

John David O'Neal, III September 21, 1942 – August 26, 2012

(From Pivont Funeral Home August 2012)

John David O'Neal, III, 69 of Hinton, died at 10:50 p.m. Sunday August 26, 2012 at Summers Nursing & Rehabilitation Center at Hilldale following a long illness.

Born September 21, 1942 in Hinton, he was the son of the late John D. O'Neal, Jr. and Margaret L. Craft O'Neal.

John was a 1960 graduate of Hinton High School, lettering in football, basketball and baseball. He received a BS in Education from Concord College and a Master's in Education from West Virginia University. He was a member of the Concord College Baseball team while attending and after college was a member of the Fire-Eater's Baseball Club in Hinton. John began his teaching career in the Summers County School system, having taught at Sandstone, Hinton High and Talcott schools. His coaching career began as an assistant for the Hinton High School football team, and he also served as head football coach at Talcott Junior High. He then became a teacher and head football coach at Union High School in Monroe County. John later taught in Raleigh County at Marsh Fork High School. He was a teacher's representative for the American Federation of Teacher's for several years. John was also an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish and golf. John was also a member of the Hinton High School Football Hall of Fame. He was a member of

Central Baptist Church in Hinton and had lived most of his life in Summers County.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Nichols.

Survivors include his children; John David O'Neal, IV & wife Cheryl of Beckley, Angie O'Neal of Houston, TX, Erin Tompkins & husband Michael of Charlotte, NC, Jason O'Neal of Hinton, Joni Nichols & husband Newton of South Charleston, Jonathan O'Neal of Grand Rapids, MI and Joshua O'Neal of Hinton.

Grandchildren; Kaitlyn, John R., Jacob, Keira and Jada O'Neal, Haley O'Neal, Amelia Nichols and Emma Tompkins.

Funeral services will be held at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday August 29, 2012 at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton with Pastors Ronald Cobb and Robbie Merritt officiating. The family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. until time of services on Wednesday at the funeral home.