



John William Donaldson

March 21, 1941 - September 4, 2021

John William Donaldson, 80, of 275 Clearview Circle, Rustburg, VA died Saturday, September 4, 2021 at his home. He was the husband of the late Pauline Marie Donaldson.

He was born March 21, 1941 in Gillespie, IL, a son of the late William G. Donaldson and Gertrude Ella Keel Donaldson. He was a retired Professor at Liberty University.

He is survived by one son, John Donaldson, II and his wife, Jennifer of Apex, NC; one daughter, Dawn Cowart and her husband, Steven of Chattanooga, TN; one sister, Sharon Davis and her husband, Larry of Rochelle, IL; and five grandchildren, Jessica, Marissa, Jill, Caleb and Isabel.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Donaldson.

John enjoyed his time in fellowship and teaching with members of Yellow Branch Baptist Church and Lakewood Baptist Church. He was a passionate student of the Bible and enjoyed communicating what he learned with others. His desire for people to know God more led to his teaching time at Liberty University and his involvement with several mission organizations. An immense library is a tribute to his love of reading, knowledge and bookstores. He was always ready to learn something new and discuss history, geography,

and culture with anyone that was willing. Family remained a priority throughout his life, setting aside time to attend his children's and grandchildren's events and planning time to spend with them.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Yellow Branch Baptist Church, Rustburg, VA.

Memorial contributions for Dr. Donaldson's continued overseas ministry work can be sent to: E. Glodfelter C/O ABWE (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism) P.O. Box 8585, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8585.

The family will receive friends at the residence.

Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **18.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Yellow Branch Baptist Church
8395 Wards Rd.
Rustburg, VA 24588

Tribute Wall

CS

“ Dawn & John and families,

Please know we will be praying for your family. So thankful for your wonderful parents and the blessing they were in my life. I am sorry that I am just finding out about your father's passing and missed the service on Saturday.

With sympathy,

*The Sloan's
Don, Carla, and John
Ps. 46:1*

carla sloan - September 20, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Funeral Service*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 18, 2021 at 04:09 PM

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“ John you are a good and dear friend and I am going to miss you immensely! You are like a father to me since both of mine have passed, always there if I needed help with anything. I thank God for for putting you in my life. You are like a walking encyclopedia full of wisdom and knowledge. As Proverbs 4:7 States " Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding." You always sought Wisdom, knowledge and understanding and shared it with others. I will miss our long talks on the phone and our riding around together especially to the Book Stores and Goodwill. Calling me up and let me know the different stores that had great sales.

Thank you for all your help and guidance here at Yellow Branch Baptist Church. My heart is broken with you leaving but I am also rejoicing that you are in the presence of our Lord and Savior and one day I will see you again in our Father's House. Tell Mom I said hello and I miss her terribly too. You are really getting Wisdom Now! Dawn, Steven, John, Jennifer, Marissa, Caleb, Isabelle John's girls and family our hearts go out to you all! You were blessed to have a Dad and Grandpa like John He is a Faithful servant of the one true God!!! You all are in our Prayers!!

Timothy Wilde - September 17, 2021 at 04:02 PM

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“ Timothy Wilde lit a candle in memory of John William Donaldson



Timothy Wilde - September 17, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John William Donaldson.*



September 15, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ *John and Dawn, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. Your parents were very good to me, and I will always appreciate them.*

Shelley Seibert

Shelley Seibert - September 10, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ *Dr. Donaldson was my advisor when I was a student at Liberty. During my time at Liberty, he, Mrs Donaldson, Dawn and John became my friends and adopted family. I learned so much from spent with he and Mrs. Donaldson. I'm sure there is rejoicing in heaven that he is finally home and reunited with his beloved Pauline. Love and prayers to Dawn and John.*
Karen Honeycutt Alexander

Karen Honeycutt Alexander - September 10, 2021 at 10:24 AM

JL

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting John,.. but I firmly believe that one of the true measures of a man is the character of the children they raise.

I have known John's son, John, for about 15 years. He is one of the nicest, genuine, and kind people I have ever met. I think he is a testament to John's legacy.

My sincere condolences to his family.

Jim Leverette

Jim Leverette - September 09, 2021 at 11:43 AM

DW

“ John was my mentor and friend. He and I could go nose to nose every now and then but, I loved our long talks after Bible study. He was a fountain of knowledge, So smart and he was such a good friend to my husband Tim. We will miss him but now he is with our Lord. He is more alive now than he's ever been . I'll miss you. Dawn, Steven John, Izzy, Caleb and Marissa. Praying for you all. Here for you if you need us.

Diane Wilde - September 07, 2021 at 03:20 PM

MR

John and Pauline were colleagues of mine for the 14 years that I taught at Liberty. We shared many hours of professional service in those early years of LU. John and Pauline were personal friends as well as professional partners. Both of them leave indelible marks on a great university. Milt Reimer

Milton Reimer - September 10, 2021 at 02:44 PM

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“ *Diane Wilde lit a candle in memory of John William Donaldson*



Diane Wilde - September 07, 2021 at 03:13 PM