

# Area Deaths & Funerals

## Joe Ronnie Puckett

Joe Ronnie Puckett, 81, of Lebanon, Va., passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Born on November 17, 1938, in Russell County, Va., he was the son of the late G.L. and Helen Owens Puckett. Joe served two years in the U.S. Army. He was a member of Green Valley Baptist Church and the Lebanon Masonic Lodge #251. A retiree from the Virginia Department of Transportation, he enjoyed refinishing antique furniture in his spare time. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by several aunts and uncles.



He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Patty A. Puckett; brother, Jerry D. Puckett; nine nieces and nephews; aunts, Bonnie McCracken and Ann Price; mother-in-law, Sallie Artrip, brothers-in-law, Norman Artrip and wife Gwyn, Doug Artrip and wife Sharon, Anthony Artrip and wife Linda; several cousins.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Easton, Dr. Desalvo, Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Cummins, the staff of Lebanon Cancer Center, the staff of Ballad Health 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Ballad Health Hospice, Diane L. Combs, Nancy Hale, Gloria Wolfe, the Easton family, and Audrey Sykes.

Pallbearers were Johnny Owens, Gary Wilson, Carl Musick, Johnny Puckett, Claude McGlothlin, Jeff Puckett, Wayne Puckett, and Giles "Smockey" Fields.

Honorary pallbearers were Brian Easton, Lewis McGlothlin, and Carson Crabtree.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020, in the Owens Funeral Service Chapel with Rev. Darrell Fletcher and Rev. Don Zampogna officiating. Entombment followed at Forest Hills Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Abingdon, Va.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Cleveland Lifesaving Crew, P.O. Box 129, Cleveland, VA., 24225 or Green Valley Baptist Church, 695 Green Valley Road, Lebanon, VA 24266.

Owens Funeral Service, 7 Tate Ave., Lebanon, Va., www.owensfuneralservice.com, served the Puckett family.

## Nancy Ellen Statzer

Nancy Ellen Statzer, age 71, of Lebanon, Va., passed away on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at Bristol Regional-Medical Center.

Born on February 14, 1949, she was the daughter of the late Geraldine Nunley and Iowa Duane Morrison. She spent most of her life in Russell County, Va., where she enjoyed spending time with family, friends, and her dog Kitty. She was a dedicated member of Honaker Chapel Church in Castlewood, Va.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Timothy "Tim" Statzer; brothers, Robert Duty II and Richard Duty; nephew, Freddy Morrison.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Roger Statzer; son, Roger "Tony" Statzer and wife Kim; daughter, Penny Campbell and husband Duane; daughter-in-law, Lisa Statzer; grandsons, Derick Lester, Jonathan Statzer and wife Haley, and Zane Campbell and wife Catlin; granddaughters, Kati Statzer and Kelly Statzer; sisters, Deloris Riggs and Janice Jones; brothers, Darrell Duty and wife Marjorie and Thomas Duty and wife Sharon; sister-in-law, Loretta Duty; several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Derick Lester, Jonathan Statzer, Rodney Mumpower, Todd Riggs, Darrell Duty, and Thomas Duty. Honorary pallbearers were the men of Honaker Chapel Church.

Funeral services were held at 8 p.m. on Friday March 20, 2020, in the Owens Funeral Service Chapel with Pastor Scotty Perkins officiating.

A graveside service was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at West Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

Owens Funeral Service, 7 Tate Ave., Lebanon, Va., www.owensfuneralservice.com, served the Statzer family.



## John Norman Dooley

John Norman Dooley, 77, died March 18, 2020, in Foley, Alabama, where he lived for several years after his retirement. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sue Emory Dooley, his parents, Lon Norman and Bennie Lee Kendrick Dooley and his son-in-law Dennis Daniel.

He is survived by his two daughters Amelia Daniel and Amanda Osborne, his son-in-law Michael Osborne, grandsons, Will and John Adam Daniel; sisters, Nancy (Paul) Tobergte and Carla Sue MacCue; nieces, Paula (Tom) O'Keefe, Lisa (Roger) Green and Lara (Patrick) Hutchins; grand nephews and nieces Ian Green, Calvin, Chloe, and Celia Hutchins, and Olivia, Lillian, and Adele O'Keefe.

John was a native of Carterton, Russell County, Virginia. He was a graduate of Castlewood High School in 1961 and Virginia Tech University, receiving a Mechanical Engineering Degree in 1970 after serving a two-year tour in Vietnam. John proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, receiving a purple heart for his service. He met his wife, Sue, who was a native of Portsmouth, Virginia, while working a summer internship for Alcoa Aluminum in Richmond, Virginia. He also participated in the co-op programs with Eastman's in Kingsport, Tennessee, and the Shipyard in Newport News, Virginia. John was able to achieve his professional goals as a dedicated mechanical engineer with International Paper Company. His various positions allowed him to live in Georgetown, South Carolina; Nacogdoches, Texas; Mobile, Alabama; and Camden, Arkansas.

John was extremely proud to follow his father in joining the Castlewood Masonic Lodge #231 in Castlewood, Virginia. He was also a member of the American Legion. John enjoyed various hobbies over the years including golf, rebuilding car engines, and boating. He was an avid Hokie, Redskin, and NASCAR fan. He enjoyed many activities with his grandsons, particularly go-cart racing when they were younger. He will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him, especially by his two daughters who loved him dearly.

Cremation arrangements have been made by Mack Funeral Home & Crematory in Robertsedale, Alabama. Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to Wounded Warriors Family Support.



## America Virginia Rasnake White

Lebanon, VA - America Virginia Rasnake White, age 91, went to be with the Lord, Friday, March 20, 2020.

Born August 11, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Noah, Sr. and Zelpha Taylor Rasnake. She was a member of Old Path Independent Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband: Giles Russell White; three brothers: Alfred, Clyde and Roy Rasnake; four sisters: Edna, Minnie, Nannie and Thelma.

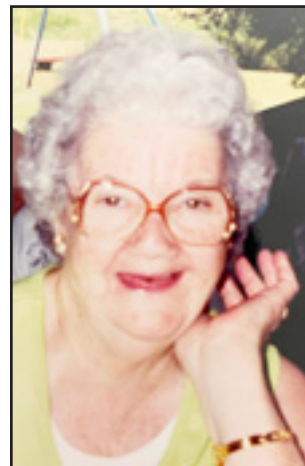
America is survived by her sons: Scott R. White and wife Rhonda; Dannie White and wife Pam; brother: Noah Rasnake Jr. and wife Vivian; seven grandsons: Lee Davis and wife Pauline; Patrick White, Allen White and wife Eva; Scotty Setser, Aaron White, Ben White, A.J. White and wife Kaitlynn; two granddaughters Beth Hurd; Amanda White; and ten great grandchildren.

Funeral service for America Virginia Rasnake White were conducted 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2020 in the Combs Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Virgil Musick and Rev. Ted Rasnake officiating. Burial followed in White Family Cemetery. Family received friends Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Serving as pallbearers were Wayne Duncan, Matthew Duncan, Mike Holmes, Ben Holmes, A.J. White and Donnie Rasnake.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the family online at www.combsfuneralservice.com.

Combs Funeral Service, 291 Highway 71 Fincastle Road, Lebanon, VA 24266 (276) 889-4444 served the White family.



## Virginia Governor

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Businesses impacted by COVID-19 can also request to defer the payment of state sales tax due tomorrow, March 20, 2020, for 30 days. When granted, businesses will be able to file no later than April 20, 2020 with a waiver of The Governor has requested that the Department of Taxation to extend the due date of payment of Virginia individuals and corporate income taxes While filing deadlines remain the same, the due date for individual and corporate income tax will now be June 1, 2020. Please note that interest will still accrue, so taxpayers who are able to pay by the original deadlines should do so.

## Justice-Involved Population

Local, regional, and state public safety agencies are working in close coordination to ensure the safety of employees and residents in correctional facilities. The following information is issued jointly by the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC), the Virginia Sheriffs Association (VSA), the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys (VACA), the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission (IDC), and the Virginia Association of Regional Jails (VARJ).

The Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) has suspended all in-person visitation to state correctional facilities and is complying with guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control related to

COVID-19. VADOC has also suspended all transfers from local and regional jails for the next 30 days to limit potential exposure to the virus.

Governor Northam is encouraging local criminal justice officials, including Commonwealth's attorneys, defense attorneys, sheriffs, and other jail officials, to explore proactive measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 while ensuring public safety. These recommendations include:

- Allowing sentence modifications that can reduce populations within the jails, as outlined in Va. Code § 19.2-303
- Diverting offenders from being admitted into jail prior to trial, including the use of summonses by law enforcement in lieu of arrest pursuant to Va. Code § 19.2-74, and use of local pretrial programs as available and with consideration to local capacity.
- Considering ways to reduce low-risk offenders that are being held without bail in jails.
- Utilizing alternative solutions to incarceration such as home electronic monitoring, pursuant to Va. Code § 53.1-131.2.

## Motor Vehicle Inspections

Governor Northam has directed the Virginia Department of State Police to suspend the enforcement of Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections for 60 days.

For a comprehensive list of actions Governor Northam has announced to combat COVID-19 in Virginia, visit [virginia.gov/coronavirus](http://virginia.gov/coronavirus).

## Voting Deadlines For Town Of Lebanon Elections

Town of Lebanon elections will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

Absentee voting for Lebanon Town elections begins Friday, March 20, 2020

Deadline to vote absentee in person is Saturday, May 2nd. 8:00 – 4:00.

The deadline to register to vote, or update an existing registration, is Monday, April 13, 2020.

Deadline to request an *absentee ballot to be mailed to you* is Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Your request must be received by your Registrar by 5:00 p.m.

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## Support Group For Female Survivors Of Sexual Assault

Women survivors of sexual assault are invited to attend regular support group meetings or individual support if you prefer. Survivors meet in a safe environment with other women who have had similar experiences. Clinch Valley Community Action, Inc. Family Crisis Services knows and understands what a survivor is going through. The fact that you are alive and reading this means that you are incredibly strong, courageous and intelligent. We are here to aid in the recovery process with individual support sessions. Please call and let us help. We are a confidential service. For information, call Ranetta Davis (276) 889-8206 or Haley Slade at (276) 988-5583.

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**11 AM**

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