going to miss you for sure.

*Bill and Esther Wappner*

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**Bill Wappner** - May 20, 2020 at 05:16 PM

BK

“ *Extending our deepest sympathy to the entire Chapman family. Brad Kurtz and the Associates of Cedar Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
PFDI Members*

Brad Kurtz - May 20, 2020 at 05:13 PM

DN

“ *My deepest sympathy for the loss of John. I first met him when the funeral home was originally opened in the valley and continued to see him over the years as he became more involved with the business. He was a wonderfully caring person and he will be missed.*



Deborah Nutter - May 20, 2020 at 08:07 AM

RT

“ *Robert And Della Taylor lit a candle in memory of John W. Chapman III*



Robert and Della Taylor - May 19, 2020 at 03:28 PM

DC

“ *Our entire family extends our deepest sympathies to the Chapman family. John was a long time dear friend and will be missed by so many. A good, good man and we are so very sorry for his loss. May God bless the Chapman's. The Conaway's; Dick, Ric and Debbie*

Debbie Conaway - May 19, 2020 at 01:44 PM

GY

“ *Debie and Family!*

*Our family is so saddened of the loss of a very special man to so many of us. A lifetime of friendship and service to many generations of our family will never be forgotten. John as a Young abulance provider on more than one occasion personal carried my grandmother from her home to the ambulance and transported her to the hospital after experiencing several heart attacks. He was a horse in his younger days. Always made us feel at home with a big smile and firm handshake.*

*John---A blessing to many that we will never forget. May his memories carry on.*

*With love and prayers to all of you, Gary, Penny and Family.*

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**Gary Young** - May 19, 2020 at 09:06 AM

LC

“ *Debbie and the entire Chapman Family,*

*I would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest sympathy in the loss of a great man in this community. I have many memories of John and his father at the funeral homes in Winfield and Teays Valley. My father Oscar, known as O.C. McCallister spent many days visiting and talking with John and his dad. I too have many memories with Jennie Margaret , John, and his dad. Thank you John for a job well done and all that you have given to this community. You will be missed. We love you. Allan and Lois McCallister Casto . ❤️🙏*

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**Lois McCallister Casto** - May 18, 2020 at 12:04 AM

P.

“ Surprised and saddened to learn of the passing of John. I knew him from my job. He was a lovely, kind-hearted man, who will be missed by many.  
Prayers of comfort and healing for his family.



P.Balon - May 17, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ Debbie and family I wish I could be half the kind caring man that john was. john , debbie , and family took our family in as part of there's and help with our son Branden Stewart in as there own especially with helping him with our stand in Hurricane so he could be part of the athletics despite his disability and there help through the year's is not taken lightly Debbie and Family my thoughts and prayers are with you just remember the great man that John was.....

Jo Webb - May 17, 2020 at 02:30 PM



Well said Jo

Nick Farley - May 18, 2020 at 07:06 AM

PS

“ Patty Milbee Shirkey lit a candle in memory of John W. Chapman III



Patty Milbee Shirkey - May 17, 2020 at 12:30 PM

SR

“ I certainly learned a lot from John during the many years I worked for him and I'm proud that I was able to serve my funeral director apprenticeship under his direction.  
He's going to be missed in many ways by his family, friends and community. My thoughts and love are with the entire Chapman family. - Scott Rogers

Scott Rogers - May 17, 2020 at 11:48 AM

BT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bonnie Thompson - May 17, 2020 at 09:30 AM

TC

“ Debbie and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. You all have meant so much to us through the years. You all have been there for us so many times, with kindness, love and a smile. I can't tell you how very sorry we are for such a great loss for you all, and for our community. We love you all. The Crawford Family and The Larck Family



Trudy Larck Crawford - May 17, 2020 at 12:14 AM



Well said Trudy, I remember well the horrible losses your collective families on both sides suffered well before their time, I still think of of them both sometimes

Nick Farley - May 18, 2020 at 07:10 AM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of John’s passing. What a wonderful man he was. He loved his family, his work, his friends and his community. He will be greatly missed.

Deborah Bradford - May 16, 2020 at 07:58 PM

JL

“ Debbie, I want you to know that I’m praying for you, and your family. John was such a wonderful person. I don’t think there was ever a time that I saw him, that he didn’t have a smile on his face, or just something nice to say. He’ll be so missed. 🙏❤️

Judy Lamanca - May 16, 2020 at 05:05 PM

GB

“ Garry & Linda BAILEY lit a candle in memory of John W. Chapman III



Garry & Linda BAILEY - May 16, 2020 at 03:48 PM

DR

“ Dear Debbie, Connie and I want you and your family to know you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Don and Connie Ransbottom  
Huntington.

Don Ransbottom - May 16, 2020 at 03:40 PM

HG

“ I want to offer my condolences to your family in the passing of a good friend.

Howard Gregory - May 16, 2020 at 03:12 PM

JB

“ We are sorry for John's passing. He was so kind to my family when my mom passed. I enjoyed his gentle humor. Blessings to his family.

Joe and Marla Bohnert - May 16, 2020 at 02:41 PM

EC

“ With Deepest sympathy and great memories of Teays Village. Love ,prayers and peace From Maurice and Eva

Eva Currey - May 16, 2020 at 02:38 PM

TH

“ I'm so saddened to hear of Johns passing. Debbie you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. His passing leaves a great void for this community. Jesus give them peace and comfort.

Tammy Hale - May 16, 2020 at 12:32 PM

BM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Chapman family. John was such a lovely human begin. Always had a smile and offered each family the kind care and respect for their loved one. I knew John for many years and will cherish his memory fondly. Rest In Peace John. You earned your angel wings.... Hugs

Belinda McCallister - May 16, 2020 at 12:31 PM

AM

“ April Moses lit a candle in memory of John W. Chapman III



april moses - May 16, 2020 at 11:58 AM

BG

“ I realized early on in my life that I did not wish to live an ordinary one. I found my passion and meaning in life teaching and coaching young people. Compared to John Chapman, my endeavor was a poor attempt at making the world a better place. John was always the one who made everything OK with me in those times of need that we all unfortunately experience.

*His passionate understanding and true desire to help in any way was always the calm in the emotional storm for everyone involved. That is a skill that he did not have to learn.*

*My wife Robin always talked about any time he came to her job at Leslie Lumber, he always took a moment to say hello and always ask how I was doing. Another example of how he truly cared about others around him.*

*As we are all saddened for our loss, let us all celebrate the fact that as he looks down from Heaven his amazing love and legacy will live on for years and years through his wonderful family and friends.*

*Rest In Peace John. We will see you again some day.*

*Bob Gobel*

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**Bob Gobel** - May 16, 2020 at 10:52 AM

VA

“ *Debbie and family,*

*We are so saddened by your great loss. John was a great guy, and we will miss him, so very much. We love your entire family and have prayed for you many times. For reasons we don't know GOD didn't answer our prayers for John the way we wanted this time. You have such a strong, wonderful family, and we now pray that GOD will help all of you bear your grief through the love of Jesus Christ. Due to the coronavirus we will show our respect by participating in the drive through visitation on Sunday.*

*May GOD bless all of you,  
Sparky and Harriett Adams*

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**Verlin Adams** - May 16, 2020 at 09:31 AM

LC

*I live in Knoxville, Tn.....borned and raised in Fraziers Bottom, W.Va.....in Jan. 1968 my father, Lawrence Goff, passed away at age 55.....what a sad time for our family....I will always be grateful for John Chapman, Sr. He took care of the service there in Winfield.....will always rem. what a great job in did....he taught his son, John, !!! well. John, iii did many services for our fam. and treated all of us so kindly...he was a good man....the community will feel a great loss...I do and I live in Tennessee.....may God look over the family at this time.*

*Loretta Goff Clark*

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**Loretta Goff Clark** - May 16, 2020 at 05:11 PM

BB

“ John, like his father before him, was an extraordinary man who gave comfort and peace to those who were mourning. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family. We share in your grief as our community has lost a special person. May God give you the peace and comfort that the Chapman family has tried to provide to thousands of us over the years.

Brenda C Jeffrey Black - May 16, 2020 at 09:31 AM

JR

“ I am so sorry to hear about John's passing. I remember John and Debbie so well from my work at the Hurricane Middle School! He was such a giving person to so many kids! He and Debbie were always kind to me and I will never forget our times at the ballfield. To the family, I send my sincerest condolences! I know he will be missed greatly! God Bless You all! My prayers are with you! James Robertson, Hurricane, WV

James Robertson - May 16, 2020 at 09:04 AM

KR

“ I am gonna miss him, I truly enjoyed talking with him, we talked about sports, community issues, politics, family and just life in general and he was someone I looked up to, like a big brother type. I loved that laugh, it was hearty & real, always willing to make you feel like you were the only one in the room at the time when you and he were engaged in conversation. I was just thinking about calling him to talk about a prepaid funeral plan for Glenna & I and now this. John, you were a Man, a Man among Men, I will miss you. But if the good Lord above will have me I know I'll see you again. Welcome Home John to your Heavenly Home, no doubt about it.



KEN RAGLE - May 16, 2020 at 02:01 AM



*Well said Ken, well said*

**Nick Farley** - May 18, 2020 at 07:13 AM

JH

“ *My father was great friends with John's father and John. One of the people that I looked up to in the funeral profession that I serve in.  
RIP*

**John L. Henson** - May 16, 2020 at 12:09 AM

BB

“ *Prayers for the family. He was a kind man.*

**Brenda Burke** - May 15, 2020 at 11:36 PM

 Robert  
Lewis II

“ *What a wonder man. So nice and generous. So happy to to know  
know you John*

*Robert L Lewis*

**Robert Lewis II** - May 15, 2020 at 11:07 PM

PS

“ *John had a gift of compassion and kindness. The family business,  
John and his father have been an asset to Teays Valley for years. I  
am so sorry to hear of his passing and we have lost a great man too  
soon. Thank you for all you have done for our community. May God  
be with his family in this difficult time.*

**Patti Shinn** - May 15, 2020 at 05:36 PM

ER

“ Debbie and family, when my mother met Johnny she fell in love with him. She told Quentin, she wanted to go to Chapman's. They lived in East Kanawha Estates which was at the far end of Kanawha City. Johnnie buried both of my parents. I love him for his caring ways and all he did for my mother when we lost my dad. Debbie you and all the family are in our prayers.

*With love Ethel and Quentin Rooper*

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**Ethel & Quentin Rooper** - May 15, 2020 at 01:46 PM

CH

“ Such a great guy & took care of our family when we needed help. Such kindness & compassion is never forgotten.

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**Carolyn Wright Hatchell** - May 15, 2020 at 01:39 PM

JR

“ Linda and I express our condolences and Love to the Chapman family during this sad time. John was a great man loved by all that knew him.



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**JOHN RUSSELL** - May 15, 2020 at 01:11 PM

NS

“ Debbie and Family, I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was the most kind, compassionate and caring soul. One cannot think of Teays Valley without thinking of John and the Chapman family. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you through this hard time.

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**Nancy Harrah Salkeld** - May 15, 2020 at 01:09 PM

BL

“ Dear family, my heart hurts for you. John was a great guy and a mentor to many in the funeral profession. He was always a class above. He helped me and others. A dear friend. Praying for you all and please if you need any help just call. I mean that!

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**Brady "Butch" Lipscomb** - May 15, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ Debbie and family. I am so sorry to hear this. John was a phenomenal man and father. I was so fortunate to get to know the "best looking show choir dad" when Jake was in show choir. I know that his kindness will carry on through all of his children and grandchildren!

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**Kristin Ball** - May 15, 2020 at 11:41 AM

DL

“ I am so sorry for this big wonderful family in the loss of this precious loved one. Praying for you all. May God comfort you

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**Dorenda Moses Lee** - May 15, 2020 at 11:39 AM

GB

“ Debbie and Family,  
I am really sorry for your loss and wish you and your family only the best in the days ahead. I just recently lost my wife of 53 years and can sympathize with what you are going through. John was a great person, husband, father, business man, neighbor and friend. He will be missed, but his memory will last forever.

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**Gary R. Beckett** - May 15, 2020 at 11:29 AM

EH

“ I am so sorry to hear of John's death. He was a loving kind person who always had a smile and a hug for you and left you feeling good. He was the right person for his vocation and will be missed greatly by the community! My thoughts and prayers go out for Debbie and her family at this time of sorrow!

Edith Harrah - May 15, 2020 at 11:29 AM

KC

“ Debbie and family. I am so sorry to hear this. John was such a friend during my ministry in the valley. I will always have fond memories of the time we shared. He was the consummate professional. May God's mercies rest upon you. I know he and his dad and Jerry are trading stories and telling lies. Heaven is better, and the celebration is glorious. His baptism is now complete. Prayers for all of you.

Kevin Channell - May 15, 2020 at 11:17 AM

RR

“ John will be sorely missed. His kindness was shown in his everyday life. How often he and Debbie donated and helped others in need, no matter what that need may be. I am honored to call him and Debbie friends. Love to all of you during this time of sorrow.

Robin Rogers - May 15, 2020 at 10:33 AM

EH

“ Earl F Holstein lit a candle in memory of John W. Chapman III



Earl F holstein - May 15, 2020 at 10:28 AM

SH

“ *Debbie and family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. I've known Johnny for 55 years. He was such a good friend, loved by everyone that knew him. The last time I saw him, I hugged him and told him that I loved him like a brother. I will miss him. I have tears in my eyes as I write this.  
See you in Heaven John.*

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**Scott Henderson** - May 15, 2020 at 10:24 AM

TT

“ *Known John over 20 years, he was one of the greats. My deepest condolences to all his family I love you guys and am thinking of you and I'm so sorry for your loss.*



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**Troy tucker** - May 15, 2020 at 10:23 AM

BL

“ *We knew John as a neighbor and friend. He always had a smile and a friendly word when we saw him. He had a beautiful family and we watched his kids grow into wonderful adults. Our condolences and prayers for you, Debbie, and the family  
Clark and Barbara Lamp.*

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**Barbara Lamp** - May 15, 2020 at 09:36 AM

LH

“ *John was always super nice & helpful to me as I conducted many funerals! He will be missed! Rev. Larry & Sara Hammett*

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**Larry & Sara Hammett** - May 15, 2020 at 09:03 AM

DA

“ John will be greatly missed. There are few people, who touched as many people's hearts and lives as John and Debbie, through the many years of service they gave to the Kanawha and Teays Valley areas. Many years ago, I was privileged to share in the dedication service of the new and present facility on Teays Valley Road. As a minister, I also worked with John and his staff on several occasions, as we ministered to people at their most vulnerable times. Both John and his staff were always very professional and compassionate. I always felt as if what he did was more of a calling than a business. May God comfort his family, friends and the entire Valley area over this great loss.  
Pastor Dave and Kathi Anderson

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**Dave Anderson** - May 15, 2020 at 09:02 AM

PA

“ Pat lit a candle in memory of John W. Chapman III



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**pat** - May 15, 2020 at 08:35 AM

BB

“ So sorry to hear that John has passed. He will be missed. He was a very nice person and was loved by many. Brenda Burcham and family

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**brenda burcham** - May 15, 2020 at 07:38 AM

LA

“ We are so very saddened to hear of John’s passing. Please know that we are keeping you, his family and friends, close to our hearts and in our prayers.

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**Lisa Icenhower Abbott** - May 15, 2020 at 07:14 AM

KE

“ We are Saddened to hear of Mr Chapmans Passing . We are so Very sorry for your loss. You and your entire family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Sinslerly,  
Kenny,Polly Evans

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**Kenny Evan's** - May 15, 2020 at 04:25 AM

EF

“ Sending up prayers for Chapman family. I went to WHS with John and have fond memories of him. May he rest in heavenly peace.  
Evelyn Rutledge Forbis

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**Evelyn Rutledge Forbid** - May 15, 2020 at 02:27 AM

SW

“ Sandra Wolfe lit a candle in memory of John W. Chapman III



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**Sandra Wolfe** - May 14, 2020 at 11:24 PM

JS

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. Mr.. Chapman was so kind to our family when our mother passed.May God be with you during this time.

*Janice Sayre*

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**Janice Sayre** - May 14, 2020 at 11:09 PM

BS

“ Branden and Maggie Stewart are sad to hear of John W. Chapman III passing away on may 14th 2020. I, Branden Stewart have known the chapman family since 1994, I am glad to be able to call them my second family. John will always be remembered by the stewart family. I, Branden Stewart will always keep the memory and good times I was able to spend with John while he was alive, he will always be remembered as my second dad. I want to let the other chapman family members know that I love their whole entire family and they all will be remembered in the thoughts and prayers.

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**Branden Stewart** - May 14, 2020 at 11:02 PM

JL

“ John was a great man and I am so sorry for your loss. He had such a loving and caring heart. May God bless your family and give you strength in your time of sorrow. Love to the family, Jerry Losh

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**Jerry Losh** - May 14, 2020 at 10:58 PM

MG

“ Mary Grant lit a candle in memory of John W. Chapman III



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**Mary Grant** - May 14, 2020 at 10:54 PM

TF

“ Blessings and peace to the family. John was a leader in the community and friend to all. God bless you all.

Terri Day Francisco - May 14, 2020 at 10:18 PM

MC

“ Mitchell And Robin Crislip lit a candle in memory of John W. Chapman III



mittchell and Robin Crislip - May 14, 2020 at 10:14 PM

RD

“ John was a great man and a dear friend of our family. He graduated with my brothers, he and Tom was at our house often. We are so sorry for your loss.

Rick Dillon - May 14, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ John was such a wonderful man, no kinder person had I known. He loved my boys, I think as much as I love them! He and Debbie treated my kids as their own, all the years we spent with our kids playing football. So many memories. Such a lovely family. He will be greatly missed .

We love you all,  
the White family,  
Bette, Tiffany, Talicia, Tyler, Trenton, and Taleigh

Bette Ware - May 14, 2020 at 09:49 PM

BA

*John was the kindness person we have ever known. He loved our Son Branden like his own. Such a lovely family. John & Debbie are the loveliest people that cared for so many. Our heart's are grieving of hearing of his passing. Debbie your in our hearts. We love you all. Tim Barbara & Branden & Maggie Stewart*

**Barbara** - May 14, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ *Mary Payne lit a candle in memory of John W. Chapman III*



**Mary Payne** - May 14, 2020 at 09:43 PM

MD

“ *Will never forget the kindness you extended to my mother and our family over the years. You are truly appreciated, and will be missed by countless people.*  
*Mike Dalton*

**Mike Dalton** - May 14, 2020 at 09:34 PM

DM

“ *Debbie, so sorry. Know he was the love of your life.*

**David Miller** - May 14, 2020 at 09:32 PM

CO

“ *My gambling buddy one of the nicest men I have met . So enjoyed playing cards with him as did everyone at the table . Heaven just got the royal flush In you my friend . I know you have made a positive impact on so many lives . We will miss you my friend . Rip*

**coach** - May 14, 2020 at 09:18 PM

AM

“ Every memories I have of you were when our dads were volunteers for the Hurricane Fire Dept. Oh, the crazy stories that were told by both and later on, you were always there even when you didn't have to be. Though my brothers family choose another funeral home, you came to be with my parents and even when dad buried our precious moma there you were. Life was never easy here, but with true friends like the Chapmans have been to mine, it makes it more bareable. God blessed you all with such kind, and caring hearts. Rejoice in heaven my friend and tell mom and dad "I'll be there soon"



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**Angela McCallister** - May 14, 2020 at 09:17 PM

SB

“ I am sorry. Wonderful man. God Bless the Chapman family.

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**Steve Burgess** - May 14, 2020 at 09:10 PM

JC

“ A truly wonderful man. He was always happy and always cheered you up. A gentleman in every sense of the word. A man who loved his wife, children and grandchildren. A man of and for the community. A true loss to all near and far.

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**Julie Cremeans** - May 14, 2020 at 09:07 PM

TF

“ Hard to say goodbye to a great man. So blessed to be a part of the Chapman Funeral Home family. You will be missed Mr. C. Thank you Debbie Chapman for all you and John have done for Tim, me and our boys over the years. You have taken us under your wing and loved us as part of your own family. Please know we are here for you all. Jake Chapman... love ya buddy.



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**Tim and Karen Finney** - May 14, 2020 at 09:02 PM

DN

“ Prayers for comfort and peace for all those who he loved and love him. Thinking of a Tiger and Debbie in the time!

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**Debee Dooley Noffsinger** - May 14, 2020 at 08:57 PM

AM

“ I am truly sorry to hear of the loss of this great man. Thoughts and prayers for the family and friends. John brightened the room anytime he entered. He will be missed.

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**Angela G Melton** - May 14, 2020 at 08:54 PM

VC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss

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**Vicki Parsons Chadwick** - May 14, 2020 at 08:50 PM

GM

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of this wonderful man. I have the family in my thoughts and prayers. He will be missed.

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**Guy C Melton** - May 14, 2020 at 08:49 PM

CK

“ *A wonderful man that has helped so many he was a pleasure to talk to always no matter where you met he will be sadly missed I loved him his dad they helped me so much in the past years prayers for the entire family Debra and Jake I love you prayers*

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**Caroline Gillispie King** - May 14, 2020 at 08:34 PM

BW

*I am so sad to hear this..he was a true gentlemen...I thought very highly of him & his Dad..he will certainly be missed..so sorry for all his family..*

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**Betty Weeks** - May 14, 2020 at 09:00 PM

PS

*So sorry to hear this, I went to school with John & Tiger. John was always there for us & our Families during a crises , John was a great friend & we all thought the world of him and his family. R.I.P. John, Loved by all the Wick & Milbee, & Shirkey Families.*

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**Pat Shirkey** - May 15, 2020 at 06:37 AM

EH

*Bill Holstein We had the privilege of meeting him years ago, he helped our family thru some of the worse times of putting away are loved ones. He was one of the best men I ever knew . The Holstein Family. R.I.P*

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**Earl F holstein** - May 15, 2020 at 10:25 AM

WS

“ *He was always kind and caring with families that lost a loved one.Sorry for your loss.To his Family He would want his traditions continued through you.God Bless you all.*

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**Wilma Stanley** - May 14, 2020 at 08:11 PM

SM

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I’m praying for comfort for the family. ❤️  
🙏

Susan and Bob Mays - May 14, 2020 at 08:09 PM

SA

*John will be missed by all who knew him. A wonderful man and friend.  
Praying for the family.*

Sandra Kay (White) Ashworth - May 14, 2020 at 10:00 PM

JK

“ I’ve know John since the early sixties at WHS good memories. So  
sorry for your loss prayers for your family

Jeanne Kendall - May 14, 2020 at 07:56 PM

CH

*Clifford, Mary, Ashley & Clayton Harper send our love, prayers and  
sincere sympathy to the Chapman family, We love you!*

Clifford , Mary, Ashley & Clayton Harper - May 16, 2020 at 03:46 PM