



John Boyd Obenchain

August 20, 1933 - June 25, 2025

John Boyd Obenchain, age 91 of Roanoke, passed away at the Virginia Veterans Care Center in Salem Virginia on June 25, 2025. He was born on August 20, 1933, in Roanoke County, Virginia (now Salem) to the late Sidney Boyd Obenchain and Annie Rooney Richardson.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Joann P. Obenchain of 72 years, his sons and daughter-in-law's, J.B. Obenchain, Jr. (Beth) and Scott Obenchain (Lisa), as well as his beloved grandchildren, John Obenchain III (Marie), Justin Obenchain (Natalie), Kristen Crocker (Brett) and Nicole Obenchain, and 4 great grandchildren, Emma, Olivia, Victoria and Graham.

John was a man of faith and served Christ throughout his life by helping others and leading by example.

He was a devoted son, husband, father, granddad and great granddad.

He graduated Andrew Lewis High School in 1951 and Virginia Tech in 1960. After High School he served in the United States Army and the Virginia National Guard until 1964. He attended Virginia Tech under the GI bill where he earned his degree in Electrical Engineering. He was President of the Civilian Student Body in 1960 as well as Campus Man of the year in 1960. He was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Fraternity.

John was a devoted blood donor and strongly believed in helping your neighbor.

John served as Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 1985 and had a passion for the Masonic Home of Virginia, whose mission is to care for the elderly and to enhance their retirement years. He had a passion for the facility and the care they provide.

The family would like to extend their overwhelming gratitude to the aides and nurses who cared for John and the entire staff at the Virginia Veteran's Care Center. Their love for our veterans shows in their daily love and care.

Visitation will be at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg, Virginia on Friday June 27th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A graveside service celebrating John's life will be held Saturday, June 28th at 11 a.m. at Sherwood Memorial Park in Salem, Virginia with military honors.

In lieu of flowers a donation can be sent to the Masonic Home of Virginia 500 Masonic Lane Richmond, VA 23223 or Blue Ridge Church in Christiansburg, P.O. Box 221 Christiansburg, VA 24068

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Graveside Service

JUN **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sherwood Memorial Park
1250 East Main Street
Salem, VA 24153

Tribute Wall

AL

“ Dear Joann, It is with great sadness to learn of John's passing. John will always be remembered as a great Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, and his kindness and caring toward others. Our deepest Sympathy and Condolences to you and the family.

Jim and Ann Litten

Ann Litten - July 02, 2025 at 06:43 PM

FR

“ Dear Joann, J.B., Scott, and the entire Obenchain family, We are deeply saddened by the passing of John. We had the privilege of knowing him as a man dedicated to his wife and family and a man of remarkable character, unwavering faith, and immense dedication. He excelled at whatever he undertook and was a role model for all who knew him.

His life was a testament to serving others, whether through his military service, his commitment to the Masonic Home of Virginia, or his consistent acts of kindness to those he came in contact with. John's devotion to his family was always evident, and he will be remembered for the profound love he had for Joann, his sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

John truly led by example, embodying kindness, generosity, and a profound belief in helping his neighbor. He leaves behind a legacy of integrity and service that will continue to inspire us all.

With deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences,

Marty and Fred Reese

Fred Reese - June 27, 2025 at 10:27 PM

JR

“ JD and Andrea Robinson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John Boyd Obenchain.



JD and Andrea Robinson - June 27, 2025 at 10:21 AM

LW

“ Love, Colleen, Brett, Luke and Will purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Boyd Obenchain.



Love, Colleen, Brett, Luke and Will - June 27, 2025 at 09:15 AM

LW

“ Love, Colleen, Brett, Luke and Will planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Boyd Obenchain.

Love, Colleen, Brett, Luke and Will - June 27, 2025 at 09:15 AM

PW

“ Patrick W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Boyd Obenchain.

Patrick W. - June 27, 2025 at 07:48 AM

MD

“ *Mary Ann Dowdy lit a candle in memory of John Boyd Obenchain*



Mary Ann Dowdy - June 26, 2025 at 07:31 PM

BF

“ *Bob and Linda Fisher purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Boyd Obenchain.*



Bob and Linda Fisher - June 26, 2025 at 06:19 PM

JS

“ *James S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Boyd Obenchain.*

James S. - June 26, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of John Boyd Obenchain.*



June 26, 2025 at 01:15 PM



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

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