



John Thurman Trinkle Sr.

October 14, 2015

Kingsport, TN

John Thurman Trinkle, Sr. 75, returned to his heavenly home on October 14, 2015 after a valiant battle with a long illness. He was baptized at the Methodist Church in Appalachia, VA. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace. Johnny was born to the late O.W. Trinkle and Helen Gibson Trinkle, in Norton, VA on February 9, 1940. He was a graduate of Appalachia High School and entered the United States Air Force in 1959, where he served as a heavy equipment operator until 1964. Johnny worked for the city of Madison, WI as an animal control officer before joining the Madison Fire Department. He attended the University Of Wisconsin Medical School and graduated with the first class of paramedics in the state of Wisconsin. He was a charter member of the Wisconsin Paramedic Seminar Committee. Upon retirement in 1990, Johnny relocated to Kingsport, TN, where he became active with the Jericho Shriners. He transported many children to the hospital for treatment and enjoyed being a help to those families. Johnny was a 320 Mason, a member of Moose Lodge 972, a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion.

He is survived by two sons, John Trinkle, Jr. (Kim) of Oregon, WI and Thomas Trinkle (Karen) of West Bend, WI; his daughter, Michelle Miechowicv (Steven) of Madison, WI; six grandchildren, Rebecca, Brett, and Tabatha Trinkle, Timothy McGowan as well as Alyssa and Trevor Miechowicv; one great

grandchild, Nolan McGowan; two sisters, Gladys Flora of Boones Mill, VA and Sue Brown (Burnette) of Dryden, VA; brother, Stanley Trinkle (Sherry) of Jonesville, VA; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, at the Roy A. Green Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Wallace Amos will deliver the eulogy. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. before services. Military graveside honors will follow at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital of St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

Big Stone Gap, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Roy A. Green Funeral Home
317 Kilbourne Ave.
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Service

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Tribute Wall

YC

“ Johnny and I go way back to our childhood days in Appalachia. I didn't see Johnny for over 35 years until I came back for a high school reunion and it was like we had never been apart. It saddens me greatly to learn of his passing. Rest in peace old friend.
Yvonne Lyons Clark

Yvonne Lyons Clark - December 27, 2015 at 03:18 PM

KS

“ I am so sad to see this. I knew John from his Paramedic days in Madison. I worked in the ER at one of the hospitals. I know how he loved transporting the kids to Shriners. John had a very big heart & never forgot me. And I never forgot him. He was a good friend and will be missed.

katie stroetzel - December 18, 2015 at 07:24 PM

JL

“ John and I went to school together. We kept in touch for years with the class reunions. My husband's health did not give me time to continue with that. Have fond memories of John and my prayers are with the family. Sorry I am unable to come to the services. God Bless. Joyce Snodgrass Lackey



Joyce Lackey - October 27, 2015 at 10:09 AM

DC

“ John was president of Jericho Roadrunners, a unit that transports Children and parents to the Shriner's Hospital. John will be greatly missed.



Dennis Cornwell - October 26, 2015 at 04:50 PM



“ John, I knew you through the Jericho Shrine Dances and enjoyed your friendship. I hope you and Ralph Emerson are enjoying catching up. You will be missed. Thoughts and Prayers to your friends and family. Donna Arnold



Donna BusGal Arnold - October 20, 2015 at 06:43 PM

VS

“ Virginia Lee Sikes lit a candle in memory of John Thurman Trinkle Sr.



Virginia Lee Sikes - October 20, 2015 at 01:00 PM

VS

Johnny will ALWAYS be in my favorite memories. Over the years, he remained a close friend & cousin and was part of my family on several events. He always called when Ga was playing Tenn in football...Missed that call this year & they won!! I loved him with all my heart and will miss him so much in the times ahead. I love you Johnny and you will remain in my thoughts and prayers always.

Virginia Lee Sikes - October 20, 2015 at 01:04 PM

RH

“ *Ray Horne lit a candle in memory of John Thurman Trinkle Sr.*



Ray Horne - October 20, 2015 at 12:58 PM

SE

“ *i have many good memories , the best was the last phone call the day before he left , a great friend to all especially to me love you his last words to me RIP*

SHIRLEY EVANS - October 20, 2015 at 11:45 AM

HK

“ *We loved him. And you could not ask for a better person. He was always taking care of everyone else. Just now we will always remember him. Sorry we can't come to the funeral.*

Herb and Debbie Kennedy

Herb & Debbie Kennedy - October 20, 2015 at 09:15 AM

HK

“ *Herb & Debbie Kennedy lit a candle in memory of John Thurman Trinkle Sr.*



Herb & Debbie Kennedy - October 20, 2015 at 09:12 AM