



John Henry Crist

March 15, 1927 - October 27, 2021

John Henry Crist, 94, of Frazier's Bottom WV, passed away peacefully surrounded by family October 27, 2021.

He was a lifetime resident of Fraziers Bottom and a member of the Frazier's Bottom United Methodist Church. He was also a member of Putnam Lodge 39, Buffalo AF & AM, a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies and James E. Marshall American Legion Post 187, Winfield WV.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Andrew Crist and Oga Crist, his wife of 65 years Betty DeVore Crist; his siblings: Earnie, Alma, Earl, Ruby and Rena; his grandsons: Andrew Lewis Grant and James Christopher Frazier.

He remarried Thelma Pauley on November 2, 2011 and thrilled her as they traveled the United States. John and Thelma found love and enjoyed their time together. Thelma has been a very loving and loyal wife. He gained a stepson Glen Pauley (Cindy).

John left behind four children: Franklin Crist (Marsha), Virginia Sisson (Linford), Shirley Keeling Jones (Richard) and Connie Ranson (Rick); 7 grandsons: Tony Crist (Amy), John Frazier (Brandi), Brian Jones, Mark Crist (Aimee), Jason Keeling, Matt Crist (Shanda), Adam Keeling (Gillian); 12 great-grandchildren, 3 great- great grandchildren and three sisters, Garnet

Galloway, Goldie Powell, and Mary Ekers.

He was an entrepreneur, making anything he needed to provide for his family, he sold fans before air-conditioning, was a lumbar jack and tree harvester, Christmas Tree Farmer, surveyor, and retired from FMC after 35 years. He worked for the WV State Road maintaining vehicles and placing decals. John owned many successful businesses including, Precision Sealfit, Get the Photo Before its Gone, and Straps Plus.

He was a self-taught musician, learning by ear the banjo, guitar, accordion, piano, organ, and harmonica. He would delight many children and grandchildren with early morning renditions of Wild Wood Flower, Cripple Creek, Soldiers Joy, and Turkey in the Straw.

John was a songwriter publishing "The Silver Bridge Disaster" by the three J's.

John joined the Navy during WWII. He worked on the U.S.S. Hamul. He was a Fireman First Class, a Machinist, and Motor Launch Driver. He also ran a side business sewing buttons for other sailors, and in his down time he enjoyed boxing.

John will be greatly missed. He was a dedicated and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He taught all his kids the essentials of life, working hard, being creative, farming, canning, and repair work of any sort. Anything you needed he was there, he was a "Go To Daddy."

Special mention to Michele McManus. She has been like an angel. A generous caring and loving person, she has been a true blessing during these hard times.

Special mention to Kanawha Hospice, Lauren for her early morning visits and Nurse Meghan for making the transition easy and painless.

Services will be 1:00 pm Saturday, October 30, 2021 at Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield, WV with Pastor Rick Ranson officiating. Entombment will follow at Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens, Red House, WV.

The friends will receive visitors an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

The family respectfully request that the unvaccinated and immunosuppressed, please wear a mask.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting John's tribute page at www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com

Chapman Funeral Home, 12848 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 is honored to handle the Crist families arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens

Rt 62
Red House, WV 25168

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Henry Crist*



Chapman Funeral Homes - October 29, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ *John Henry Crist*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *John Crist was the nicest man I always enjoyed seeing him and his wife Betty out and about doing their errands. I always enjoyed seeing him at the post office mailing his online sales off. He was a very talented man. He was related to my mother n law through Beulah Sisson Buckle. I am sure he was full of stories. He was just a joy to be around or run into.*

Beverly Buckle - November 01, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of John Henry Crist, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Navy Veteran, John Henry Crist, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - October 30, 2021 at 05:19 AM

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“ *Uncle John was always a fun guy to be around. Even as a kid, I loved it when he and Dad (his brother Earl) would get together and tell stories. Later in life, he was the best navigator I ever had when we explored Colorado with other loved ones in his van. I know Dad will be happy to get his brother back. I had the best Dad and Uncle that any man or boy could want and I loved them both.*
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james - October 29, 2021 at 10:04 PM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of John Henry Crist.



October 29, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ Mary Payne lit a candle in memory of John Henry Crist



Mary Payne - October 29, 2021 at 02:13 AM



“ I have had the wonderful pleasure of getting to know John and his amazing family for almost a year now. John always greeted me every day with a smile, and ended every day with a hug. He was one of the most loving people that I have known in my lifetime. It has been a true blessing to get to know him, his loving wife Thelma, and all of his family. John will always have a piece of my heart.



Michele - October 28, 2021 at 11:28 PM