



## John Blanton

May 27, 1941 - June 27, 2025

John “Clement” Blanton was born on May 27, 1941, in Wise County, Virginia. John was a faithful Christian who ended his years as a faithful member at McClure United Methodist Church. He grew up in Coeburn, attending Coeburn High School and Clinch Valley College, where he met the Love of his life, Judy Blanton. John and Judy married on October 5, 1963. He worked for Clinchfield Railroad and ended his career with CSX Railroad. He retired in 2000 and 2001/2002 started his favorite job of being “Papa” in caring for his adoptive grandchildren, Mason and Madison Menefee. John was very active in the Clintwood Community, volunteering at the Dickenson County Food Bank and many church activities, and always attending the activities of his daughter, Melanie, and his grandchildren, Mason, Madison, and Kaleigh. John died on the morning of Friday, June 27, 2025, where he joined his lifetime love on what would’ve been her 83rd birthday.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Woodrow Blanton and Frances Ball Blanton. His loving wife, Judith Anne Flint Blanton. His brother, Charles Blanton, and his sister, Nita Blanton Meade.

Left behind to mourn his loss are his daughter, Melanie Blanton Menefee, and son-in-law, Craig Menefee. His grandson, Mason Menefee, and his wife, Makenna Menefee. His great-grandson, Lennox. His two granddaughters, Madison and Kaleigh Menefee. Additionally, left to mourn him are his sister-in-law, Becky Tucker, and her husband, Joe; Brother-in-law, Bobby Joe Meade, and his wife, Mary, and numerous nieces and nephews. His faithful

companion, Pumpkin, and his dear friend, Christy Gayle.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Mullins Funeral Home Chapel on August 30, 2025. Family will receive friends at 2:00 PM, and services will begin at 3:00 PM, with Pastor Beth Tipton officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Dickenson County Food Bank

1280 Browning Hollow

Clintwood, Virginia 24228

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

AUG 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mullins Funeral Home Chapel  
210 Main St.  
Clintwood, VA 24228

## Celebration Of Life

AUG 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

Mullins Funeral Home Chapel  
210 Main St.  
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# Tribute Wall



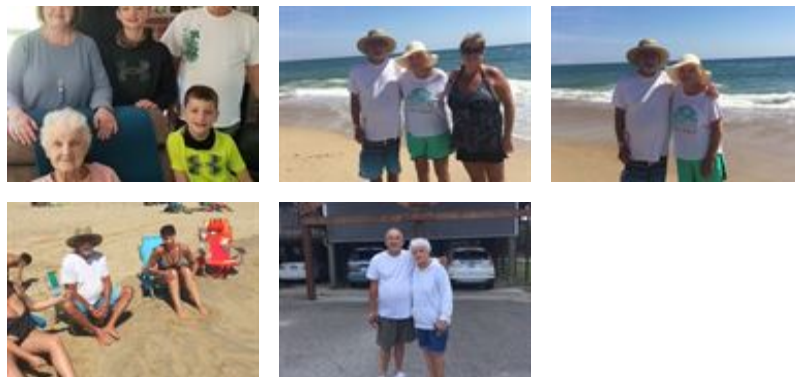
“ *Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of John Blanton*



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - August 28, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ *27 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - August 28, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ *Glenna B. Hamilton lit a candle in memory of John Blanton*



Glenna B. Hamilton - July 04, 2025 at 09:03 AM

SS

*I am so speechless this morning. I just was told. I am so heartbroken as I know you are! Praying for you and your family. Love to you all!*

Sharon Still - July 20, 2025 at 11:09 AM

BC

“ Melanie,

*I am sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. I have a lot of great memories of golfing with him and he and your mom taking me to the Happy Valley pool. We always enjoyed a lot of good banter back and forth about the Hokies and Hoos on Sunday mornings before or after church. May he rest in peace.*

*Brian Chase*

Brian Chase - July 03, 2025 at 12:18 PM

RK

*I will miss my dear friend and fellow Hoos fan. I have fond memories golfing and attending church with “Clement”. Although we will miss him Im glad he is once again reunited with Judy. Rest in peace my friend til we meet again...*

*Ron Kendrick*

RONALD G KENDRICK - July 07, 2025 at 05:42 PM

JC

“ Got to know John a few years back, me and him would go golfing a lot at Raven Rock,we would go two or three times a week,sure was a great friend, condolences to the family

jimmy carter - July 02, 2025 at 04:56 PM

BL

“ Bobby Lasley lit a candle in memory of John Blanton



Bobby Lasley - July 02, 2025 at 07:20 AM

MS

“ Mary Etta Sumner lit a candle in memory of John Blanton



Mary Etta Sumner - July 01, 2025 at 11:06 PM

TB

“ Rest In Peace...I pray for the family to have peace and comfort thru this difficult time . So sorry for your loss. 🙏👍🙏



Tammy Kea Branham - July 01, 2025 at 10:25 PM

TB

“ Melinda I am so sorry for the Loss sending you my Love and Prayers ..Love you .. 🙏👍.

Tammy Kea Branham - July 01, 2025 at 10:23 PM

RM

“ *Roma Mullins lit a candle in memory of John Blanton*



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**Roma Mullins** - July 01, 2025 at 08:12 PM

GB

“ *Melanie,*

*I am sorry for your loss.*

*Your mom and dad were always so kind to me, and were an integral part of Clintwood United Methodist Church for as long as I can remember.*

*I have so many great memories of swimming and playing tennis and golf at Happy Valley Country Club in the 70's and seeing both of your parents there.*

*I even mowed your yard one summer until I accidentally poured diesel fuel in the push mower. I just remember the mower needed gas and I thought I found the gas can in a utility building. I couldn't get the mower started after that. I give your dad credit. He never got angry and yelled at me; even though I certainly deserved it.*

*You and your family are in my prayers.*

*Go with God's blessing.*

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**Gene Baker** - July 01, 2025 at 06:50 PM

DB

“ *David And Kaye Buchanan lit a candle in memory of John Blanton*



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**David and Kaye Buchanan** - July 01, 2025 at 09:24 AM

BC

“ *Barbara Carlton lit a candle in memory of John Blanton*



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**Barbara Carlton** - July 01, 2025 at 09:13 AM

JB

“ *What can I say about my Uncle Clement? Everyone who knew him and my Aunt Judy knew what kind of people they were. They were the sweetest, caring, and loving people. I always remember spending the summers with them, and of course they spoiled me rotten. My Uncle Clement was loved and respected by so many people. He will be truly missed.*



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**Jacqueline Blanton** - June 30, 2025 at 08:44 PM

KP

“ IN MEMORY OF JOHN BLANTON



kerry phipps - June 30, 2025 at 07:56 PM

JF

“ Jenni Robinson Fuller lit a candle in memory of John Blanton



Jenni Robinson Fuller - June 30, 2025 at 05:27 PM

JF

Melanie.....we are so sorry to hear about your dad. We love you. Joe & Jenni Fuller

Jenni Robinson Fuller - June 30, 2025 at 05:28 PM

KP

so sorry to hear this he will be missed by all who knew him. my good friend rR. I. P.

kerry phipps - June 30, 2025 at 07:54 PM

DS

Clement was a good friend from way back. He was part of Clintwood's tennis fraternity once upon a time. We had such good times. Rest in peace, my friend.

Doug Sutherland - June 30, 2025 at 10:17 PM

TR

“ Tammy S Rose lit a candle in memory of John Blanton



Tammy S Rose - June 30, 2025 at 05:17 PM

BC

“ Keeping all of you in our prayers. We love you all.



Bennett & Sally Cantrell - June 30, 2025 at 02:46 PM

PP

*When I was the Pastor of Clintwood United Methodist Church, it was always John and Judy. They are an inspiration to God's plan of marriage. Today they are reunited and God's plan has been completed. John and Judy's love story is an example to all married people. I thank you for the memories and I praise God for Heaven. My prayers go out to all of their loved ones and friends. May God grant you peace during this difficult time....Pastor John Price*

Pastor John Price - June 30, 2025 at 04:33 PM

RP

*Darlene and I attended the Christmas Eve services many times at Clintwood UMC. John and Judy and the congregation were so loving to us. We played golf several times in tournaments and John was so talented and a pleasure to spend time with. John's brother Charles attended Mary's Chapel with us in Coeburn. Prayers for all the family.*

Randy & Darlene Powers - June 30, 2025 at 05:44 PM

MS

*Melanie and family, I am sadden to hear of your Father's passing. He was always so kind to me and my family. He will be missed by everyone that knew him. My prayers are with you during this time. May you and your family find strength in knowing he and your Mother were a very strong and influential people to many young people. They influenced me, growing up in the neighborhood during my teen years, they often would stop whatever they were doing outside, taking time to ask about my grandparents. They always let me know if they could help out just let them know. I appreciated those encouraging words from them.*

*Mary Etta Sumner*

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**Mary Etta Sumner** - July 01, 2025 at 11:05 PM