



John Evan Dudley

November 10, 1941 - October 31, 2025

John Evan Dudley, age 83, of Pulaski, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2025. He was born on November 10, 1941, in Scooba, Mississippi, to the late Willard and Pamela (Smith) Dudley.

John lived a life filled with faith, family, and purpose. A proud graduate of Mississippi State University, he went on to teach for 30 years, shaping countless young minds with patience, wisdom, and humor. Before his teaching career, he pursued his love of baseball, playing in the Minor Leagues for the Cincinnati Reds, an experience he cherished and spoke of often.

He was a devoted father to Haven Gavin, Rachel Dudley, Jacob Dudley, Jeremiah Dudley, John Dudley, and the late Luke Dudley. He also held a special place in his heart for his granddaughter Allie Dudley, whom he lovingly raised as his own daughter. John was the proud grandfather of fourteen grandchildren, each of whom brought him endless joy and pride.

A visitation will be 3:00pm to 5:00pm Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory.

A memorial service will follow at 5:00pm Tuesday, November 4, 2025 in the chapel of Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Pamela (Smith) and Willard Dudley;

his brothers, Jack and Knox Dudley; and his son, Luke Dudley.

John's life was marked by kindness, generosity, and faith. He was known for his gentle spirit, warm smile, and playful sense of humor. He found peace and joy in the simple things — fishing, hunting, reading his Bible, and playing baseball and basketball in his younger years. His faith in God was the cornerstone of his life, guiding him through every season and helping instill faith in his children.

John 14:2–6

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements for John Evan Dudley.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Bennett- May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory
1910 Elkton Pike
Pulaski, TN 38478

Memorial Service

NOV 4. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Prayers for the family*

James butcher - November 06, 2025 at 10:39 AM

LC

Prayers for the family!! Many memories of Coach Dudley!! 🙏

Lisa Carroll - November 08, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ *97 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - November 03, 2025 at 06:04 PM

CH

“ *Sending love and prayers to the Dudley family. Mr. John was a great man, father and grandfather. I enjoyed all of his stories and truly a man of God. He will truly be missed. I know you and Luke are catching up now. Take your rest Mr. John.*

Cordelia

Cordelia Horton - November 03, 2025 at 12:02 PM

BP

“ John Dudley left us good memories of a man who loved life, family, and the outdoors. I'm sure his late son, Luke, was waiting on his daddy to cross the river into heaven, and pickup where they left off, hunting in the woods of Gurley Alabama.

John teaches his son, Luke-14, to be ready for the deer, and it paid-off with father-son both getting a doe, with Luke-14, getting his first ever. What great memories they shall both not soon forget. This is why dad's & their kids hunt, for love of sport, and one another. The other photos are of John fishing, and his tree he hunted in near Gurley AL.

John Dudley's treestand stands as a testimonial of a once tough young man, who scouted these woods with a dream of shooting a big buck!

https://youtu.be/VuAkvvt0Wo0?si=PDBjnX69b_60F0u3

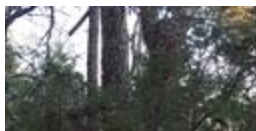
John, because of what Jesus did when He died for us on the rugged cross, and the salvation promised, we'll see you across the river. On this side, faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, according to

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

<https://bible.com/bible/114/heb.11.1.NKJV>

Love,
Barry & Connie Pickens
Robstown TX





Barry Pickens - November 01, 2025 at 05:32 PM

KY

“ I am so terribly sorry for your loss. John and my father were very good friends when I was young and I have many fond memories of sporting events and times spent with him. I still have a baseball cap he gave me. ❤️🙏

Karen Yiengst - November 01, 2025 at 05:00 PM

JH

“ Haven, I am so sorry about the passing of your Dad! He was a good man and a devoted Father, prayers for you and your Family 💔💔💔

Joan Hildreth - November 01, 2025 at 12:45 PM