



## John Edward Downing Sr.

May 7, 1944 - March 19, 2020

John Edward Downing, Sr. of Ahoskie, NC departed this life on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at Vidant Roanoke Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie, NC. A native of New York, he was born on May 7, 1944 to the late John Henry Downing and Bernice Saunders Downing.

He retired from Home Depot as a salesman.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his devoted wife, Hazel Williams Downing of the home; (3) sons, John Edward Downing, Jr. of Ahoskie, NC, Tracy Downing (Brenda) of Newark, NJ and Michael Williams (Helena) of Ahoskie, NC; (6) sisters; Maxine Rankins of Hexlena, NC, Gladys Saulsbury of Powellsville, NC, Rosa Battle of Windsor, NC, Marion Swain (Jerry) of Colerain, NC, Gladys Lane and Viola Cherry (Moses) of Perrytown, NC; (3) brothers; Larry Saulsbury of Como, NC, Johnnie Saulsbury (Rhonda) of Greenville, NC and Ronald Saulsbury of Harrellsville, NC; (3) grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Piney Wood Chapel Baptist Church  
2529 US 13 HighwayN  
Ahoskie, NC 27910

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Marilyn Chavis-Watford lit a candle in memory of John Edward Downing Sr.* ”



Marilyn Chavis-Watford - March 27, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Edward Downing Sr..* ”



March 26, 2020 at 07:32 AM

GL

“ *Gladys Lane lit a candle in memory of John Edward Downing Sr.* ”



Gladys Lane - March 26, 2020 at 02:07 AM

VB

“ *Condolences to the family. Hazel I am truly sorry for your loss.* ”



Viola Benthall - March 25, 2020 at 10:16 PM

CW

“ Clarice White lit a candle in memory of John Edward Downing Sr.



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**Clarice White** - March 25, 2020 at 10:31 AM

WI

“ You will be missed "Popcorn".....we will remember the good times and hold on to all the fun memories. You fought a good fight, take your rest my friend!

*Williams-Chamblee Family  
Powellsville, NC*

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**Williams** - March 24, 2020 at 04:31 PM

JM

“ Juanita Manley lit a candle in memory of John Edward Downing Sr.



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**Juanita Manley** - March 24, 2020 at 04:00 PM

EW

“ Ella L Watford lit a candle in memory of John Edward Downing Sr.



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**Ella L Watford** - March 22, 2020 at 08:42 PM

SA

“ *SAMorning lit a candle in memory of John Edward Downing Sr.*



**SAMorning** - March 22, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ *Marion Moore lit a candle in memory of John Edward Downing Sr.*



**Marion Moore** - March 20, 2020 at 11:20 PM



“ *Marion Moore lit a candle in memory of John Edward Downing Sr.*



**Marion Moore** - March 20, 2020 at 11:20 PM

FL

“ *Frieda Lassiter lit a candle in memory of John Edward Downing Sr.*



**Frieda Lassiter** - March 20, 2020 at 09:46 PM