



## John Ray Rutherford

January 8, 2022

Big Stone Gap, Virginia

John Ray Rutherford, 70, passed away Saturday, January 8, 2022. John was born in Appalachia VA to Calvin B Rutherford and Georgia Carroll Rutherford. He grew up in Appalachia and was a graduate of Appalachia High School and attended classes at Mountain Empire Community College. Following high school, John joined the US Air Force and served 21 years before retiring as a Master Sergeant. He returned home and resided in Big Stone Gap VA. John was preceded in death by his parents, and his two brothers, Calvin and Robert Rutherford and grandparents Lilly and Sturm Carroll.

John is survived by his wife, Brenda Collins Rutherford; 2 brothers in Law, Alvin Collins and George Collins Jr. (Shirley); Sisters in law, Kaye Parrot Mullins (Danny), Faye Collins; brother, Tom Carroll (Sharon); 2 sons, Mike Rutherford, Shannon Rutherford (Amanda); daughter, Sheena Rutherford Farmer (Chris); 5 sisters, Linda Bullock (Chuck), Betty Snodgrass (Bruce), Ann Austin (Doug), Imogene Sharrett and Josephine Grubb; 4 grandsons, one great grandson and one granddaughter.

John was a Christian. He loved God, family, friends, community and his country. He was deeply loved by his family and friends and will greatly be missed by those who loved him. God will hold him close till we see him again.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday, January 12, 2022, from 5 to 6 pm with services following in the funeral home chapel officiated by Rev. Steven Swiney.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Roy A. Green Funeral Home  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ As a teenager lived in same neighborhood and went to school with John and several of his brothers and sisters. John was a kind and friendly person. Condolences to his family and friends. RIP old friend.

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**Glenda Mumpower Collins** - January 12, 2022 at 05:23 PM

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“ Heart felt feelings to the family of John.. We had some good times with John and his family in England and in America.. Rest in Peace John xx

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**Jean Sims** - January 12, 2022 at 03:47 AM

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“ Kathy Kleineick lit a candle in memory of John Ray Rutherford



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**Kathy Kleineick** - January 11, 2022 at 06:42 PM



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**Roy A Green Funeral Home** - January 11, 2022 at 06:10 PM