



## John Arthur Brotherton

June 5, 1946 - August 15, 2023

John Arthur Brotherton, 77, of Blacksburg, Virginia, passed away on August 15th, 2023. He was born on June 5, 1946. After graduating from Blacksburg High School, he attended Ferrum College. John was a talented athlete, especially in football, setting many High School records. He served in the United States National Guard before becoming a police officer at VT, where he retired as a Captain after 30 years.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur “Chick” and Ruby Myers Brotherton, brother and sister-in-law, Bernard and Jane Brotherton.

John is survived by his wife of 55 years, Linda Brotherton; children, Scott Brotherton (Jen) and Brian Brotherton (Jennifer); grandchildren, Whitney Linkous (Nick), John Brotherton, Daniel Brotherton, Rachel Brotherton, Thomas Adamo, Brianna Linkous (Daymon), Kasey Adamo, and Kale Adamo; two special nieces, Rosa Jennings (Stephen) and Robin Carner (Bobby Jr.).

John was an avid outdoorsman, he loved hunting and fishing with his family and friends. He was also a master gardener, growing tomatoes he shared with the Price’s Fork Community. If John was not in the garden, you could always find him sitting in his garage, where friends and neighbors would honk and wave, or drop in for a visit. Through the years as John raised his family, he was a mentor, role model, and coach to his sons and many of their friends and

others. John was also a VT fan through and through, and he never missed a grandchild's sports game. His passion, however, was being a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

A special thanks to the Carilion Home Health team and the nurses at NRV Carilion Hospital for the care given to John and his family.

The family will receive friends, Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 4-6 pm at the McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg, Va. Funeral services will be held, Sunday, August 20, 2023, at 2 pm in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Gary McCoy and Pastor Shake Smith officiating. It will be immediately followed by a gravesite burial ceremony at the James Bane Price Cemetery, Price's Fork.

# Cemetery Details

## James Bane Price Cemetery

Prices Fork Road  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **19**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home  
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
(540) 552-3211  
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net  
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

AUG **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel  
150 Country Club Dr S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall



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

August 19, 2023 at 06:17 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Arthur Brotherton.



August 19, 2023 at 06:17 AM



“ John was in my art class in school. We became friends, and that friendship grew over the years. Always had a laugh, smile and a hug or two every time we ran into each other. He and Linda were a special couple. My heart goes out to her and the family. I'm a better man for knowing him.

CG Strickler

CG Strickler - August 18, 2023 at 03:59 PM



Prayers for the families!

Troy Lucas - August 20, 2023 at 08:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Arthur Brotherton.



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August 18, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Arthur Brotherton.



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August 18, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Arthur Brotherton.



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August 18, 2023 at 01:47 PM



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

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August 18, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Arthur Brotherton.*



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August 18, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ *I send my sincere condolences to Linda and the family. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

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**Rocky Price** - August 17, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ *A good friend that unfortunately I haven't seen in years. I played football against John in high school and we were buddies at Ferrum. He then became a good friend of my brother on the police force at VT (Jody).  
Linda, Sonya and I have you in our prayers.*

*Boyce Falls*

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**Boyce Falls** - August 17, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss Scott. You and your family are in our Prayers!*

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**JEFF TREADWAY** - August 16, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ *Diana Albert lit a candle in memory of John Arthur Brotherton*



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**Diana Albert** - August 16, 2023 at 08:13 PM



*We all thought the world of John and Linda. Such a nice couple. John was such a joy to run into at Food Lion. He always had a smile. We will miss you dear friend. Praying for the comfort of his loved ones.*

*Diana & Mitch Albert  
McCoy VA*

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**Diana Albert** - August 16, 2023 at 08:17 PM

MS

“ *I always enjoyed working with John at the VT games. He had the perfect temperament and sense of humor to work in Law Enforcement. My prayers to the family as you adjust to life without him.*

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**Martha Spencer** - August 16, 2023 at 08:13 PM



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

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August 16, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Arthur Brotherton.*



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August 16, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ *JOHN WAS THE BEST OF THE BEST.WHEN HE CAME OVER TO WORK HE WOULD JOKE AND LAUGH AND WE ALL ENJOYED HIS PRESENCE.I WOULD BLOW WHEN I WENT BY HIS HOUSE AND HE WAS SITTING IN HIS CARPORT,NOW IT IS SO DIFFERNENT.HE WILL BE MISSED FOR SURE.*

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**george jarels** - August 16, 2023 at 04:16 PM



*We would stop by his home to buy tomatoes.. he'd say come on in here I saved some special ones for you...he was such a great person and will be missed.*

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**Polly Smith** - August 16, 2023 at 07:56 PM



*Sad for John's family.He was a good friend.Years ago when I had to "hitch hike" a lot I was always happy to see John coming.He always gave me a ride.Prayers to Linda and family. Don L.Linkous (Long Shop)*

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**Don Linkous** - August 19, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Praying for John's family through this difficult time. We are sorry for your loss. May your memories of all the good times you shared bring you comfort in the days and months ahead.*

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**Gene & Gail Moles** - August 16, 2023 at 03:54 PM

KW

“ Please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of your loved one. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.

*Kim Linkous Woolwine and Delores Linkous*

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**KW** - August 16, 2023 at 03:42 PM

DC

“ John was my childhood friend ~ from the highest top of Hi-Top we went to the little Episcopal Church growing up in fact rain or snow he and his Mom and Dad came early to build a fire so we would stay warm smiling all the time ~ A joy was he! Blessings to his sweet family!!

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**Diane Jennelle Church** - August 16, 2023 at 03:37 PM

PP

*John was one of my best friends growing up. We attended the Hi -Top church together and played basketball and football in his yard a lot .Never knew I was playing with a future Hall Of Famer. John turned out to be a wonderful person who will be missed by us all. Paul Perdue*

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**Paul Perdue** - August 17, 2023 at 02:07 PM