



## John W. Cowan

May 31, 1955 - August 20, 2016

John William Cowan, 61, passed away August 20, 2016 at Greenville Memorial Medical Center.

A native of Clark County, Kentucky, he was a son of the late George T. Cowan, Jr. and Naoma Rae Dodson Cowan, an employee of Jobscope Corporation and member of Fairview Baptist Church, where he enjoyed serving as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, choir member, and extended care three year old worker. John was a hiker and avid University of Kentucky fan.

Surviving are his wife, Stephanie Battson Cowan of the home; a son, Seth Cowan of Greenville; a daughter, Sarah Cowan of New Orleans; three brothers, Jim (Teresa) Cowan of Winchester, Kentucky, Jerry (Keim) Cowan of Middletown, Pennsylvania, and Jeff Cowan of Lexington, Kentucky; his mother-in-law, Jean Battson of Greer; and four nephews, Daniel (Amy) Cowan, Zachary Cowan, Matthew Cowan and Mark Cowan.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at Fairview Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. Eddie Leopard, Jim and Teresa Cowan and Rev. Jerry Cowan. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Daniel, Zachary and Billy Glenn Cowan, Bobby Bazemore, Pierce Williams, Mark Cowan and Donnie Battson.

Honorary escort will be the Barbarians Sunday School Class and the deacons of Fairview Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at Fairview Baptist Church.

The family is at the home of the mother-in-law, Jean Battson, 3 Hillington Place, Greer, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Fairview Baptist Church, International Mission Board, 1300 Locust Hill Road, Greer, SC 29651.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery

1400 Locust Hill Road  
Greer, SC 29651

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 23.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fairview Baptist Church  
1300 Locust Hill Road  
Greer, SC 29651

## Service

**AUG 24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RF

“ So very saddened to have learned of John's sudden passing. He and Stephanie were very influential to me in my formative years at Central Baptist Church in Winchester, KY many years ago. Like the entire Cowan family, he was the epitome of kindness and a wonderful role model. My sincerest condolences to Stephanie, their children, his brothers and their families. Heaven has truly gained an angel.

Robin Drake Fraley - September 04, 2016 at 08:48 PM



“ MiMi Woodrum lit a candle in memory of John W. Cowan



MiMi Woodrum - August 25, 2016 at 11:09 AM

JS

“ I am very saddened by your loss, John was a wonderful person. He was an excellent Christian influence for me as a young man coming out of High School and going to college. I don't know that he knew how much of an influence he had on my life. I have terrific memories of playing softball and many other church activities at Central with John. I only saw him a few times after he moved from Winchester but his strong Christian influence remains with me. I will be praying for your family as I know he will be missed.



James Stone - August 24, 2016 at 12:21 PM

BB

“ Kathy and I are deeply saddened to learn of John's passing. We have fond memories of John and the entire Cowan family. We trust that God's grace will be sufficient to sustain you through these difficult times. John is now with his Lord and Savior. It is for the family's loss and separation from him for a time that we grieve with you. May God bless and keep you all. Bill and Kathy Bunch

Bill and Kathy Bunch - August 24, 2016 at 10:37 AM

AC

“ ALLISON, ANNE, & KEN COOK purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John W. Cowan.



ALLISON, ANNE, & KEN COOK - August 24, 2016 at 08:09 AM

BM

“ John was the brother and brother-in-law of our dear friends Jim and Teresa Cowan. We are so sorry for their loss. Sending heartfelt condolences to John's immediate and extended family and friends. Our prayers are with all of you during this challenging and difficult time. Sending love and comfort, Beth and Don C. McFadden



Beth McFadden - August 23, 2016 at 08:13 PM

LH

“ Stephanie and family. I was saddened to hear about John. Please know that I have been praying for you all.

Leslie (Puckett) Houvenagle

Leslie Houvenagle - August 23, 2016 at 07:04 PM

SP

“ Shirley Parido lit a candle in memory of John W. Cowan

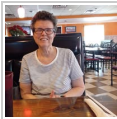


Shirley Parido - August 23, 2016 at 02:39 PM

SP

*Stephanie, Sara and Seth. Our prayers are with you at this time. John was such a good Christian and will be missed by all of us here at Central Baptist Church in Winchester, Ky. Known him for a long long time and his family. Will always be in our hearts.*

Shirley Parido - August 23, 2016 at 02:42 PM



*Looking at the pictures of John and Stephanie brought a smile to my face. Thanks for being a Sunday School teacher to the youth at Central Baptist Church.*

Leslie Houvenagle - August 23, 2016 at 07:18 PM

FH

*Blessings to Stephanie and the family. John was a good friend in high school and always lived a life exemplary of his walk with Christ. I had lost contact with him since you moved from the area. It is good to see some pictures which bring back good memories of his great sense of humor. He doesn't look like he has changed much at all. He still exhibits the manner of that funny, gentle, kind brother I knew in high school. I'm so sorry to hear of his early departure from this life. It's really tough to loose someone so dear and it is okay to admit it. God's shoulders are much bigger than we believe at times. You can share your most intimate thoughts and disappointments with God and He will understand. May God fill John's place of Husband and Father to all of you who are hurting. May your family be strengthened by God as you go through this time together.*

*With much sympathy, Frank Houtz*

Frank Houtz - August 25, 2016 at 02:14 PM

SM

“ *Sherry Nickell Martin lit a candle in memory of John W. Cowan*



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**Sherry Nickell Martin** - August 23, 2016 at 02:15 PM



“ *26 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**The Wood Mortuary** - August 23, 2016 at 01:57 PM

PM

“ *So sad to hear of John's passing. He was always so kind to me and my family. Always a positive role model and great fellow to be around. He will be so missed by all. Sending my love to all of the Cowan family!*

*Paula Whitlock McDonald*

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**Paula McDonald** - August 23, 2016 at 09:21 AM

SS

“ Stephanie, Sarah and Seth, I just heard the news of John. Like his mother and father, he was a true servant of the Lord that was made all that much stronger when he and you married and began serving the Lord as husband and wife. Many good times as John, his brothers and I grew up at Central Baptist Church, from playing volleyball, basketball and softball, to John teaching the college and career Sunday School class. Stephanie, you and John were wonderful role models to those younger than you, especially to Jennifer and I.

Your Friends

Steve and Jennifer Shearer

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Steve Shearer - August 22, 2016 at 02:06 PM

SR

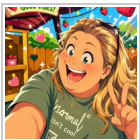
“ John,  
Thank you for your giving spirit and your love for others. You are a true example of Christ and you will be greatly missed. Stephanie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are here for you for anything you need.

With love,

Your Blood Connection family.

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Shyra Rainey - August 22, 2016 at 08:25 AM



“ Julia Parris lit a candle in memory of John W. Cowan



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Julia Parris - August 22, 2016 at 07:26 AM

EC

“ I met John and Stephanie in 1978 at Central Baptist Church, Winchester Ky. We were involved in interpreting for the hearing impaired in the deaf ministry there. Those were good times and I have nothing but sweet memories . John and Stephany both had a beautiful gift for signing. I remember how Stephanie lit up when she signed " Victory in Jesus". John's victory is in Jesus. My heart is so heavy for Stephanie, Sarah and Seth. The peace comes in knowing John now resides with his Savior. God bless you all, I will continue to pray for you. Love Elaine Culton

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**elaine Culton** - August 21, 2016 at 06:36 PM

RD

“ Met John in 2006 when we both taught in Vacation Bible School at Fairview Baptist Church. He was so enthusiastic and interested in singing and working with the children.

*It was a blessing also to sing in the adult choir together. When he sang and when he was asked to lead the choir and the worship, it was obvious how much he loved to sing praises to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!*

*On Wednesday evenings we sat close-to-the-front, he in the pew behind me. Upon his return from his mission trip to India, he gave me a great big hug, thanking me for all the prayer support. Said he had felt them and God's Presence in all he did.*

*I am so thankful to the Lord for allowing me the privilege of having John's friendship and Christ-like example to encourage me spiritually.*

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**Rebecca Deal** - August 21, 2016 at 03:47 PM