



John E. Basham

May 15, 1927 – July 5, 2023

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John E. Basham, 96, passed away Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at IU Health Hospice House in Bloomington.

He was born Sunday, May 15, 1927 to the late Ray Wallace and Juanita M. (Moore) Basham in Daniels, West Virginia.

John was a 1946 graduate of Hinton High School in Hinton, West Virginia. He went on to attend Berea College in Berea, Kentucky. John was owner and operator of Basham Press in Martinsville from 1990 – 2018. Prior to that he was an over the road semi-truck driver and worked for 18 years at the Indiana State Board of Health in the weights and measures division. John started showing his leadership skills at 9 years old being the President of the first 4-H club in Summers County, WV. He went on to become a West Virginia 4-H All-Star. He was President of the Association of Bedding and Furniture Law Officials, President of Indiana State Employees Association, President of Greater Martinsville Chamber of Commerce, President of Martinsville Noon Lions Club, and was also an Honorary Kentucky Colonel.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley A. (Smith) Basham, whom he married on February 23, 1974; son, John W. Basham and wife Jessica of Mishawaka; daughters, Linda Bennett and husband Jesse of Martinsville, Melissa Livengood and husband Kris of Lafayette; grandchildren, Tiffany Ham, Heather Araos, Ryan Stutz, Samantha Shows, Mia Livengood, Landon Livengood, Trenton Livengood, Calianne Livengood and Beckett Basham; nine great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Ray and Juanita; brother, David Basham; sister, Elva Grace Basham.

Visitation will be Wednesday, July 19, 2023 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Costin Funeral Chapel in Martinsville, Indiana. A Masonic Service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday. Services will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 11:00 AM at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 100 Church Street, Martinsville, Indiana with one hour of visitation prior to the service.

Burial will be at Schultz Cemetery in Martinsville.