



## John W. Graves

May 24, 1932 - March 23, 2024

John W. Graves, a resident of Steelton, PA, was born Tuesday, May 24, 1932, in Greensboro, NC, son of the late Claude E. and Velma Graves. He was affectionately known as “Pop” by family and friends.

John attended George Washington High School in Reidsville, NC, and after tenure of thirty years, ten months and three days, he retired from the Bethlehem Steel Company, Steelton, PA, in 1984. John was united in Christian fellowship with Church of the Living God where he served as Church Treasurer. He was a member of Steelton-Swatara Mason Lodge No. 775 and filled his time doing mechanic work and enjoying fishing, farming and boxing.

While at his residence on Saturday, March 23, 2024, John transitioned from time to eternity at the blessed age of ninety-one joining in eternal life his parents, his sister, Lillian (Graves) Totten; two sons, Willie and Wayne Graves; and daughter, Gwendolyn Moton.

John W. Graves lives on in the hearts of his wife, Helen Graves; his children, Theresa “Teddy” Ulen, Stevie Lincoln, Emily Moton, Gaylynn Stewart (David), Claude “Tony” Moton, John Willie Moton, Joseph Graves (Lauryn); grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, great-great-great-grandchildren; other family members and friends.

John will be remembered as an incredibly caring man who deeply loved his family and friends. He developed a special connection with everyone he met.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

# Cemetery Details

## William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets  
Steelton, PA 17113

# Previous Events

## Flower Delivery

MAR 29. 8:30 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.  
106 Agnes St  
Harrisburg, PA 17104  
(717) 939-9950  
wallacefuneraldirectors@gmail.com  
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## Viewing

MAR 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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MAR 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of John W. Graves



Wallace Funeral Directors - March 29, 2024 at 08:40 AM

JJ

“ 🙏 Prayers 🙏 and Condolenses From the Dollena Wallace Family at old original 17 Kennedy Lane

Joscephus Wallace III - March 29, 2024 at 11:20 AM

LR

“ To the Family you have my sincere sympathy. Praying for you all. Love you. Know that God will take you through this time.



Linda Robertson - March 29, 2024 at 09:37 AM

SO

“ To members of the Graves-Moten Family: I am saddened to hear of the loss of your loved one. Mr. Graves was a great father and husband. May you all find strength during this time of healing. ~S. Ogden



S. Ogden - March 28, 2024 at 08:02 PM

LC

“ To Mr. John's Family and Friend's , You are in my thoughts and prayers. Mr. John lived across the street from me he always spoke and was always polite I will miss him . Matthew 5:4 says Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.  
Rest on Mr. John until we meet again.  
God Bless!  
Lynette Chism ! 🙏🙏🙏

Lynette Chism - March 28, 2024 at 03:20 PM

TF

“ The Oakley Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John W. Graves.



The Oakley Family - March 28, 2024 at 12:09 PM

SS

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Wishing the family peace and strength during this difficult time. Sending heartfelt condolences.

Sharon Scott - March 28, 2024 at 10:58 AM

VB

My condolences to the family. Mr. Johnny was a very nice Christian man . Prayers for Miss Helen and his family . May God give you all peace and strength during this difficult time. 🙏💜😭

Victoria Burton - March 28, 2024 at 11:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John W. Graves.*



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March 28, 2024 at 05:30 AM

KD

“ To the Family & Friends - May All of your Memories help to Strengthen each of you.

*Mr. Johnny & his wife Miss Helen were faithful members of the Cornerstone Church of the Living God for over 20 years. He was 1 of our Deacons, Sunday School teachers, Treasurer, Trustees & Bible Study Teachers.*

*Our Sun. school started at 9am and he would be there at 8am. he was very faithful to our noonday prayer every tues & thurs..*

*Deacon Johnny & his good buddy Trustee R. Mike Pettis did the landscaping at the church keeping the grass cut. We have 3 bathrooms & Deacon Johnny was our plumber. He once served as the Chairman of men's day committee and invited his son's friend Pastor W. Lamont Ewell as the speaker. Deacon Johnny brought the word for one of our Father's Day services. Because he lived so close to the church i use2 tease him saying "brother Johnny you could easily walk to church" and he'd say "i could but i won't" & we'd both LAUGH*

*After COVID hit our nation is when Mr. Johnny stopped coming to church. him and alot of our members plus alot of folks around the world. i missed him then and i will miss him forever because i'd ride by his house and holler out "hey Mr. johnny"*

*R.I.P. -- DEACON JOHN GRAVES --- For you were faithful over EVERYTHING!*

*Sincerely, Pastor Kelly L. Deeds & your Cornerstone Church Family OMT - Deacon Johnny SURE could make a mean Potato Salad & he didn't mind BRAGGING about that FACT too (LOL).*

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**Kelly L. Deeds** - March 27, 2024 at 05:56 PM

MG

“ I also want the family to know that my grandbabies mother wants her babies to know all of you because I've told them how kind you always were and pop never judged anyone. So if you'd like to reach out to her please let me know. I'm sorry I can't be there to hug the family.

Michele Graves - March 27, 2024 at 02:52 PM

BW

To the entire family of the late Mr Johnny Graves, to his wife Helen, sons, daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren plus All other families members, my extra prayers, deepest sympathy, may the Lord bless & keep everyone during this time. Peace, Love, little joy, happiness, may God be Everyone. 🙏🙏

Barbara A Walker - March 28, 2024 at 06:35 AM

MG

“ I am so saddened to hear about Pop Pop, he's always treated me with nothing but respect even after Wayne and I split up and I just want to tell the family how sorry I am to hear of his passing. If John could be there he would so to the Graves family I truly am sorry. He was one of the best! And JW, just so you know I caught the biggest fish!! Always remembered in my heart.



Michele Graves - March 27, 2024 at 02:40 PM

AB

“ Amber Berg, Cachee Berg, Anthoni Berg purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John W. Graves.



Amber Berg, Cachee Berg, Anthoni Berg - March 26, 2024 at 11:09 PM

WC

“ *Comforting prayers family. The Lord holds you close to his heart to give you the strength to carry on. God's Love and Blessings*

*Wanda Chatman-Coltraine*



Wanda Coltraine - March 26, 2024 at 09:28 PM

JC

“ *Julia Lincoln-Ford's Children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John W. Graves.*

Julia Lincoln-Ford's Children - March 26, 2024 at 09:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John W. Graves.*



March 26, 2024 at 09:15 PM

RB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Renee Butts - March 26, 2024 at 10:19 AM

LW

*Uncle Bruh, Thank you for being such a Great Uncle/Dad to me. You always gave me words of encouragement and always quoting bible verse.*

*You always showed and gave me so much joy and love and I truly appreciate it.*

*We had great family cook outs and when I think about it I just smile.*

*When you and I would talk on the phone your would say to me say to me nobody can cook better than you especially your potato salad I had to prove you wrong and you had to give me my props.*

*Also, you say to me i work to much and you worry about me and that i need to slow down.*

*Being with you was always a smile, laughs, hugs and love.*

*Your last words to me was You Loved me and I said I Love You.*

*I am going to Dearly Miss You & Forever Love You Uncle Bruh*

*Your Great Niece Retta*

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**Loretta Wilbern** - March 26, 2024 at 06:20 PM

DS

“ *We were all family on Kennedy Lane in Steelton may you rest in peace ;May God comfort Miss Helen and your family love you all and will keep you in my prayers.*

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**Denise Scott** - March 25, 2024 at 10:15 PM