



## Gerald Eugene Lawton

April 8, 1941 - June 30, 2020

Gerald Eugene Lawton (Jerry) passed away peacefully in faith on June 30, 2020 at home, his favorite place. He lived well for 79 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Margaret Lawton.

Jerry was born April 8, 1941, grew up in Fairlawn, attended Dublin High School, and graduated from Virginia Tech. In his treasured years of retirement, he returned to live in the New River Valley where he was a loyal Hokie and a member of Blacksburg Sports Club.

He enjoyed a long career as a Certified Public Accountant, in private practice for a time, as well as with KPMG Peat Marwick in Richmond and Roanoke, and he retired from Norfolk Southern Railway in 2000 as Director of Corporate Accounting.

Surviving to cherish our good memories of him are his wife Bonnie Lawton, his daughter and son-in-law Laura and Charles Shiver, his brother and sister-in-law Daniel and Patricia Lawton, two nephews, a niece, their families, an aunt and uncle Betty and Joe Lindsoe, numerous cousins, a dear sister-in-law Betty Snead, and many, many friends.

Because of this challenging time, a private graveside service will be held, not

a fitting tribute for a man who lived such a wonderful life, but he would understand, and his priority would absolutely be to keep his loved ones safe.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Jerry's memory to Good Samaritan Hospice or any charity of your choice.

The family is in the care of McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg, VA.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Lawton was always a joy when he came into our offices at Warm Hearth. He was always so positive and uplifting. And his notes that he would include with anything he was dropping off always made us chuckle. He was a positive ray and we would look forward to his quarterly visits. It just won't be the same. You will be missed Mr. Lawton.*

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**Elizabeth Profit** - July 03, 2020 at 10:07 AM

“ *There are so many wonderful things to remember about Jerry and I have many fond memories of times shared with him and Bonnie. I will always remember that he caught the garter at my wedding and he and Bonnie were the next ones to get married! His sense of humor was priceless. Of course, Jerry being a Hokie fan was quite OK with me! His love and devotion to my good friend Bonnie endeared him to me and she was lucky to have him in her life. Jerry will be missed.*

*Love,  
Wanda*

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**Wanda Martin** - July 02, 2020 at 04:06 PM

BW

“ I will always cherish the memories of watching Hokie football away games at my home. Jerry could call a play before the coaches could and he could see a penalty before the refs even threw a flag! So much fun!

On many occasions a group of us in the neighborhood would go out to dinner—usually Mexican, but not always. It was Jerry’s one-liners that kept us all laughing.

Jerry and Bonnie will always be two of my favorite people. I will miss him so.

Jerry, I’ll make a batch of Hokie Juice to celebrate you!!

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**Betsy Woodruff** - July 02, 2020 at 02:14 PM

JM

“ Jerry always made me smile. When he and Bonnie lived in the Roanoke area. Wanda and I left their home one cold night and I slipped in the driveway. He never let me forget that. For years, it was always a joke among us!

Jerry loved Bonnie dearly and taking care of her was his upmost priority.

I haven’t been able to see them as often as I’d like

But I will miss Jerry , a dear sweet man.

Joan Mullins

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**Joan mullins** - July 02, 2020 at 11:35 AM

MC

Prayers Danny and family. I grew up with the Lawton family on South Drive in Fairlawn. So sorry to learn of Jerry’s passing. Marian (Bowles) Collins

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**marian collins** - July 04, 2020 at 05:27 PM