



John Brandon

March 31, 1950 - September 11, 2024

John Franklin Brandon, 74, of Greer, South Carolina, died September 11, 2024, surrounded by his family.

He was born on March 31, 1950, to John and Evelyn Brandon, in Greenville, Kentucky.

John married Laura Kathryn Dickson on May 26, 1973, and their long-awaited daughter, Johanna Kathryn, arrived in 1987. He never missed an opportunity to credit His God for answering their years of prayer for a child and giving them the desire of their hearts.

John devoted his life to the ministry of Jesus Christ and His church, serving 36 years in Kentucky at Beechmont Baptist Church, Melbourne Heights Baptist Church, and finally at Versailles Baptist Church. His family liked to keep count of the number of people who stopped him to speak during his regular grocery trips. It was a testament to the many who were touched by his deep compassion, gentle wisdom, and faithful presence. He was known widely, not because he desired fame or attention, but because for generations, he shared the joys and burdens of others.

Later in life, he stepped into his beloved role as 'Pop.' The joy he experienced dishing out ice cream, serving unnumbered pints of cherry tomatoes, and generally providing his grandchildren with their 'favorites,' was unmatched. He understood the connection Jesus modeled in eating with His disciples and cherished the opportunity to share the gifts he had been given, all the while offering thanks. There will be a void once filled by his infectious laughter, bear

hugs, and selfless devotion to those around him, but he approached death with the confidence and excitement of one who knows he will soon be in the presence of his Savior. His friends and family take comfort in knowing that a place is prepared for us, and we will one day join him around the throne.

John is survived by his wife Kathy, daughter Johanna and son-in-law Matt, grandchildren, Evy and Bear, siblings, David (Cathy) and Elizabeth (Kendale Moore), sister-in-law, Margaret Cammuse, Brandon nieces and nephew Emily, Keely, Kate, and Brandon, and Dickson nephew Douglas, as well as 9 great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Evelyn, and brother-in-law, Les Cammuse.

There will be a private graveside service in the coming days. True to his life and legacy, he requested none of the traditional trappings to honor his life, but instead that his Lord and Savior be praised and that all be invited to join in relationship with Him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts be made to the Slavic Gospel Association, <https://www.sga.org>; MAP-international (Medicine for All People), <https://www.map.org>; SAT-7 (Making God's Love Visible to Everyone in the Middle East and North Africa), <https://www.sat7usa.org>; or Mercy Ships, <https://www.mercyships.org>.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Tribute Wall

KB

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Kathy Brandon - October 24, 2024 at 07:43 PM

EB

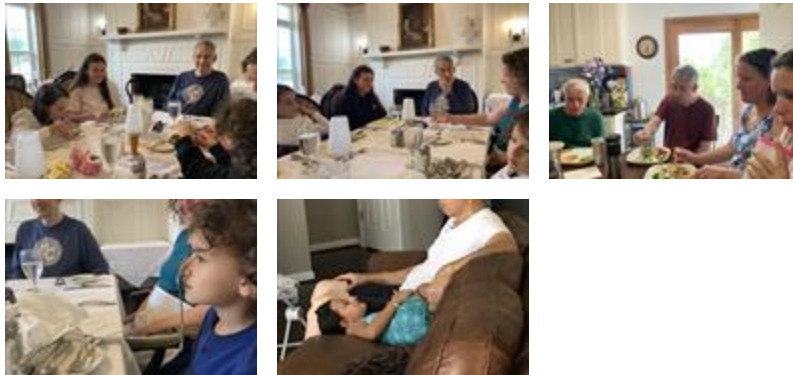
“ Emily Brandon lit a candle in memory of John Brandon



Emily Brandon - September 14, 2024 at 10:24 PM

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Emily Brandon - September 14, 2024 at 10:21 PM

MC

“ John is one of the most amazing men I have ever known. Over the many years we were at VBC, John showed up over and over again as one of the most loving, caring, brilliant, compassionate, and genuine people I have ever known. I think of him often and have learned so many important life lessons from this man. My condolences to Kathy, Johanna, and the rest of the Brandon family. You touched my family's life deeply, and we are so thankful to have crossed paths in Versailles. Much love from the Cunninghams. John was certainly welcomed to heaven with a joyous and so well deserved "well done!"



Mark Cunningham - September 14, 2024 at 11:51 AM

MD

“ JOHN, BAPTIZED ME...AND EMPLOYED ME TO CARE FOR HIS MOM..CAUSE. ..HE KNEW I NEEDED A JOB..ALWAYS KIND AND THOUGHTFUL .WAS FUN TO BE AROUND..HIM AND CATHY..AND ON MANY TIMES.HELPED ME IN OFFICE.TO FILL OUT FORMS..I NEEDED..SO MANY GREAT MEMORIES...A GREAT PASTOR..MY PRAYERS FOR..all the family..I know he has that big smile..with our Lord..right now. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Marilyn Douglas - September 13, 2024 at 08:37 PM

TR

“ Dear Kathy, Johanna and Family, We are so sorry and saddened of John's passing and he will be missed by so many people, Family and friends ! He was and will remain a very special friend of mine and I treasure all the wonderful conversations we shared as neighbors out in the yard and over the phone. I can hear him saying " don't be sad , I am going home to be with my Lord ". You all are in our thoughts and prayers !



Todd Rose - September 13, 2024 at 09:59 AM

LC

*Thoughts and prayers for this sweet family. This obituary is definitely the Pastor my family and knew and loved. He was always there for us in the good and bad times. Benny and Marvin, both deceased, loved him so much.
Prayers for all.*

Lillie Cox - September 13, 2024 at 05:20 PM

LC

As do I still. A great God loving, caring pastor and friend. Looking forward to seeing John and my loved ones one day! I'm ready and pray all reading this are too.

Lillie Cox - September 13, 2024 at 05:24 PM

SK

The video touched me deeply-I have watched it and shared it many times. John's wonderful testimony, his words so perfect, so appropriate. He was a faithful part of my life at every step, and I loved him dearly.

Susan Kays - September 19, 2024 at 07:14 PM

JB

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JOHANNA BERTINO - September 12, 2024 at 10:18 PM