



Robert "RT" T. Lawson

November 12, 1931 - December 3, 2021

Robert "RT" Lawson, age 90, was called to his heavenly home on Friday, December 3, 2021.

A lifelong resident of Cocke County, he was born November 12, 1931 in Bridgeport, TN. As a young man, he joined the United States Navy and was aboard the USS Oriskany when it made its maiden voyage around the horn en route to join the skirmish during the Korean War. He went on to join the Merchant Marines also. Following his military service, he returned to Cocke County, where he started his family and several career endeavors. Those endeavors included a 12 year term as county property assessor, owner of Lawson Market on Hwy 411 for several years, and working as a paint contractor with Junior Boley. He was also a 50 year member of the Newport Masonic Lodge (234). A faithful member of Open Door Church for many, many years.

RT is preceded in death by his parents Anderson and Willa May (née Parks) Lawson, sister Ogreta Lawson, and brothers Frank Lawson, Buck Lawson, Junior Lawson, and Gene Lawson.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years Joy Lawson (née Henry), sister Joyce Conway, children Diana Epley (Ronnie), Robert Lawson (Atidza), Tim Lawson (Tammy), and Terry Lawson (Heather), several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other family and friends.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at Open Door Church with funeral service to follow at 7:00 pm with

Rev. Jerry Raines officiating.

Burial will be at 1:00 pm, Thursday, December 9, 2021 in the Open Door Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

DEC 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Open Door Church
1420 West Hwy 25/70
Newport, TN 37821

Burial

DEC 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Open Door (Phillips) Cemetery
1420 West Hwy 25/70
Newport, TN 37821

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "RT" T. Lawson*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - December 06, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Robert "RT" T. Lawson*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *My family went way back with R.T. and I remember how well they spoke of him. He was always so gracious and friendly to me.*

Penny Ervin - December 12, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ *Julie Cummings lit a candle in memory of Robert "RT" T. Lawson*



Julie Cummings - December 11, 2021 at 06:50 PM

MG

“ *May God comfort the family at this time. I had the pleasure of getting to know him in the hospital. Such a pleasant man. He will be missed.* □



Melina Gann - December 08, 2021 at 09:20 PM

TH

“ *We are so sorry to learn of R.T.'s death. He will be missed. He was a great member of the family, and always kind and friendly to us through the years. May your memories give you comfort.*
Tony & Vernell Holt

Tony & Vernell Holt - December 08, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "RT" T. Lawson.*



December 08, 2021 at 08:19 AM

PM

“ *I am sorry to hear of the passing of Robert. He was a fine man, a good family man, and a leader in the community.*

Phyllis Teague (Barger) McCurry

Phyllis Teague McCurry - December 08, 2021 at 12:14 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert "RT" T. Lawson.*



December 07, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of RT. He was a wonderful man. One of a kind for sure and he will be greatly missed.*

Gina Kelley - December 07, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *RT will be missed by all. We are so sorry to hear of the passing of RT. He was one of a kind man. If anyone needs anything at all please just let us know. Love to all!*

Brenda Hawk - December 07, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of RT. He was a wonderful man. If you need anything I am here for you.*

Brenda Hawk - December 07, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ *A great friend and mason.. cisco dockery*

cisco Dockery - December 07, 2021 at 05:16 PM

VC

“ *Deepest sympathies to the family.
Vava Cummings & family*

Vava Cummings - December 07, 2021 at 11:59 AM

JJ

“ *Joy I am so very sorry for your loss. Back in the day we had a lot of fun together. RT was a good person. If there is anything we can do just call us. We love you and your family. ❤️*

Jim and Jewelene - December 07, 2021 at 11:44 AM

LD

“ *PRAYERS*

Matthew 5:4



LINDA DAWSON - December 07, 2021 at 11:18 AM

JL

“ *So sorry to hear of RT passing. He was a good man. I enjoyed working for him for a short time and talking to him when I saw him out. I'm sending prayers to you all. May God wrap his arms around you.*



Joy Large - December 06, 2021 at 07:41 PM

CB

“ *Our condolences & prayers for your family. RT was a good man & will be missed by many.*

Connie & Marsha Ball - December 06, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.
 My deepest condolences
 Cindy Wise

Cindy Wise - December 06, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ Praying that God will walk beside "RT"s family and friends now and
 in the coming days.
 May God bless you!

Pauline Proffitt - December 06, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Mr Lawsons passing..I
 remember him as being a great man in our
 community. He will be missed..
 Patty Evans Stephenson..



Pat Evans Larry Stephenson - December 06, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ Tim and family, so sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. Our
 thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sandra & Mike Jenkins - December 06, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ So sorry for your loss and we will have you in our thoughts and
 prayers.

Phyllis and Leonard Combs - December 06, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sheryl Clevenger - December 06, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ 122 files added to the album LifeTributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - December 06, 2021 at 11:42 AM