



John Emerson Davidson

November 13, 1929 - June 30, 2026

John Emerson Davidson, age 96, of Hacker Valley, and formerly of Boggess Street, Buckhannon, died Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at his home. He was born on November 13, 1929, at Kanawha Head, WV, a son of the late John Ira and Myrtle Maud Belle Davidson. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his first wife Muriel Jean Myers Davidson; one son John Davidson; seven sisters: Macil, Ruby, Ruth, Mabel, Katherine, Josephine, and Besse Lou; one brother Basil Davidson; two stepdaughters: Shirley Arbogast and Charlotte Lynch; and one stepson Larry "Grizz" Arbogast. On April 12, 1999, he was united in marriage to Jo Bickel Arbogast Davidson, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter Jacqueline and husband Greg Richard of Estero, FL; two sons: Jerald Davidson and wife Debie and James Davidson and wife Diane, both of Canton, OH; a stepdaughter Joyce and husband Steve Jordan of Webster Springs; a stepson Sonny Arbogast and fiancée Louise of Hacker Valley; twelve grandchildren: John Fether, Scott Fether, Dillon Cradline, Jennifer Fether Beatty, Brooke Davidson, Warren Davidson, Nikki Arbogast, Blaise Arbogast, Pooh Hamrick, Ashley Hamrick, Stevie Jordan, and Karen Jordan; and six great grandchildren: Madoc, Wyatt, Brady, Taft, and Piper Fether, and Dana Lee Carson and husband Seth.

Mr. Davidson was a veteran of the US Marine Corps, serving during the Korean War. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, fishing, and camping. He was a Methodist by faith.

The family will receive friends at the Heavner and Cutright Funeral Chapel on Friday, July 3, 2026, from 2-3:00 PM, at which time a funeral will begin with Pastor Chad Lewis officiating. The Upshur County Honor Guard will provide military honors at the funeral home. Interment will follow at the Rock Cave Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Rock Cave Cemetery

Fort Hill Dr
Rock Cave, WV 26234

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel
940 Route 20 South Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Funeral

JUL 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Emerson Davidson.*



July 02 at 02:53 PM



“ *Kell, Nick, Alicia, & Nate purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Emerson Davidson.*



Kell, Nick, Alicia, & Nate - July 02 at 12:58 PM



“ *Love, John and Jen Fether and family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of John Emerson Davidson.*



Love, John and Jen Fether and family - July 02 at 12:37 PM



“ *Love, John and Jen Fether and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Emerson Davidson.*

Love, John and Jen Fether and family - July 02 at 12:37 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John Emerson Davidson.*



July 01 at 07:33 PM



“ *Teresa Jo Arbogast-Berger purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Emerson Davidson.*



Teresa Jo Arbogast-Berger - July 01 at 06:53 PM



“ *Jacqueline and Greg Richard purchased the Reflections of Glory Wreath for the family of John Emerson Davidson.*



Jacqueline and Greg Richard - July 01 at 04:04 PM