



## John Willard Maynard

May 22, 1940 - July 12, 2023

John Willard Maynard, a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, went to be with the Lord on July 12, 2023. Born in Delbarton, WV, on May 22, 1940, he was a shining example of love and dedication to his family, community, and church. He was a member of Williamson First Baptist Church. His unexpected passing at Logan Regional Medical Center left a void in the hearts of all those who knew him.

Coach Maynard, as he was known by many, was a lifelong educator and sports enthusiast. An accomplished athlete on his own, he was a member of the 1957 West Virginia Class B State Basketball Championship team, which was a first for Burch High School and was selected to the 1957 All State Basketball and All Tournament teams. A 1958 graduate of Burch High School, he was named Big All-State his senior season, a squad that included all classifications.

Following high school Coach Maynard attended Pikeville College in Pikeville, KY, on a basketball scholarship and later graduated from Morris Harvey College in Charleston, WV. He went on to earn a Master's Degree in Education from Marshall University.

He returned to Burch High School and began his teaching career, later becoming head basketball coach in 1967. During his 22 years as head coach of the Bulldogs, he had many good teams and players. His basketball coaching career included 4 sectional championships, 3 regional championships, 2 state final four teams, and the 1989 class A state

championship. Other accomplishments included twice being named Coach of the Year by Williamson Daily News and The Logan Banner, as well as being selected the West Virginia State Coaches Association Coach of the Year. He was among the first inductees to the Burch High School Hall of Fame and in 2019 was inducted into the. These are many great achievements and best stated by Coach Maynard himself: "The main highlight of my coaching and teaching career is the satisfaction I receive when former players and students thank me for making a difference in their lives."

Born to the late Willard Burman Maynard and Rachel Ann Reid Maynard, he was preceded in death by his beloved brother Charles Douglas Maynard. Many of his fondest times were spent fishing and hunting with Charles. He leaves behind his loving wife of almost 60 years, Peggy Sue Belcher Maynard. Also left to grieve are his sister Beatrice Ann Arthur of Fayetteville, WV and daughters Kimberly Maynard Runyon and her husband David of Delbarton, WV, and Leann Maynard Ratliff and her husband Reid of Jonesborough, TN. John was the proud grandfather of Hayley Ratliff Charlton and her husband Heath, David Runyon II, Caleb Ratliff, and Caitlin Ratliff. One of his most proud moments was becoming a great-grandfather to Willa Larkin Charlton.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ *My condolences to the Maynard family, John was my friend and he will be missed, If everyone was as great as John was, there would be no trouble anywhere. I know he and brother Charlie are talking hunting. RIP John*

Rufus Diamond - July 17, 2023 at 05:59 PM

PP

“ *Paula Prince lit a candle in memory of John Willard Maynard*



Paula Prince - July 17, 2023 at 11:14 AM

LS

“ *Larry & Paula Seagraves lit a candle in memory of John Willard Maynard*



Larry & Paula Seagraves - July 17, 2023 at 10:10 AM

RU

“ *Sorry to hear the loss of Coach John W Maynard. A friend and fellow colleague with John for many years. He will be missed by many. Prayers for the family.*



Ron “ Giz “ Gilman. My nickname he used - July 17, 2023 at 07:27 AM

SF

“ Coach Maynard was my favorite grouch is what I like to call him. He was very blunt and very right almost 100% of the time and he had all of my respect. I hope the good lord knows what a really truly good man he was in this lifetime to all the children he had the ability to teach. Rest in peace Coach.

Stephen W Sheppard and Family - July 16, 2023 at 10:25 PM

MB

“ Mike Belcher lit a candle in memory of John Willard Maynard



Mike Belcher - July 16, 2023 at 09:09 PM

MB

*In memory of a GREAT BROTHER IN LAW, he was one of the best. He was more like a dad to me than a brother in law!*

Mike Belcher - July 16, 2023 at 09:27 PM

PP

*Love Mr. Maynard, and precious family! Prayers, Jesus is with you all!*

Paula Prince - July 17, 2023 at 11:16 AM

RG

“ Coach Maynard was not only a Basketball & Assistant Football coach he was a mentor and instructor of life to me and other athletes. Prayers going up for the family.

Richard L Gravely - July 16, 2023 at 07:37 PM

KR

*I have a lot of memories of Coach Maynard on the football. He taught more than just basketball and football, he taught life lessons. He was a great mentor for our small town and always there if you needed him. He will be missed by many. Praying for the family*

keith Runyon - July 17, 2023 at 01:21 AM

DD

“ *Dottie Gauze Duncan lit a candle in memory of John Willard Maynard*



Dottie Gauze Duncan - July 16, 2023 at 06:08 PM

DB

“ *Donnie Baisden lit a candle in memory of John Willard Maynard*



Donnie Baisden - July 16, 2023 at 04:50 PM

PC

“ *Patricia Curry lit a candle in memory of John Willard Maynard*



Patricia Curry - July 16, 2023 at 10:31 AM

BM

“ *Barbara Marshall lit a candle in memory of John Willard Maynard*



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**Barbara Marshall** - July 16, 2023 at 09:14 AM

MB

“ *Malena (Coleman) Browning lit a candle in memory of John Willard Maynard*



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**Malena (Coleman) Browning** - July 16, 2023 at 09:13 AM

TD

“ *Timothy D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Willard Maynard.*

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**Timothy D.** - July 16, 2023 at 08:45 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Willard Maynard.*

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July 15, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of John Willard Maynard.



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July 15, 2023 at 10:19 PM