



John F. Massie

June 30, 1948 - March 27, 2026

John F. Massie, age 77, of Moundsville, West Virginia, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 27, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of steady hands, warm humor, and quiet devotion to family, faith, and community.

Born on June 30, 1948, in Sun, West Virginia, John was the son of the late James Massie and Virginia Cope Massie. He was raised with a strong sense of responsibility and humility, qualities that would define his life. He attended Collins High School in Oak Hill, where he built the foundation of a life marked not by grand gestures, but by consistency, integrity, and care for others.

John dedicated much of his working life as head of records for the Department of Corrections at the West Virginia State Penitentiary, a role that required precision, discipline, and trust. Beyond his professional work, he served faithfully at Moundsville Baptist Church as both custodian and trustee. In those roles, he was more than a caretaker of buildings. He was a steward of God's house, a place that meant so much to so many. He ensured that the doors were open, the lights were on, and that house remained a welcoming home for all who entered. His wife was always right there working beside him. Those who knew John will remember him not only for what he did, but for how he lived. He had a natural gift for humor and was always ready with a joke to lighten the moment. He was, in his own way, a "Bob Vila" at heart, constantly tinkering, fixing, building, and improving the spaces around him. Whether it was a small repair or a larger project, John found satisfaction in working with

his hands and leaving things better than he found them.

His greatest joy was his family, especially his grandchildren. He took immense pride in cheering them on, celebrating their achievements, and simply being present. In those moments, on the sidelines, in the stands, or at home, John's quiet love spoke volumes.

John was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law, David Barnhart.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Linda Yoho Massie; his daughters, Lorie (Shawn) Keller and Sherry (Donald) Loy; his four grandchildren, Allyssa Keller, Alexander Keller, Danay Loy, and Connor Loy; and his siblings, Debra (the late David) Massie Barnhart, Jerry (Karen) Massie, and Kathy (Michael) Kees, along with several nieces and nephews who carry forward his values, strength, and sense of humor. Through them, and through the many lives he touched, his presence endures.

John's life was not defined by headlines, but by the countless small, faithful acts that make a life meaningful. He was a man who showed up, did the work, loved his family, and found joy in the simple things. His legacy is one of steadiness, kindness, and enduring love, a life well lived and deeply felt by those who knew him.

Visitation will be held Monday, March 30, 2026, at Moundsville Baptist Church, 1911 Fourth Street, Moundsville, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM.

A service to honor and celebrate John's life will be held at Moundsville Baptist Church on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at Valley Brook Cemetery in Moundsville.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Moundsville Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Valley Brook Memorial Gardens

Moundsville, WV 26041

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **30**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Moundsville Baptist Church
1911 4th St
Moundsville, WV 26041
(304) 845-5316

Funeral Service

MAR **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John F. Massie*



Grisell Funeral Homes - March 29 at 03:01 PM

RA

“ *Sorry for the loss of someone so dear to you. With sympathy, Marc and Lyndi Rafa*

Rafa - March 30 at 09:57 PM

HS

“ *Sorry for your loss Sherry, Donnie, Danay and Connor!!! I did not have the privilege of knowing John well but heard many wonderful stories about what a great family man he was! He left behind a great family and I am sure he knew how much he was loved!*

Harley Schultz - March 29 at 09:52 PM



“ *Linda, sorry to learn of John's passing. Many prayers for you and your family.*

James Freshwater - March 29 at 07:34 PM



“ 120 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Grisell Funeral Homes - March 29 at 02:51 PM

KK

“ *Keeping Linda and the family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Kathy Knuth - March 28 at 09:18 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of John F. Massie.*



March 28 at 04:16 PM



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

March 28 at 04:02 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John F. Massie.*



March 28 at 04:02 PM



“ *Love John and Marina Bales purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John F. Massie.*



Love John and Marina Bales - March 28 at 03:21 PM



“ *Love John and Marina Bales planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Massie.*

Love John and Marina Bales - March 28 at 03:21 PM



“ *With Love, Babs Spilka planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Massie.*

With Love, Babs Spilka - March 28 at 03:15 PM

WS

“ *With Love, Babs Spilka purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John F. Massie.*



With Love, Babs Spilka - March 28 at 03:15 PM

BM

“ *John was a great guy. He was a very good neighbor of ours for many years. So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*

Bonnie Mueller - March 28 at 02:52 PM