

## John W. Preece

May 28, 1946 - December 16, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our friend John W. Preece

John W. Preece, 77, of Delbarton, WV, unexpectedly departed this life on December 16th, 2023 at Logan Regional Medical Center following a brief illness.

John was born on May, 28, 1946 to the late Ada Mae Preece Farley and raised by the late Carl and Pearl Preece in his beloved hometown of Delbarton, WV.

In 1964 John graduated from Burch High School. After graduating high school he attended Marshall University where he graduated with a BA in Accounting and a MA in Education. He was a Certified Public Accountant.

He also had the distinction of being the Professor of Accounting (Tenured) at the South Williamson Community College in Williamson, West Virginia; and is the previous full-time Instructor at WV State (College) University.

Before serving as Mayor of Delbarton, John worked for the State of West Virginia from 1969 to 1988, progressing through the ranks to Upper Management.

In 1985, John opened his own Accounting Practice in Williamson, WV on a part-time basis. By 1988, his private practice was thriving and he made the

choice to leave State Employment to run his Accounting Practice full time. John practiced as a Certified Public Accountant since 1985. Being the Mayor of Delbarton was John's passion. He was Mayor from 1997-2019 then re-elected again in 2023. He loved his town and more importantly loved making it a place we can all call HOME. Some of his favorite projects he envisioned and had a big part in creating in Delbarton, were the construction of the park and walking track located by the Elk Creek Bridge, Helena Manor, the Opry House, Coal camp project, and the sewer treatment upgrades. His most passionate project as of late was the Burch High School Hall of Fame Alumni. He served on the board of the Mountaineer Development for over 20 years working to redevelop the town of Delbarton one project at a time. He sat on many advisory boards and was very proud to do so. To say he loved Delbarton with all his heart and soul would be accurate.

John attended many Churches throughout his faithful walk with the Lord. He attended Full Gospel Lighthouse with his favorite cousin Jimmy Maynard as pastor. He also attended Regional Church of God with his long time friend Mitchell Bias as pastor. He also as of late attended Connolly Memorial Baptist with Brother Zeke Stepp as pastor. He was very proud of his deep faith and love for the Lord often quoting his favorite bible verse John 3:16. Every day you would find him in Prayer thanking the Lord for his many many Blessings.

John is survived by his son John Bradley and his wife Susan Preece and son Braydan Preece both of Delbarton. His beloved grandsons John Bradley and Jacob Preece also of Delbarton. He was forever proud of his Children and grandchildren, always stating "they were the greatest accomplishments of his life".

He was preceded in death by brothers Homer Preece, Les Preece, Carl Preece Jr., and his sisters Maida Allen Klenner , Lucy Swain, and Allene Maynard.

He is survived by siblings Roy C Allen Jr., Victoria Allen Scott, Melinda Allen Grimes and George W. Allen. Long time employee and assistant Angela Hamilton, Debbie Starr, Crystal Moore, Stephanie Runyon and Jo Mahon. Business partner and friend Kevin Morgan. A host of Nieces, nephews, cousins, family, friends, and employees he always considered family. His town council and dear friends as well.

John was strong willed and stubborn at times, but he also had an enormous heart and wonderful sense of humor. He was generous, loyal, and brave. He was clever and full to the brim with knowledge gained through all of his life experiences.

He will be remembered for all the heart he shared with his friends and family. He truly loved each of them- and if you knew him, you knew it. When his time came, he carried himself with dignity, strength, and full of love for those who went before him. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him and never forgotten.

Funeral services will be held at the Regional Church of God on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 1:00pm with Pastors Mitchell Bias and Jimmy Maynard officiating. Burial will follow in the Preece Cemetery at Delbarton. Visitation will be at the church Wednesday evening from 6:00pm till 10:00pm. Pallbearers will be Braydan, John Bradley and Jacob Preece, Les and Larry Maynard, Britt Moore, Jeremy Davis, Mark Sizemore, Mont Crum, Steven Cook, Albert Totten, Glen Dale Canada.

# Cemetery Details

**Preece Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC **20**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Regional Church  
167 WV-65  
Delbarton, WV 25670  
(304) 475-3468

### Service

DEC **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Regional Church Of God  
Delbarton, WV

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ *Stephanie Troute lit a candle in memory of John W. Preece*



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**Stephanie Troute** - December 21, 2023 at 02:43 PM

SL

“ *Sue Light lit a candle in memory of John W. Preece*



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**Sue Light** - December 21, 2023 at 09:27 AM

 Angie  
Hannah

“ *Angie Hannah lit a candle in memory of John W. Preece*

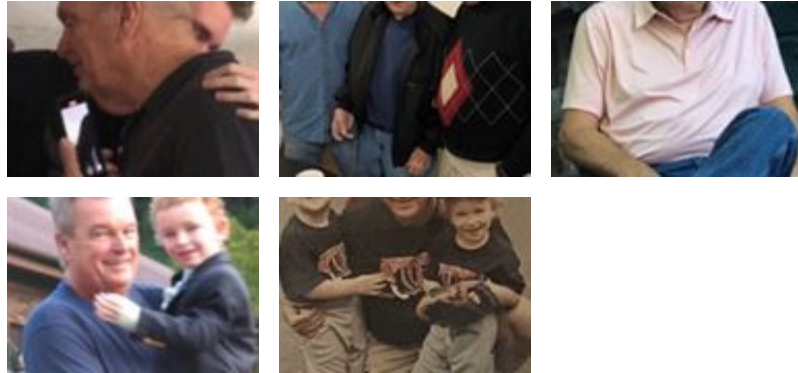


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**Angie Hannah** - December 20, 2023 at 10:50 PM



“ 156 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Chafin Funeral Home - December 20, 2023 at 02:16 PM

PP

*Family and Jesus is how he lived his life and will best be remembered by me. My photo is of my sister Bettye Ward who passed April 8th. Unmarried and without children, but greatly loved by her siblings.*

Peggy W. Patrick - April 26, 2024 at 10:06 AM

MG

“ 3 files added to the album *Picture Album*



Melinda Grimes - December 20, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John W. Preece.



December 20, 2023 at 08:19 AM

MW

“ *Max, Samantha, Hudson, & Nolan Whitt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John W. Preece.*

**Max, Samantha, Hudson, & Nolan Whitt** - December 20, 2023 at 08:19 AM

MG

“ *3 files added to the album Picture Album*



**Melinda Grimes** - December 19, 2023 at 05:46 PM

AS

“ *AnnaMae Sartin lit a candle in memory of John W. Preece*



**AnnaMae Sartin** - December 19, 2023 at 04:48 PM

PP

“ *Lit a candle in memory of John W. Preece.*



**Peggy Hunt Perry** - December 19, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of John W. Preece.



December 19, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ Lewis Family (virginia and Randall) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John W. Preece.

Lewis Family (virginia and Randall) - December 19, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ Dear brother John. How you lit up our world and those around you was so heartening. You will always be remembered as one who gave back without hesitation, with love as your legacy. You made the world a better place for so many.

We will always cherish your memory and your life. Vicki and John Scott

Vicki Scott - December 19, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ John was a good man who often helped others without saying a word. He did not brag about his accomplishments but instead talked about how much he loved his boys. His boys and his grandsons were the love of his life. I considered him a good friend and will miss him greatly. My prayers go out to his family and friends for we have truly lost a "good one".



Faith Hess - December 19, 2023 at 08:43 AM

YE

“ Your friends at EL Robinson Engineering purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John W. Preece.



Your friends at EL Robinson Engineering - December 19, 2023 at 08:05 AM

PL

“ We all loved you so much. You were always there if we needed any thing. You truly will be missed. Praying for all the family.



Pamela Layne - December 18, 2023 at 11:38 PM



“ Floyd Farley lit a candle in memory of John W. Preece



Floyd Farley - December 18, 2023 at 11:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John W. Preece.



December 18, 2023 at 08:18 PM

PP

“ *Peggy Patick lit a candle in memory of John W. Preece*



Peggy Patick - December 18, 2023 at 08:18 PM

PP

*Such a great man. Roy and I will miss him. Prayers and condolences to all who loved him.*

Peggy Patick - December 18, 2023 at 08:19 PM

TS

“ *Praying for comfort for his boys, family, and all who knew this amazing man. God Bless you all.*



Tammy Scott - December 18, 2023 at 07:12 PM

AW

“ *Our Family Loved Johnny like a Brother!! Our Hearts are Truly Broken!! He was an Inspiration to Everyone he met!! His Love for his Family was So Great!! He So Loved the Town of Delbarton!! Prayers for Brad, Braiden, his Family and Friends* 💙

Anita Witten - December 18, 2023 at 06:58 PM

TB

“ *Brad, I’m so sorry for your loss. Your father was an amazing man and he loved his boys so much. He was a treasure and will be greatly missed.*



Tammy Bowers - December 18, 2023 at 05:38 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Marshall lit a candle in memory of John W. Preece*



Barbara Marshall - December 18, 2023 at 05:29 PM

ST

“ *Thoughts and prayers for his family and friends and the town of Delbarton!*

Sheila Trippett - December 18, 2023 at 04:11 PM

GR

*John Preece was a man of many colors that most of all he was a Great Man and he loved his home town and done everything he could to make it better for the people of Delbarton he was very proud of his Boys and had the upmost love for them and his Grandson's also he will be missed by everyone in the area and the surrounding area may God Bless his Family and be with them through this time of sorrow and may they follow in the foot steps of a Great Man. Love you John and may you R.I.P. Gary Runyon*

Gary Runyon - December 18, 2023 at 11:38 PM

MG

*To my big brother John I will miss you always. It doesn't seem possible that you have left us and it hurts so much. You were always a shining light in my life and offered a helping hand or advice. Thanks for all you did for us Johnny and the town and all the people. You were one of a kind and I feel so blessed to have known you and called you my big brother. RIP Love you always. Melinda Allen-Grimes and family*

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**Melinda Grimes** - December 19, 2023 at 05:42 PM

CB

*Heartbroken. John was in a class by himself.*

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**Chris Blass** - December 19, 2023 at 08:11 PM