



James Lewis Coffey Sr.

July 12, 1942 - March 12, 2026

James Lewis Coffey Sr., 83, passed away on March 12, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of service, devotion, and deep love for his family and community. Born on July 12, 1942, James lived a life defined by integrity, hard work, and a generous spirit that touched everyone who knew him.

A proud Vietnam veteran, James served his country honorably in the United States Air Force. His commitment to his fellow veterans continued throughout his life as a dedicated member of the Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard, where he took great pride in honoring those who served.

James was a faithful member of Piney Grove Baptist Church, where he found fellowship, purpose, and lifelong friendships. He retired from Bernhardt Furniture after many years of loyal service, known for his strong work ethic and steady reliability.

He loved the outdoors and found joy in hunting, fishing, and tending to his garden, where he grew what many proudly called the best tomatoes anywhere. Above all, James cherished time spent with family and friends—sharing stories, laughter, singing his favorite old country songs, and the simple moments that meant the most.

James now rejoins the love of his life, his wife Libby Coffey, who passed away

in 2016. He was the son of Jessie and Jane Townsend Coffey and was preceded in death by siblings Jesse, Bonnie, Benson, Troy, Paul, Roy, Nellie, George, and Michael.

He is survived by his sister Gladys, his children Mike (Cheryl), James Jr. (Kim), Troy (Sue), and Jesse (Jessica), and his bonus children Bub, Kim, Susie, and Mark. He leaves behind 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, all of whom will carry forward his memory with love and pride.

A service honoring James's life will be held at Holding Funeral Home, 17 E. 3rd St N, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 (276-523-1470), on Tuesday, March 17. The family will receive friends for a viewing beginning at 11:00 a.m., followed by the service with Pastor Brent Dula officiating. Batten Funeral Home in Ruckersville, VA has been entrusted with the preparation and transport of his remains.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of James Coffey to the Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard, PO Box 702, Hudson, NC 28638.

James Lewis Coffey Sr. will be remembered for his unwavering loyalty, his quiet strength, and the kindness he offered so freely. His presence will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

Cemetery Details

American Legion Cemetery

5001 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.
17 E. 3rd St., N.
P. O. Drawer H
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
1-276-523-1470
holdingfuneralhome@comcast.net
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Funeral Service

MAR 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Lewis Coffey Sr..*



March 16 at 10:51 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Lewis Coffey Sr..*



March 16 at 09:10 PM



“ *Amber & Dawn Head purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Lewis Coffey Sr..*



Amber & Dawn Head - March 16 at 05:57 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of James Lewis Coffey Sr..*



March 16 at 05:40 PM

KJ

“ Kathy & Jimmy purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of James Lewis Coffey
Sr..



Kathy & Jimmy - March 16 at 04:50 PM

PC

“ PURPLE PARROT COMMUNITY planted a Memorial Tree in
honor of James Lewis Coffey Sr..

PURPLE PARROT COMMUNITY - March 16 at 01:43 PM

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“ PURPLE PARROT COMMUNITY purchased the
Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of
James Lewis Coffey Sr..



PURPLE PARROT COMMUNITY - March 16 at 01:43 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of James Lewis Coffey Sr..



March 16 at 01:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Lewis Coffey Sr..



March 16 at 10:59 AM



“ Von and Sara. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lewis Coffey Sr..

Von and Sara. - March 16 at 03:42 AM



“ Von and Sara. purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of James Lewis Coffey Sr..



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“ Nancy Roberts lit a candle in memory of James Lewis Coffey Sr.



Nancy Roberts - March 15 at 07:39 PM