



John Read Cardwell Jr

March 2, 1935 - November 1, 2018

“Sunny” passed away peacefully at the Lexington VA Community Living Center on Thursday, November 1, 2018. His life will be celebrated at a memorial service at Bridgeport Christian Church on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Keith McAliley and Rev. Philip W. Case officiating. Visitation will be at the Church from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. service time on Saturday.

Born March 2, 1935, to John Read, Sr. and Virginia Pierce Cardwell. He is survived by siblings Louise (Russell) Baldwin, Carroll (Shirley) Cardwell, and Nina Sue (Doug) Rice.

Sunny was the widower of Catherine Fint Cardwell and is survived by three children: Debbie, Diana (Steve) Fry and Joshua (Sarina); seven grandchildren: Amin (Doug) Florian Anderson, Charli (Jordan) Fry Hensley, Drew Fry, Tara, Amber, Emma and Jon Read; three great-grandchildren: Elisha, Alei and Kaili Anderson; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Sunny was a 1954 graduate of Bridgeport High School. He then served in the Army stationed in Germany. He married Catherine Fint in 1958, and in 1967 the family moved to Florida where he worked as a plumber for the City of Miami Beach. He moved back to Frankfort in 1977 and purchased “Cardwell’s Grocery” in downtown Bridgeport. Even after the store closed people would bring country hams for Sunny to cook for their holiday meals.

Sunny drove a school bus for the Franklin County School system for many years, and later drove buses for Miller Transportation and Frankfort Active

Day Center. He was the “plumbing guy” at Yagel’s Hardware for nearly a decade, and also worked in the warehouse at Art’s Electric.

With his retirement from Frankfort Active Day in 2016, he had more time to spend working around his home and yard, and no one loved to mow a yard more than Sunny Cardwell.

He treasured the time he spent with Gladys Hutcherson and looked forward to their annual trip to Sarasota, Florida each winter.

The family extends their deep appreciation to the Lexington VA Hospital and VA Community Living Center, which provided Sunny with excellent and compassionate care. Donations may be made in his honor to Bridgeport Christian Church or the Franklin County Senior Activity Center.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Read Cardwell Jr*

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“ *Prayers for Josh, Diane and Debbie and the grandkids. Sunny was a good man and he was very good to my daddy.He will be missed*

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