



Charles Gilmer Lawson "Powder"

December 3, 1933 - September 23, 2023

Crackers Neck- Big Stone Gap, VA

Charles Gilmer Lawson "Powder" age 89, passed into eternal peace at his home on Saturday, September 23, 2023, surrounded by his family.

Powder was born in Big Stone Gap, the son of the late Earl Lawson and Dona (Townsend) Baker; he was the oldest of seven children. In his younger life, with a true patriot spirit, Powder answered the call of his country. He enlisted in the United States Armed Forces, serving tours in Korea, as well as Vietnam before his retirement from the Air Force. When returning stateside, he began employment with Fraley's Inc., serving as the human resource and safety director with a family-owned coal mining business in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. He enjoyed anything that supported children. He enjoyed traveling to watch Union- Powell Valley in any sport they competed in. He was a fan of anyone who was playing Tennessee. Powder loved hunting and traveled great distances to enjoy the outdoors. Powder was also a member of the local Masonic Lodge where he achieved the rank of Grandmaster. Another organization that Powder was a member of was the National Wild Turkey Federation. He was a "salt of the earth" American who was proud of his God, country, and family. Of all the organizations and community involvement he pursued, none was comparable to the love he had for his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Powder will be deeply

missed by all those that knew him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his four siblings, Margaret Feltner, Ruby Coffey, Nancy Kilgore, and Douglas Lawson.

Left to cherish his memories, wife, Emma Carter Lawson, two sons, Charlie Earl Lawson and wife Laura, J.D. Lawson, grandson, Charles Arlie Lawson, brother Johnny Lawson, and sister Betty Butler, his hunting buddies, a host of nieces, nephews, and cherished friends too many to count.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap, from 5-8 p.m. for the visitation.

The funeral service will be conducted at 8:00 p.m. with Dr. Nick Brewer officiating. A eulogy will be given by Jerry Fraley, special music will be provided by Betty Brock and grandson Arlie Lawson. The local Masonic Lodge # 208 will have a last masonic service, for Powder.

His interment in Riverview Cemetery will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. There will be a procession at Holding Funeral Home that will depart for the cemetery at 10:30a.m. The Local Dav, and VFW will have a military committal service.

The pallbearers will be family and friends.

A memorial video has been created for family and friends at:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/W6S6XC448MHSMDGD>

An online registry is available for the family at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Charles Gilmer Lawson "Powder"

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

East Stone Gap Road
East Stone Gap, VA 24246

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 26. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.
17 E. 3rd St., N.
P. O. Drawer H
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
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Service

SEP 26. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Procession

SEP 27. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

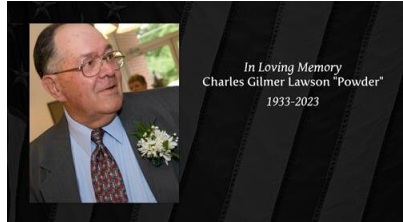
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Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Gilmer Lawson "Powder"* ”



Holding Funeral Home, Inc. - April 05, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ *Charles Gilmer Lawson "Powder"* ”

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Gilmer Lawson "Powder".* ”



September 26, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ *Emma and family, I'm so sorry about Mr.Lawson. I had somehow missed this on Facebook. I didn't realize he had passed. Wish I could be there with you all in this time of sorrow but know I'm there in spirit and prayer. I love you all and am praying for God to give you peace and comfort. Vickie* ”

Vickie Campbell-Allen - September 26, 2023 at 06:39 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Charles Gilmer Lawson "Powder".*



September 25, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *The Family would like to share this interview that was done by Ben Higgins as part of his Eagle Scout Project. They are discussing his military service.*

<https://www.loc.gov/item/afc2001001.107715/#>

Laura Lawson - September 24, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ *Loved being with Powder throughout Cub and Boy Scouts and chewing the beef at football practice. A fine man!*

John Hagan - September 24, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ *My prayers are with you and your family.*

Ken Sprinkle - September 24, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *JD and family , sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.*



Roy, April, and Jared Glovier - September 24, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Gilmer Lawson "Powder".*



September 24, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Gilmer Lawson "Powder".

September 24, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ *I send my condolences to Emma and the family and friends of powder my prayers are for God's peace and comfort for each of you powder was a wonderful friend who truly loved life and everyone around him RIP my friend until we met again*



Kenneth Durham - September 24, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *I have known Powder for most of my life, I worked at Fraley's with him too. We will surely miss our dear friend. Go. Rest now Powder, your work is done. Will never forget you! My love to the family!!!!*

Teresa Clark - September 23, 2023 at 07:41 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Gilmer Lawson "Powder".*



September 23, 2023 at 04:56 PM



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