



John C. Easley Sr.

February 14, 1949 - January 25, 2023

John C. Easley, was born February 14, 1949, to the late John (Marshall) and Neely Addie

Lee Easley. He was the second of six children. He started school at the age of five at Cooper's Grove Church and attended for about two years and then was moved to Montgomery School. After John graduated, he started working at Slant and Slant in Lexington, TN. In the fall of 1966 he moved to Nashville, Tennessee where he took a job at Tennessee State University where he later enrolled and was a student for 2 ½ years. John was drafted by the United States Army in 1969 and was a highly decorated Veteran. After training he was sent to the Vietnam War for a year, receiving Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons; (NDSM – VSMW3Bronze Service Star, CIB, VCM M/60 DVC-1 o/s Bar, GCK DL). He received an Honorable Discharge with the Rank of Sergeant E5). In 1972 John owned and operated his own nursery, located on Hwy 412 in Lexington, TN and completed several landscaping projects across Lexington, TN and surrounding cities. In 1974, John succeeded his father Marshall Easley as the Funeral Operator and Assistant to Owner & Operator, Eva Pafford Helms, responsible for digging and setting up graves, transporting flowers to the grave site, and completing additional tasks as delegated by Mrs. Eva Pafford Helms. During that time, he was also, a night watchman at Decaturville Sportswear and Reeds Chapel Funeral Home owned and operated by Mr. Wayne and Virginia Lewis. Pafford Funeral Home and Reed's Chapel were his

last places of employment for 48 years until his transition. He was preceded in death by his wife LaRuth B. Easley, a son John C. Easley Jr., his parents, John (Marshall) and Neely Addie Lee Easley and a brother Raymond Eugene (Gwen) Easley and a sister, Cassandra R. Easley. He leaves to cherish his memory, a daughter, Felicia Lee Easley -Thomas (Earnest Ray Thomas, Jr.), a grandson Jacob Hughes whom he shared a special bond, one stepdaughter, Andrea Hart, two stepsons, Eddie Fitzgerald Teague (Robin), and Lee Anthony Teague, one sister, Virginia Easley, two brothers, Dennis Easley (Gladys), and Cecil Easley, 12 grandchildren, and 22 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be on Sunday, January 29 at 3PM at St. Paul Baptist Church with Rev. Rodney Campbell officiating. Burial will follow in Coopers Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be on Sunday from 1:30PM until service at St. Paul Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ I loved John We worked together at Decaturville Sportswear and he never failed to give me a hug EVERY time our paths crossed..... I did not hear about this 😞. We'll meet in heaven soon!!!

Phyllis Beecham - February 05, 2023 at 04:51 PM

RG

“ So sorry to read of John passing, John was a man who would go out of his way to help anyone he could. My prayers to all his family. May God comfort you and hold you tight. John will be missed by alot because everyone liked John and enjoyed talking with him, He served his country well, so now its time for him to rest, God gave a great man his wings, Fly high, Fly high,

Ronnie Dyer (n) Ricky Gooch - January 29, 2023 at 10:14 PM

DW

“ Delton & Florena Williams lit a candle in memory of John C. Easley Sr.



Delton & Florena Williams - January 29, 2023 at 03:21 PM

RG

“ Ronnie Dyer (n) Ricky Gooch lit a candle in memory of John C. Easley Sr.



Ronnie Dyer (n) Ricky Gooch - January 29, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of John C. Easley Sr..*



January 29, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ *He was a very great person new our family for a long time . Prayers go out to the family . Always had a smile on his face . And would help you if he could.*

Michelle - January 29, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ *Prayers his family*



Jennifer Phelps - January 29, 2023 at 02:47 AM



“ *Renee Austin Weaver lit a candle in memory of John C. Easley Sr.*



Renee Austin Weaver - January 28, 2023 at 07:11 PM

NP

“ *Natalie Parham lit a candle in memory of John C. Easley Sr.*



Natalie Parham - January 28, 2023 at 05:11 PM

DS

“ *Big John was the name i always knew this hard working man by. Rest in Peace Big John you will be remembered always. I have fought the good fight .I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous Judge will award to me on that day*

Dany stubblefield - January 28, 2023 at 03:08 PM

JH

“ *Janice Houston lit a candle in memory of John C. Easley Sr.*



Janice Houston - January 28, 2023 at 02:42 AM

DB

“ *Donna Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of John C. Easley Sr.*



Donna Baker - January 27, 2023 at 11:55 PM

LE

“ *Condolences and prayers firthe family John was a mighty good man*



Linda Elam - January 27, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ *Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of John C. Easley Sr.*



Cotton Rhodes - January 27, 2023 at 08:34 PM

SE

I will miss my cousin very much , talking and laughing with him RIP cousin we will be together again , you will be missed

Sharon Easley - January 28, 2023 at 11:08 AM

AB

“ *One of the hardest working men I’ve known. John worked with us at Decaturville Sportswear always knew never forgot a person name. Smile soon as he saw you. He will be missed . Others should live by his work ethics!*

Audrey Johnson Boyd - January 27, 2023 at 07:12 PM

KL

“ *Mr John was a fine hard working man who will be missed by anyone who knew him.*

Kevin Lane - January 27, 2023 at 03:36 PM

CT

“ *Mr. John used to keep his work equipment behind my childhood home. I saw him most days, anytime a grave needed to be prepared. He was always so very nice. I remember him fondly. Prayers for his family and loved ones.*



Carina Tate - January 27, 2023 at 03:27 PM

CA

“ *He was always a nice man and always smiled when he seen you*



Christie Austin - January 27, 2023 at 03:11 PM

BC

“ *Sorry to hear my friend John passed away. What a dedicated worker he was, always enjoyed our talks. He helped hundreds of people and never heard a negative word about John. Remember his parents well. Shirley and I send our deepest condolences and prayers to all of his family.*

Bobby Cogdell - January 27, 2023 at 01:36 PM

GR

“ *So sad to hear this. Great man. Prayers for the family*



Gina Ross - January 27, 2023 at 01:30 PM

RR

“ Prayers for the family I knew John C. Easley for several years I worked at Parsons Mortuary as receptionist and Johnny worked as digging graves for several years Robin Rainey and Johnny Sanders



Robin Rainey - January 27, 2023 at 01:30 PM

AS

“ Angie Sanderson lit a candle in memory of John C. Easley Sr.



Angie Sanderson - January 27, 2023 at 01:22 PM

J(

“ Jean Mcpeake (Tiny) lit a candle in memory of John C. Easley Sr.



Jean Mcpeake (Tiny) - January 27, 2023 at 01:05 PM

ER

“ Everyone at Grimes Recycling purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John C. Easley Sr..



Everyone at Grimes Recycling - January 27, 2023 at 12:52 PM

TR

“ *Mr- John did my landscaping in 1980. I still maintain the original shrubs- He was such a hard worker. Additionally he assisted with funerals of several family members. I will always cherish his friendship. Rest In Peace Mr. John.*

Tony Rogers - January 27, 2023 at 12:51 PM

TR

“ *Tony Rogers lit a candle in memory of John C. Easley Sr.*



Tony Rogers - January 27, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Mary Sego lit a candle in memory of John C. Easley Sr.*



Mary Sego - January 27, 2023 at 12:25 PM

KM

“ *He was a sweet and kind man. Praying for his family and friends*



Kellie Morgan - January 27, 2023 at 11:44 AM

CK

“ *Charlotte W Kizer lit a candle in memory of John C. Easley Sr.*



Charlotte W Kizer - January 27, 2023 at 11:28 AM

SM

“ *Sandra Maness lit a candle in memory of John C. Easley Sr.*



Sandra Maness - January 27, 2023 at 11:11 AM