



## Mr. John Robert Hendrix Jr.

February 13, 1938 - January 4, 2021

John Robert Hendrix Jr., age 82, of LaFayette, GA was welcomed to his eternal home with Jesus, Monday – January 4, 2021. He was born in Chattanooga, TN to the late John Robert Hendrix, Sr., and Leah Fugate Hendrix. John served his country in the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was a retired truck driver, after thirty-eight years of driving. He was a member of Second Baptist Church in LaFayette, Georgia. John loved the Lord with all his heart and he loved people. He had a big heart and an infectious smile and was always willing to help anyone. Although he will be missed, we rest in the assurance that he is worshipping his Lord and Savior. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his younger sister: Cynthia Claire Hendrix and his son: Brian Keith Hendrix. He is survived by his wife and Forever Love: Anita Marie Hendrix of LaFayette, GA, his children: Robert Glenn (Lisa) Hendrix of South Carolina, Debbie (Willard) Bowling of Soddy Daisy, TN, step-children: Truman Barney Goodenough of Bend, OR, Lillian Marie Goodenough, Jerry Wayne Goodenough both of Salem OR, sisters: Elizabeth Ann (Robert) Hill of Ooltewah, TN, Virginia Lynn Barnes of Chattanooga, TN, grandson: Joshua J. Goodenough of San Diego, CA, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, several cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm – Monday – January 11, 2021 at Second Baptist Church in LaFayette, GA, with Pastor Mike Peterson officiating. Burial will take place in Chattanooga National Veterans Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements by

Wilson Funeral Homes – LaFayette Chapel. Online guestbook at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Chattanooga National Cemetery

Holtzclaw Ave.  
Chattanooga, TN

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Second Baptist Church  
500 W. Main St.  
LaFayette, GA 30728

# Tribute Wall

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“ This is from John's Grandson, Joshua Jeremy Good enough, San Diego, California.

*Hey Grandpa,*

*Firstly, I am sorry Sir, that I wasn't at your side at the end. I know my presence would have been some comfort for Grandma, and I am glad to know she wasn't alone. As I sit and reflect on our times together, there are so many memories...so many bright spots in my life because of you.*

*Do you remember...*

*The CB Radio call sign of Papa Bear...I somehow ended up with that nickname in the Navy, and inside I would chuckle to myself - every time I heard it, because it would remind me of you and grandma....and life on the big rig.*

*Sitting in New York for days, staring at Lady Liberty....with a trailer full of the mini statues...waiting on the street to be shut down so we could pull out?*

*Playing the prank on me all the time with cruise control in that 'ol Pontiac that had the cruise set switch in the floor by the brake pedal...where I couldn't see it?*

*Letting me sit in your lap and steer that same big 'ol land yacht up I-75, when we would go to Chattanooga from Ringgold?*

*All the times we would work on things, and I was the "go fer"...you were always so patient in answering my questions about why things worked the way they worked.*

*When we spent Christmas Eve cutting all the pieces and building that dollhouse for Becky.*

*Watching movie marathons...Clint Eastwood, John Wayne, All the Bond movies, and the military movies on the important history days.*

*Explaining how to talk to animals....they seem to love me for it.*

*The various rules for life..."Don't touch the tab at dinner unless you intend to pay." "You can do anything you ever choose to do, so long as you have the forethought to understand and pay the consequences." - The latter has gotten me far, and led to many of my successes in life.*

*All of the candid conversations about life as a man.*

*Teaching me to be a good, considerate, and compassionate man.*

*Thank you for all the life lessons, being a living example of what love is...and helping me take the things I had experienced as a child, and bend them into positive tools for strengthening and development. It has been a long road, and there are so many things that you taught me early, that I did not fully comprehend the value of the wisdom and knowledge imparted...until I was grown, and a sailor.*

*I love you Dad.*

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**Joshua Goodenough** - January 07, 2021 at 10:42 AM

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“ *Mr John ALWAYS had a smile and a handshake for everyone. He always asked about Mason and said he appreciated him serving and protecting us. One of my very favorite memories was when John and Anita came to watch our daughter’s high school tennis match. I’m not sure they understood just how much that meant to us. We all went to eat together afterwards. It was such a precious memory. There’s so many memories. But I guess the best one is just seeing how much he loved his wife. ❤️*

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**Cindy Brewer** - January 06, 2021 at 08:55 PM