



John William Semones

August 22, 1937 - January 9, 2026

Frankfort – John William Semones, age 88, passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026. Services will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Friday, January 16, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Rick White officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. with Masonic Rites at 12:30 p.m. on Friday. Open lodge will begin at 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Semones was born in Frankfort on August 22, 1937, to the late John Lorenzie Semones and Martina Wright Semones. He retired from Jim Beam Distillery. Mr. Semones was a member of the First Baptist Church on St. Clair, Franklin County Sportsman's Club, Elks Lodge No. 530, and Hiram Lodge No. 4 F&AM.

He is survived by his wife, Jane A. Hedges Semones; sons, David Semones (Tammy), Perry Semones (Cindy), Terry Semones (Sophia), Jim Mitchell (Missy), and daughters, Julie L. Sullivan, Ginny Cox, and Mary Jane Sullivan. He was also blessed with seventeen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Perry Semones, Terry Semones, David Semones, Alex Semones, Robert Alan Semones, and Russ Wright. The Honorary Pallbearer will be Jim Mitchell.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Hiram Lodge #4 F&AM or First Baptist Church Medical Center.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road
Versailles, KY

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-4526
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

Masonic Rites

JAN 16. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TE

“ *Mr. Semones was a fine man, as I remember him. Was our baseball coach waaaaay back in pee wee league. Anytime I'd see him in public through the years, he always had a kind word. I know Perry, Terry & Julie & am so very sorry for your loss!* ”

Tom Edwards - February 09 at 04:41 AM

MC

“ *So sorry on lost of your Dad. He raised a very nice family. He will be truly missed. John and Marlene* ”

Marlene Conlin - January 16 at 04:29 PM

KB

“ *Loved John. I was best friends with Julie growing up and we gave him a hard way to go. We broke his quiet demeanor on several occasions, but I respected him and he was very kind to me. Sorry for your loss!* ”

Kim Bailey - January 16 at 11:59 AM

SD

“ *Our sympathy. Prayers for Jane and the family. Always enjoyed talking with John - just a fine gentleman.* ”

Steve Dooley - January 15 at 07:20 PM

TT

“ *Tammie Tunnell lit a candle in memory of John William Semones*



Tammie Tunnell - January 15 at 09:37 AM

JM

“ *Perry, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Prayers for you and your family. Joe & Janie*

Joseph Manley - January 14 at 09:06 AM

DB

“ *So very sorry for your loss. John worked with me during the Legislative Session for several years. He was a very special man. He will surely be missed. I am so sorry Jane 🙏🙏🙏 Prayers for the family 🙏🙏🙏*

Deborah Beirne - January 13 at 08:17 PM

MW

“ *Terry, Sophia, Alex, Ariana, and family, please accept my condolences for the loss of your father. I am unable to attend Friday, but will say a prayer and be thinking about you at that time.*



MaryLinda

MaryLinda Wells - January 13 at 02:28 PM

YF

“ Your Developmental Branch Family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of John William Semones.



Your Developmental Branch Family - January 13 at 01:43 PM

RB

“ So sorry to see this , we enjoyed meeting you when moving in the neighborhood . WE enjoyed seeing them and waving as they passed by. His wife was a wonderful caregiver . I later found out John had known my Mom and Dad for years and all his neighbors at the end of the street on their end also knew them... it's such a small world. Prayers to his family and friends.



Ron & Denise Burke - January 12 at 06:18 PM

CO

“ Connie lit a candle in memory of John William Semones



connie - January 12 at 05:49 PM

CO

Helge and I are praying for family 🙏🙏

connie - January 12 at 05:50 PM

JJ

My Dad and Mr. Semones were friends at Elkhorn School and he was my boss at National Distilleries. Better men were never made.

James Tracy Jr. - January 13 at 11:40 AM