



Walter "Walt" Ray Lawson

August 12, 1983 - August 25, 2021

Walter "Walt" Ray Lawson, 38, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, TN, after an extended illness.

He was born August 12, 1983, in Wise County, VA., the son of; Bobby and Laura (Fleenor) Lawson. He was a graduate of Lee High School, Class of 2002. After High School, he then attended Radford University where he obtained his Bachelor's degree in English. He later earned his Masters degree at the University of Cincinnati. He was a teacher with the Lee County School system for eight years in Special Education, and then transferred to Wise County School System where he did the same. He will be dearly missed by all his colleagues and friends. He met the love of his life, Ariel, in August 2012. From their union they produced one child, whom they both dearly loved. He was a family man, who loved his family with all his heart. He cared deeply for the children he had the privilege of working with.

"A man full of love, with a Big Heart, and a Big Laugh."

Walt was preceded in death by his mother, Laura Fleenor Lawson of Dryden, VA; his paternal grandfather, Luther Lawson; and his maternal grandfather, Clifton Fleenor.

Walt is survived by his wife, Ariel Lawson of the home; one son, Eli Lawson; his father, Bobby Lawson of Dryden, VA; two sisters, Jennifer Lawson of Dryden, VA., & Heather (Tony) Biggs of Pennington Gap, VA; paternal grandmother, Maxine Mellons of Kingsport, TN; several nieces, nephews, close relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Holding Funeral Home of Big Stone Gap, VA., Funeral services will follow at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor R. J. Rose officiating. Graveside will follow in Lee Memorial Gardens in Woodway, VA.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

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

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/63NB9KN6RXDGYNMD>

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

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Walter Lawson.

Cemetery Details

Lee Memorial Gardens. Inc.

1986 HICKORY FLATS ROAD
PENNINGTON GAP, VA 24277

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

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
<http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com>

Service

AUG 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.
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Committal Service

AUG 28. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter "Walt" Ray Lawson



Holding Funeral Home, Inc. - August 27, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ Walter "Walt" Ray Lawson

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ Carol Matney Byington lit a candle in memory of Walter "Walt" Ray Lawson



Carol Matney Byington - August 29, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ Carla (Cloud) Crowder lit a candle in memory of Walter "Walt" Ray Lawson

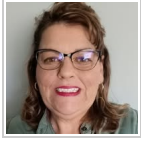


Carla (Cloud) Crowder - August 28, 2021 at 09:28 PM

CC

Prayers for his family! 🙏🙏

Carla (Cloud) Crowder - August 28, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ *I love you all and will be praying.* ”



Amanda Fig - August 28, 2021 at 11:49 AM

DG

“ *Debbie Garrett lit a candle in memory of Walter "Walt" Ray Lawson* ”



Debbie Garrett - August 27, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Walter "Walt" Ray Lawson.* ”



August 27, 2021 at 01:28 PM

KR

“ You were such a wonderful teacher with a huge passion for helping children. What a big heart you had. I enjoyed working with you.



Kim Roop - August 26, 2021 at 06:59 PM

JA

“ I had the pleasure of hiring Walt for Wise County Schools and want to express my sincere sympathy to the family of this wonderful man and awesome special education teacher.

Although his life was short, he made a difference to so many children!

Jerrie Adams, former director of special education



Jerrie Adams - August 26, 2021 at 04:35 PM

BL

“ Walter was a beacon of light to all that knew him, always filling the room with laughter. His laugh was contagious as was his good natured soul. He will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him. Sending our deepest condolences to his family. May God bring you peace and comfort.

Brandon & Kelli Lawson - August 26, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Walter "Walt" Ray Lawson.*



August 26, 2021 at 04:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter "Walt" Ray Lawson.*



August 26, 2021 at 07:50 AM



“ *I have known Walter since he was a little boy running from his house to ours , especially when him and his sisters got on their parents last nerve, Walter had a dog and him and the dog was at our house for a daily visit and we had a high porch and Walter goes my dog can fly and pushed the dog off the porch and goes fly dog 🐶, of course the dog couldn't fly and didn't get hurt Walter will be missed love and prayers Dorothy*

dorothy hall - August 25, 2021 at 09:17 PM

DP

“ It is with great sadness that I send condolences to Walt's family. I got to know Walt through the Special Ed department in Lee County. He was always willing to work with the child with the toughest of behavioral issues. He was a rare find. May you be surrounded by the love of our heavenly father and your closest friends and relatives in the long days ahead.

Doris Presley - August 25, 2021 at 09:05 PM

NJ

“ It was a pleasure knowing you Thank You for teaching our Jacob.. Prayers to your family for comfort R.I.P. friend



Nancy Young Nana of Jacob - August 25, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter "Walt" Ray Lawson.



August 25, 2021 at 07:44 PM

LS

“ Walt was one of my Special Education teachers at Elk Knob. He was great with the kids and loved them dearly. He was a wonderful teacher and a great all around guy. I'm glad I had the privilege to know Walt. Prayers for the family.

Lisa Stewart - August 25, 2021 at 07:35 PM

SF

“ *Stiltner and Wagner families. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Walter "Walt" Ray Lawson.*



Stiltner and Wagner families. - August 25, 2021 at 07:28 PM

JO

“ *Walt was a incredible person and such a great friend. In the few years I got to know him he was nothing but kind, caring, and all around wonderful being to be around. He had a big heart and he was always there if you needed him. I will always miss him and cherish the time I got to spend with him and his equally wonderful family.*

Jonah - August 25, 2021 at 06:54 PM

SW

“ *Walter- We will always remember you as happy, cheerful, hard working, loving husband, doting father, fun loving uncle and family man. We cherish our memories with you. And as a brother in Christ, we have the promise of seeing you again in eternity. We love you Walter, Ariel, and Eli.*

Love, the Wright family



Savannah Wright - August 25, 2021 at 06:23 PM

SF

“ *Susie Fig lit a candle in memory of Walter
"Walt" Ray Lawson*



Susie Fig - August 25, 2021 at 05:53 PM