



## John Dee Small

November 16, 1941 - January 4, 2021

John Dee Small, age 79, of Wildersville passed away, Monday, January 4, 2021 in Jackson. John Dee was a minister in the area for 50 years and had pastored many churches. He was retired from the Henderson County School System as transportation supervisor and served in the Tennessee National Guard. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Janie Marlin Small, a brother, Willard Small of Chicago, and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Raymell Goff Small, and a sister, Louise Payne. Graveside funeral services will be Friday, January 8 at 1PM at the Hare Cemetery. Visitation will be at Reeds Chapel Thursday 3PM-8PM and Friday 11AM until service. The family requests anyone attending the visitation or service wear a mask and practice social distancing.

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ *John D married me and Angela back in 1994.  
He was a good man. RIP sir!*



Chris Avery - February 27, 2021 at 03:49 PM

DC

“ *Dena Cruse lit a candle in memory of John  
Dee Small*



Dena Cruse - January 08, 2021 at 10:54 PM

LE

“ *Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of John  
Dee Small*



Linda Elam - January 08, 2021 at 07:47 PM

AW

“ *Prayers for Ms. Janie and all of his family. May  
God give you comfort and peace.  
Love,  
Ralph McPeake family*



Amy Williams - January 08, 2021 at 12:06 AM

RD

“ our prayers to all the family,,Mr.John was one of the nicest men you could ever meet,,Earth loss,Heaven,s gain,,may he rest in peace,,

Ricky Gooch (n,) Ronnie Dyer - January 07, 2021 at 11:39 PM

RD

“ Ricky Gooch (n,) Ronnie Dyer lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small



Ricky Gooch (n,) Ronnie Dyer - January 07, 2021 at 11:36 PM

DT

“ Thankful to have known you Bro John D. I will cherish the many sermons I was privileged to hear you preach. We have lost a warrior of the Lord...sad for us...victory for you... See you soon....



Donna Tate - January 07, 2021 at 10:31 PM

RJ

“ With Deepest Sympathies Ronny & Robbie Jowers

Robbie Jowers - January 07, 2021 at 06:16 AM

AP

“ April lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small



April - January 06, 2021 at 10:17 PM

ML

“ To the family of Mr. John Dee,  
We are more than saddened by the loss of such a Great Man and Friend who have so much to the folks he encountered thru the years. He was a go-to person on many occasions over the years, sharing his wisdom and thoughts on many subjects. I developed great respect for his suggestions and guidance. Without reservation, I believe Heaven has gained another Angel as Mr. John gained his wings.

*Mike Lefler*

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**Mike Lefler** - January 06, 2021 at 11:51 AM

DJ

“ Brother John D was a great pastor and wonderful friend. I surely will miss him. My condolences to Janie.

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**Doris Jones** - January 06, 2021 at 10:18 AM

BW

“ Bettina Webb lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small



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**Bettina Webb** - January 06, 2021 at 10:01 AM

BW

*Mr. John Dee was my daughter's school bus driver and a friend to my family. I am so thankful to have known him as a friend and a servant of God. I extend my sympathy and prayers to his family*

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**Bettina Webb** - January 06, 2021 at 10:05 AM

DB

“ *Danny&Shelia Beecham lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small*



**Danny&Shelia Beecham** - January 06, 2021 at 09:25 AM

DB

*Heaven gained a good man*

**Danny&Shelia Beecham** - January 06, 2021 at 09:26 AM

GH

“ *GERALD HOLMES lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small*



**GERALD HOLMES** - January 06, 2021 at 07:25 AM

JJ

“ *Bro John will always be remembered by many people. He has touched many people's lives. We loved to hear him preach so much if he was preaching close to our home we went to hear him. I loved the way he preached he could say more in 20 minutes than some preachers could in 40 minutes. I always said he put that train on the track and followed it to toe point. He did not go in circles like some preachers did. We sure do love him and Janie both. They may not have their own children but many children loved them.*

**Jean Johnson** - January 06, 2021 at 06:55 AM

SB

“ *Shelia Brantley lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small*



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**Shelia Brantley** - January 06, 2021 at 04:12 AM

JS

“ *Bro John D walked by my office at the Central Office one day as I was trying to get a piece of glass out of my foot with no luck. He said come here Sis & proceeded to put my foot in his lap & get that small piece of glass out!  
Love you Bro John D. Prayers for you Ms Janie.*

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**Judy Sanders** - January 06, 2021 at 03:48 AM

LE

“ *Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small*



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**Linda Elam** - January 06, 2021 at 12:50 AM

PW

“ *Bro. John d, was a special person to me . He married my husband and i ,he also baptized both of us and when my husband was dieing with cancer he wanted John D, to preach at his funeral ,which he did . My heart goes out to Janie and the family I feel her lost .May God hold her in his arms and comfort her at this time .*

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**pat williams** - January 05, 2021 at 11:22 PM

MB

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. The world sure lost a great man! Can just imagine the rejoicing in heaven tho! Veey fond memories of growing up with Bro. John D! Sincerely, Mary Blanton (Cecil & Mary Hunley's eldest granddaughter)

Mary Blanton - January 05, 2021 at 11:10 PM

RR

“ He was a great man preached many funerals prayers for all his family church families and friends God will get everyone through PRAYERS. Robin Rainey



Robin Rainey - January 05, 2021 at 11:09 PM

LV

“ Lydia Vaughn lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small



Lydia Vaughn - January 05, 2021 at 10:17 PM

RW

“ Robin Woods lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small



Robin woods - January 05, 2021 at 09:32 PM

JS

“ *Joan Scott lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small*



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**joan scott** - January 05, 2021 at 09:10 PM

JS

*John Dee was a friend to many and will be greatly missed.*

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**joan scott** - January 05, 2021 at 09:11 PM

RH

“ *Robert Horn lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small*



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**Robert Horn** - January 05, 2021 at 09:02 PM

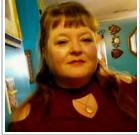


“ *Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small*



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**Cotton Rhodes** - January 05, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ *Mechelle Ruano lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small*



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**Mechelle Ruano** - January 05, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *Keith /Janie Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of John Dee Small*



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**Keith /Janie Wallace** - January 05, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John Dee Small.*



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January 05, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *Keith /Janie Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of John Dee Small*



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**Keith /Janie Wallace** - January 05, 2021 at 08:08 PM

MR

“ Mike & Kathy Redding lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small



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**mike & kathy redding** - January 05, 2021 at 08:01 PM

DS

“ Sending prayers of comfort and strength to the family John Dee touched eveyones life he came in touch with.

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**Donna Kenny seaman** - January 05, 2021 at 07:42 PM

NP

“ Nina Prince lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small



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**Nina Prince** - January 05, 2021 at 07:37 PM

TA

“ So sorry Ms. Janie. Condolences from Bobby Ayers and family.



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**Teresa Ayers** - January 05, 2021 at 04:47 PM

MT

“ Marvin Taylor lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small



Marvin Taylor - January 05, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ I can never forget Bro. John D., one homecoming day at Bolen's Chapel. Our youngest son, Chuck, was maybe 4 yrs. old at the time, & when Bro. Small asked if anyone else wanted to sing, Chuck's hand went up. My stomach did flip flops, for fear of what Chuck was about to do, but up to the front he went. Bro. Small handed him a mic & that's all our little ham needed. In his little pre-school voice, Chuck asked, "Will somebody play the piano for me?". Jimmy Steve Lewis gladly obliged him & off they went with "Jesus Loves Me", followed by "The B-I-B-L-E". You can imagine the kick Bro. John D. got from that, & when Chuck was making his way back to our pew, he said, "Son, you gonna be President one day." We all laughed a lot & Bro. John D.'s famous smile & twinkling eyes, that day, is one of (if not THE) sweetest memories from Chuck's early childhood. I'm so glad we have this on video, even though it's been AWOL a few years. I can't wait to find it & re-live what one very special man allowed my toddler to do. <3

Teresa Grimes - January 05, 2021 at 04:08 PM

GC

“ Mr.Mrs Grady Cary we thought a lot of him he will be missed Are thoughts and prayers are with y'all he was a good man



Grady Cary - January 05, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ *Sandra Maness lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small*



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**Sandra Maness** - January 05, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ *John D. was a good man as well as a dear friend. He is sadly missed by myself, Curtis and Demitri. My prayers go out to Ms. Janie as well as the remaining Small Family. Also to the Marlin family. We will never forget Mr. John D.*



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**Pam Catron** - January 05, 2021 at 03:17 PM



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**Pam Catron** - January 05, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ *Susan Prince lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small*



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**Susan Prince** - January 05, 2021 at 03:15 PM

SP

*Love and prayers to Janie and the family. ❤️🙏*

**Susan Prince** - January 05, 2021 at 03:16 PM

MM

“ *Melody Mann lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small*



**Melody Mann** - January 05, 2021 at 03:14 PM

MM

*Prayers for all off y'all Janie. I know that the Henderson county school bus drivers are have a wonderful reunion. Until we all meet again.*

**Melody Mann** - January 05, 2021 at 03:16 PM

RS

“ *Praying for precious memories to comfort you Janie!*



**Rhonda Sanders** - January 05, 2021 at 03:12 PM

TB

“ *Teneya Brasher lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small*



**Teneya Brasher** - January 05, 2021 at 03:12 PM

TD

“ Bro John D Small had a great influence in my family’s life as he Was our Pastor for several years while we attended Union Hill Baptist Church.  
Prayers going out for Sis. Janie and the many friends and family members! A great man!



Trisha Dickson - January 05, 2021 at 03:08 PM

DJ

“ John D Small touch my life in many ways,And will definitely be missed❤️🙏❤️🙏



Darla Jarris - January 05, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Dee Small.



January 05, 2021 at 03:05 PM

GR

“ GLENDA REEVES lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small



GLENDA REEVES - January 05, 2021 at 03:04 PM

LB

“ *Lori Brantley lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small*



Lori Brantley - January 05, 2021 at 02:48 PM

NS

“ *My deepest sympathies in your loss. Prayers for the difficult days ahead.*

Neasha Vineyard Smith - January 05, 2021 at 02:39 PM



“ *My Soul Lives On Blanket was purchased for the family of John Dee Small.*



January 05, 2021 at 02:23 PM

BM

“ *Thoughts and prayers  
Jerry and Belinda Myracle*

Belinda Myracle - January 05, 2021 at 02:15 PM

AG

“ Allison Garrett lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small



Allison Garrett - January 05, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ Sandra Maness lit a candle in memory of John Dee Small



Sandra Maness - January 05, 2021 at 01:52 PM

MW

“ I always told people if you didn't like Brother John D. Small, there was probably no one in the world you liked!!!Mark Woods I will miss him dearly!!

Mark Woods - January 05, 2021 at 01:41 PM

KP

“ Keith And Debbie Patterson sent a virtual gift in memory of John Dee Small



Keith and Debbie Patterson - January 05, 2021 at 01:37 PM

KE

*John Dee was a Christian example to all that knew him. It was a pleasure to be in his company. I'm positive his beautiful bass voice is adding to the Angel Choir. God be with you Ms. Janie.*

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**Karin Eason** - January 05, 2021 at 02:07 PM