



John A. "Johnny" Boles, Jr.

December 4, 1943 - August 29, 2025

John A. "Johnny" Boles, Jr. 81, of St. Albans passed away, Friday, August 29, 2025 in Genesis Healthcare, Dunbar.

He was born on December 4, 1943, in Charleston, WV, to the late Mary and John A. Boles, Sr.

John grew up in Charleston and attended Charleston High School. He went on to attend Bluefield State, where he earned his Degree in Business Administration and later received a Master's degree from the University of Louisville. He worked for the State of West Virginia for over 40 years in the DHHR division, eventually retiring from their employment.

John was an active member of his community, as well as his Church, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, in St. Albans, WV.

John enjoyed his life and loved his wife, Eppie, and made sure she was always smiling with him. His devotion was evident anytime they were together. He was devoted to his son and grandchildren, but most of all, he loved coaching and mentoring athletes to teach them techniques and skills, making them better at their sport.

John won many championships, medals, and honors, but always felt that the

Kids were the most important part of the Team.

His mother-in-law survives John, Pearline Dalton of St. Albans, WV, his Brother Stephen, and Son John D. Boles (Brenda). Additionally, he leaves behind six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, whom he loved deeply.

John is also preceded in death by his Brothers (Norman, Michael), sister (Suzan), Grandfather (Mose), Grandmother (Janie), and Aunt (Helen).

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 pm, Thursday, September 4, 2025, at St Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 821 B Street, St. Albans, with Rev. Jame Mosley, Rev. Andrew McDavid, and Rev. Willie Washington officiating. Burial will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans, alongside Eppie.

The Family will receive Friends from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm before the service at the church.

In place of flowers, the family suggests donations to the American Stroke Association in Memory of John Andrew Boles Jr., American Heart Association, c/o West Virginia Division 4217 Park Place Ct. Glen Allen, VA 23060.

You may visit John's tribute page at BartlettNichols.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Boles family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

SEP 4. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
821 "B" Street
St. Albans, WV 25177

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

KK

“ I worked for John at DHHR and he was absolutely the best boss that I ever had. He was also a wonderful friend, and mentor. He always encouraged me in my career, education, and life in general. He was most definitely one the best people that I have ever known. Always laughing and very kind. He will be greatly missed by all and my condolences to JD and the rest of his family.

Kim Kidd - December 24, 2025 at 01:05 PM

TL

“ I was sad to learn of John’s passing. I worked with and for John during our time together with the DHHR. I always admired his love for his family, enjoyed his sense of humor, admired his love for the State of West Virginia, but most important, respected him as a wonderful human being. He made the world a better place.

Tom Llewellyn - September 03, 2025 at 12:00 PM

PJ

“ John was my boss at DHHR I was his secretary he was the best man in all ways. He was such a great person he will be missed by all who knew him. Prayers for all the Family.

Pamela James - September 03, 2025 at 10:40 AM

JG

“ Johnny and I started school together in 1954 at Thomas Jefferson Jr Hi and graduated from Charleston High in 1961. He had an athletic jacket in Jr Hi that said "Baby Boles" but he was a big guy. He attended many of our reunions and it was always good to catch up with him.

I knew his mother for years and she was so proud of him.

A life well lived and cherish his memories.

Jay Goldman

Jay Goldman - September 03, 2025 at 09:36 AM

CW

“ *To the Boles Family.*

I worked with John for many, many years at DHHR. I never heard a bad word about him or FROM him. He tickled my funny bone each and every time I had the pleasure of talking with him. (Such a sweet, funny fella.)

I felt him to be a dear friend who always looked out for others' best interests and the 'underdogs'. He had the best of personalities. I am so very sad to read of his passing. I just can't think of the right words and ENOUGH good words to say of John. I'm sure numerous people will miss him terribly.

Cookie Woolcock

Cookie Woolcock - September 02, 2025 at 11:08 PM

DG

“ I have such fond memories of John & Eppie and JD. My son, Travis Rinehart, played ball under John's coaching (go Red Raiders). My daughter, Kami, is JD's age & she cheered for their Jr. teams several years. I was team mom & league president while John coached the kids and I spent many hours in the bleachers watching games and in the concession stand selling those famous St. Albans East hot dogs with Eppie. Midget football, basketball & baseball - year around! They have always been truly good people who I greatly respected. They didn't miss games and were so supportive and fun. I'm so sorry about John and I have the family in my prayers. Sending good thoughts your way.

You will remember me as Dee Jones.

*Kind thoughts to the family,
Dee Gibson*

Dee (Jones) Casebolt Gibson - September 02, 2025 at 05:55 PM

LS

“ John was a dear, sweet, funny guy. Prayers for his family.



Linda Shaffer - September 02, 2025 at 03:48 PM