



# John Lee Durant

APR 27, 1923 - FEB 4, 2016



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John Lee Durant died at his home in Boston, VA on Thursday, February 4, 2016, with family and friends by his side. He was born April 27, 1923, in Culpeper to Marion Francis "Kitty" Durant and John Griffin Durant, Jr. and was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Jean Elizabeth Mather Durant, of Hollywood, FL. John Lee is survived by two sons, John Griffin Durant III and Steven Lee Durant, brother James "Bud" Durant, granddaughter Melissa Durant, first cousin Louisa "Perry" Durant Jorss, and countless relatives from the Griffin, Lewis, and Smith families.

He was a decorated WWII Veteran with the 300th Combat Engineers in Europe. When he returned to Culpeper in the early 1950's, he worked the family farm, was a civic and church leader, and became a world traveler with several of his buddies. Later, he and Jean were long time winter residents of Key Colony Beach, FL and was a caregiver for her in later years.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 11 a.m. at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, VA with Pastor Sandy Martin officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation at <http://parkinson.org> as a final tribute to Jean, or to New Salem Baptist Church, Griffinsburg, where he was an Elder Member, or to the 300th Combat Engineers at <http://www.300thcombatengineersinwwii.com>.

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.



## Memorial Service

 **Tuesday**, February 9, 2016

 11:00 AM ET

 **Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**

850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701





## Tribute Wall

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SS

**Steve Southard** posted:

Steve and family, So sorry to hear about John Lee. He was a good man and a good friend. I always enjoyed talking with him when I had the chance. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

February 9 at 6:23 PM

PH

**Patricia And Wayne Hawkins** posted:

Our best memories of John is how much he loved and cherished friends. Even when he was sick we would get a beautiful poinsettia for Christmas. Wayne particularly enjoyed seeing him at the coffee group. What a special man. You will be missed. Much love, Wayne and Patricia Hawkins

February 9 at 6:32 AM

HJ

**Herbert Hash, Jr.** February 9 at 8:55 AM

I remember John Lee as very kind to me and my family. He allowed me and my dad and brothers to hunt on his property and one morning he brought a freshly dressed pig by our house and left it on our dining room table! Praying especially for Steve and Griff and their families and all others who loved John Lee and Jean. Love in Christ. Herb and Norma Hash

DI

**Doris Ireland** lit a candle in honor of John.



February 8 at 11:31 AM

DI

**Doris Ireland** February 8 at 11:33 AM

I have many fond memories of John Lee. He will be missed by many including myself.  
Respectfully, Doris K. Ireland

JW

**Jack M. Weaver** posted:

Wish you and your family prayers and comfort at this time. Jack M. Weaver & Roger Suder

February 8 at 9:50 AM



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MB

**Margaret And Larry Buraker** posted:

John Lee was an inspiration to all who knew him. He was an encouraging, patriotic, gentle soul who had a kind word for everyone. We will miss him greatly but the angels in heaven are rejoicing.  
Margaret and Larry Buraker

February 8 at 7:36 AM

EG

**Elaine Griffith** posted:

I will miss seeing Mr. Durant and giving him a hug as he walks into church. He will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Elaine Griffith

February 8 at 3:45 AM

KW

**Kim Williams** lit a candle in honor of John.



February 7 at 9:56 AM

BS

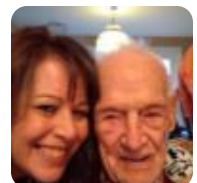
**Bill Simms** posted:

To the family of John Lee Durant: I met John Lee at New Salem Baptist Church a number of years ago and developed a lasting friendship. He was a kind, warm caring individual one who always had time to greet and speak with everyone he met. Several years ago he had a park bench placed beneath the church flagpole that I had donated. On more than one occasion he offered my wife and I his home in Key West as a place to vacation. As a veteran of a later era (Korea) I salute his distinguished service to our country during World War Two and I shall miss seeing him at both Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies. In my opinion he was truly a great man. May God Bless each of you. Bill Simms

February 7 at 5:59 AM



**Hope Meadows** shared an album called **New Album Name**.



February 7 at 4:39 AM



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February 7 at 4:28 AM



**Hope Meadows** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

John Lee was a great man. We miss seeing you at family gatherings. R.I.P



February 7 at 4:25 AM



**Hope Meadows** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

John Lee was a great man. We will miss seeing you at family gatherings. Gone but never forgotten. R.I.P



February 7 at 4:18 AM



**Hope Meadows** shared an album called **John Lee 11/2015**.



February 7 at 4:08 AM



**Patsy Gentry Brown** lit a candle in honor of John.

Griff and Steve, I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a such a nice man and will be missed by many. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Patsy (Gentry) Brown



February 6 at 7:35 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Durant family.



February 6 at 11:28 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Durant family.



February 6 at 8:21 AM



**John And Claire Kilby** lit a candle in honor of John.

John and I send our condolences to the family.



February 5 at 2:54 PM



**Lisa Nicholson** lit a candle in honor of John.



February 5 at 2:34 PM



**Brent Payne** lit a candle in honor of John.

Darrell and I both want to send our thoughts and prayers to all of the family. John Lee was a true gentleman and he will be missed.



February 5 at 8:35 AM



**Janice Martin** posted:

John Lee was a great man. He was such a southern gentleman. He loved everyone and was always kind and pleasant everywhere you saw him John Lee you will surely be missed but you left us fond memories. Sandy and Janice

February 5 at 8:13 AM



**Joseph Hudson** posted:

One of the greatest men i have ever had the pleasure of knowing....a local icon....the most happy spirit in a man conceivable

February 5 at 5:08 AM



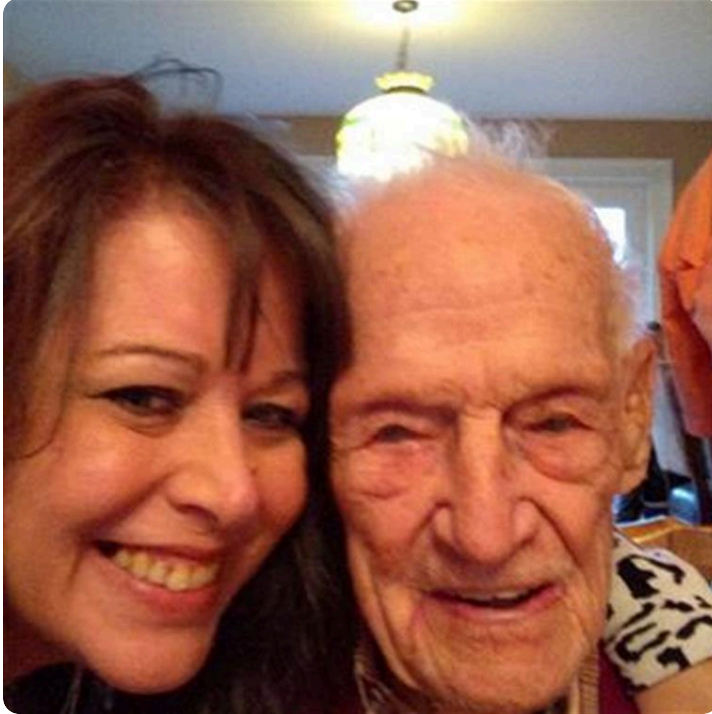
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Missy & John Lee



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John Lee 11/1015



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Thanksgiving 2015



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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