



## John Franklin (Lebanon)

August 8, 1933 - December 31, 2018

John Dee Franklin, son of William J. and Rosie M. Jones Franklin, was born August 8, 1933, near Competition, Missouri. He departed this life Monday, December 31, 2018, in his home, in Lebanon, Missouri, at the age of eighty-five years, four months, and twenty-three days.

On June 2, 1954, he was united in marriage to Della Faye Lewis, and to this union one daughter and one son were born.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, James and Dale Franklin. John is survived by his loving wife of sixty-four years, Della, of the home; a daughter, Janel Moore, and her husband, Mike, of Marshfield, Missouri; a son, John Franklin, Jr., of Springfield, Missouri; three grandchildren, Austin, Caleb, and Emily; five great-grandchildren, Minnie, Addie, Madylynn, Malachi, and Kylo; a brother, Melvin Gregory, and his wife, Liz, of Osage Beach, Missouri; a sister, Rose Marie Patterson, of Daleville, Alabama; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ed and Sally Lewis; several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

He was born and raised in the Competition area, and then entered the military when he was a young man. He served his country faithfully in the United States Army from 1953 until 1955, during the Korean War. For most of that time he was stationed in Arizona. After he was honorably discharged from the military, he returned to the Lebanon area and began working for Independent Stave Company, now Missouri Cooperage. He continued in that endeavor for fifty seven years, retiring as a foreman.

He was a longtime member of the American Legion Post # 43 of Lebanon and was a patriotic American. In his spare time he enjoyed being outdoors where his favorite activities were fishing and gardening. He was always very supportive of his children and had coached and been a member of the band boosters. His family was very dear to him and he especially enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

John was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and was a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate his life and his accomplishments and know that his family and friends will treasure the wonderful memories he made for them during his eighty-five years.

# Events

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**JAN** **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Holman-Howe Funeral Homes Lebanon  
320 S. Adams Ave, Lebanon, MO, US, 65536

**JAN** **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Missouri Veterans Cemetery  
Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, US

# Comments

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss, keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. I will always remember John's hard work with the band boosters, and the fun we had cheering on the band and our favorite trumpeters. He was a great man.

**Debbie Fincher** - January 07 at 03:56 PM

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“ We're so sorry to hear about John D. He was a wonderful, thoughtful man who will be so missed. Our thoughts and prayers are for all the family.

Ron and Rita Deckard

**Rita Deckard** - January 04 at 08:05 PM

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“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of John Franklin (Lebanon).



January 04 at 01:41 PM

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“ Della and famiky, so sorry for your loss . Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Bill & Peggy Starnes** - January 02 at 09:37 PM

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“ Daddy I love u so very much!!! U have taught me so much through my whole lifetime...I know u love & care for me as it has shown throughout my life!! U will be in my heart forever & always!!! U can now rest in peace....until we meet again dad...I love u & miss u!!!! Love, your daughter Janel Lea Moore.



Janel lea Moore- daughter - January 02 at 07:22 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss, prayers for all

**Terry Creekpaum** - January 02 at 08:36 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of John.

**Linda Springer** - January 05 at 01:39 PM



“ Sorry fpr your loss,

**Chris & Mary Sloan** - January 06 at 08:32 PM



“ Uncle John I will miss you. One of my most vivid and favorite memories is a beany doll that you gave me for Christmas as a little girl. You were always kind and loving to me and my daughters and they remember you well. I'm heartbroken that I can't be there, but I know God is looking out for you now. I love you.

**Shirley LaMar** - January 01 at 10:24 PM



“ John was one of the best! He always welcomed me with open arms and showed nothing but love! He will be greatly missed!

**Brittany Schrader** - January 01 at 01:15 PM



“ John D. will be greatly missed. He was a great boss and friend. Deepest sympathy and prayers are sent to all the family. May God be with you in your time of need.

**Ruth Mabary** - December 31, 2018 at 11:07 PM