



John William Webb

February 24, 1941 – December 1, 2018

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John William Webb of Ruckersville, Va., born February 24, 1941, in Covington, Virginia, died with family at his side at the Center for Acute Hospice Care in Ivy, Va., on December 1, 2018, after suffering a hemorrhagic stroke two days earlier.

John was raised in Hinton, W.Va., where he met his former wife, Nancy Jane Burroughs, whom he married in 1960. Their only child, Greg, was born in 1963 in Charleston, W.Va. John graduated from Virginia Tech in 1963 with an M.S. in Geology. After helping design and build the interstate road system in West Virginia, John decided to obtain his M.S. in Geology from the University of Virginia and graduated from UVA in 1970. John then worked on the North Anna Nuclear Generation Station in Louisa, Va., from 1970 to 1976, for Stone & Webster Engineering. In 1976, John, Nancy and Greg were transferred to St. Francisville, La. to work on the Riverbend Nuclear Power Plant, where John worked for 3 years. While living in Louisiana, John and Nancy were divorced in 1977. In 1978, John accepted a job working for Daniel International Contracting building the Bath County (Va.) Pumped Storage Station (hydroelectric power plant), where he worked until 1980. His son Greg moved back to Virginia with him and they lived in the Staunton, Va. area where they met many great people who remained friends for the rest of John's life. Still living in the Staunton area, John accepted a job with the Virginia Geological Survey in Charlottesville, Va., in 1980, where he worked until 1982. But, the Deep South, and the best seafood in the U.S.A., called again and John accepted a job working in environmental waste

remediation in Baton Rouge, La. John worked in this field of geology from 1982 until about 2000, along the Gulf Coast, settling in the Gulfport, Miss. area in 1985. In 2000, John began working at the John C. Stennis Space Center (NASA) in Hancock County, Miss., for the Department of Defense, where he retired in 2010. John continued to work part time at Stennis, consulting for Northrup Grumman, until 2015.

In 2015, missing his family and the mountains of home, John moved back to the Charlottesville, Va. area, living in Ruckersville, to be closer to his only child Greg, and his grandchildren, Gabbi and Sydney Webb. John remained in Ruckersville, with his ever-faithful dogs, Gracie and George, and his cat Ringo, until his death.

He was a devoted pet owner in his later years, always wanting to take those animals cast off by others, and he supported various animal shelters in Albemarle and Greene Counties, Va.

John was predeceased by his father, Fred Webb (1971), Hinton, W.Va., and his mother, Elsie Rutherford Jones Webb (2007), of Anderson, S.C.

He is survived by his son, J. Gregory Webb, and daughter-in-law, Susan T. Webb, both of Charlottesville; granddaughter, Gabbi Webb of N.Y., N.Y.; granddaughter, Sydney Webb of UVA; his loving sister, Rebecca "Becky" Moran of Anderson, S.C.; brother, Fred Webb of Boone, N.C.; sister, Janie Williams of Blue Ridge, Ga.; and his former wife, Nancy Jane Williams of Zachary, La. Lastly, John loved his family, and his friends.

He was a brilliant geologist, a gentle soul, a generous friend, an American Patriot, and the best father and friend any son could ever have.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA. <http://caspca.org>.

A memorial service for John is being planned for the Spring of 2018 in West Virginia.