



## John (Big John) Callahan

October 20, 1938 - December 20, 2021

Callahan – John Tracy Callahan, known to most as “Big John” passed away on Monday, December 20, 2021. A funeral service will be held at 6:00 PM, Thursday, December 23, 2021, in the Lawrenceville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home, Clark Harrison officiating. John was a 57 year member of the I.U.O.E, Local 926, serving on the Executive Board and Instructor of the Apprenticeship & Training Program. As a crane operator he helped erect many of the landmark buildings in and around Atlanta. In 2000 he retired from Heaton Erecting, Inc., after 18 years of service. Big John was an active member of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church for many years, serving as deacon chairman, usher, youth SS teacher, brotherhood member and church bus driver. He was raised a Master Mason in Grayson Lodge #549 in 1986. He was past Worshipful Master and served as Chaplain for over 20 years. He was a Certified Mentor in the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Georgia, thus helping many new members with Degree work. As Chairman of the Gwinnett Masonic Association Memorial Team, he performed over 200 masonic funerals. As a young boy, he loved scouting and started whittling. He graduated from Southwest High School in 1957, where he participated in various sports, served as Battalion Commander of the ROTC, and elected a senior superlative. John was preceded in death by his parents, Erdman & Hazel (Hollingsworth) Callahan, and older half-brother, Kevin Sherrill. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 60 years, Sandra (Doyal) Callahan, Loganville, GA: son, Gray Callahan, Loganville, GA; daughter &

son-in-law, Kelly & Bill Conaway, Statham, GA; grandchildren, Case & Callie Conaway; brothers, Jake Callahan, Reform, AL; Jeff Callahan, Atlanta, GA. In lieu of flowers, John requested donations be made to the Masonic Children's Home in Macon, GA or your favorite charity. The family will receive friends, Wednesday, December 22, 2021, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Thursday, December 23, 2021, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM at Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. 770-962-3100. Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road SW  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road SW  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

## Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road, S.W.  
Lawrenceville, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John (Big John) Callahan*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - December 22, 2021 at 08:58 AM

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*What a beautiful tribute of a beautiful life of this wonderful man. I never remember him not smiling. I know he is happy in heaven with our Lord and Savior and I also know he will be sorely missed by many.*

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**Diane Conaway** - December 24, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ *John (Big John) Callahan*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of John (Big John) Callahan.*



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December 23, 2021 at 02:47 PM



“ I first met John at the Grayson Lodge with my husband. He was one of the sweetest men I have ever met and always greeted me with a smile and hug and was always happy to see both my husband and me. He was an incredible man and I will miss seeing him whenever we attend a Masonic event. God bless him and his family. I am happy his suffering is over.



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**Natalie Knight** - December 23, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John (Big John) Callahan.



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December 22, 2021 at 04:01 PM



“ I am so grateful that John was a part of my life. He taught me so much about cranes, but more importantly, about life. He was a giant of a man, full of love, light, and caring. He will be greatly missed by us all.

*Carol Heaton*

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**Carol Heaton** - December 22, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John (Big John) Callahan.*

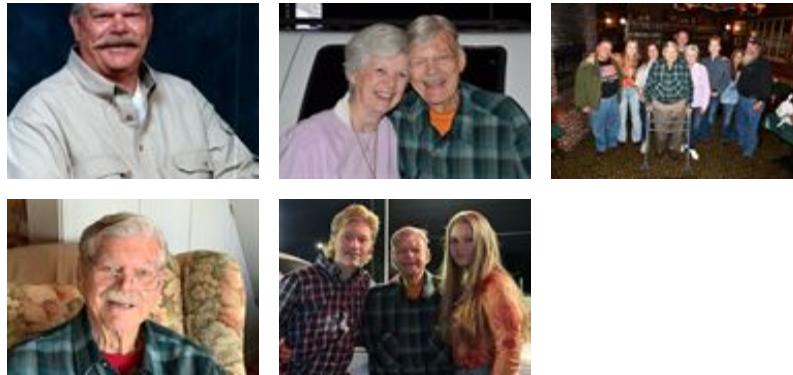


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December 22, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *76 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - December 22, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ *WB "Big John" Callahan was a frequent visitor to Sweetwater Masonic Lodge #421 at Lilburn, GA. It was always a welcome blessing when Big John crossed the threshold at Sweetwater Lodge cause he brought news from his and others lodges, shared events and some enjoyable humor. "Big John" will be greatly missed by so many.*

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**Joe Martin Brown (PM)** - December 22, 2021 at 07:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John (Big John) Callahan.*



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December 21, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ *Kam and Louise Hudder purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John (Big John) Callahan.*



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**Kam and Louise Hudder** - December 21, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family and the friends. God bless you all during this time. Christy ~ Local 926*

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**Christy** - December 21, 2021 at 01:11 PM