



Mr. John E. Friend Jr

October 11, 1943 - October 1, 2025

John E. Friend Jr., 81, of Lincoln, AL passed away at home on October 1, 2025, surrounded by his family.

He was born on October 11, 1943, in Washington, D.C., and was raised in Kingwood, WV.

John was preceded in death by his parents, John E. Friend Sr. and Florence Linthicum Gidly; his sisters, Linda Keefee and Pamela L. Friend; his brother, Charles Friend; and his grandchildren, Corinne Eaton and Sierra Wick.

He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy McFadden Friend; stepson Vernon L. Gray; children Ed Gray, Jane Wick, and Jason Gray; sisters Vikki Helms and Debb Layton; as well as several nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

John was a graduate of Kingwood High School and a proud member of the Army National Guard. He retired from MTD in Grafton, OH, and Nicholson Manufacturing in Pell City, AL.

Per his wishes, John was cremated with no formal funeral services. His final resting place will be in Terra Alta, WV.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.