



Jack "Straw" Fortner

April 27, 1950 - July 14, 2025

Jack "Straw" Fortner, 75, of Jonesville, passed away on Monday, July 14, 2025, at Holston Valley Hospital.

He was born on April 27, 1950 to the late Estle and Bertha (Carter) Fortner. He was saved as a teenager attending Chances Chapel Church and later Mt. Olivet Church.

Jack was a proud Veteran, having served his country for 5 years in the U.S. Army and National Guard, finishing his service as an E6-Staff Sergeant. He loved his country like none other, always crying during the National Anthem. He was a retired coal truck driver for over 50 years. He loved to spend time with his friends and family telling Army, trucking and other stories he had. He was also a very good and competitive Rook player. He loved going to black lung therapy to socialize and aggravate the nurses, which became like family to him. He had a nickname for almost everyone, that's how you knew he thought a lot of you.

His grandkids were the light of his life. He taught them all the groundhog song, that they all can still sing today.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Bobbie Jo, Jess and Pat Fortner; his son, Shad Wilder; and a brother-in-law, Ronald

Eldridge.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Janie Fortner; children, Allen (Misty) Fortner, Amy (Randy) Hammonds, Marie (Floyd) Byington, Athiena Wilder and Joshua Wilder; grandchildren, Amber Fortner, Curtis (Lanie) Fortner, Bradley (Alexis) Hammonds, Brayden Hammonds, Presley Hammonds, Abigail Reardon, Chancellor Wilder, Haylee Wilder, Skylar Garrett, McKay Wilder, Harley Wilder, Shyla Wilder, Malki Wilder, Lillie Wilder, Brynnleigh Davis and Willow Aldridge; great-grandchildren, Arthur Fortner, Preston, Kiser, Kason, Braylix, Sophie, Aislee, Andrea, Ky and Weston; siblings, Margaret (Maurice) Clouse, Charles Fortner and Louise Pendleton; brothers and sisters-in-law, Barbara Fortner, Larry, Lynn, Benny, Lonnie, Bobby, Jean, Judy, Janice and Joyce; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

The family would like to thank Holston Valley Hospital, Stone Mountain Health Services and New Beginnings Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, at Robinette Funeral Home in Jonesville. The funeral service will begin at 8:00 p.m. with Josh Leonard officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 18, at Lee Memorial Gardens in Woodway. Everyone is asked to meet at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. to travel in procession to the cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Curtis Fortner, Bradley Hammonds, Brayden Hammonds, Floyd Byington, Randy Hammonds and Dink Willis.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting, www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com. Robinette Funeral Home of Jonesville is serving the Fortner family.

Cemetery Details

Lee Memorial Gardens

1986 Hickory Cir Rd
Pennington Gap, VA 24277
(276) 546-2523

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Jonesville)
146 Maple Drive
P.O. Box 238
Jonesville, VA 24263
(276) 346-1196

Funeral Service

JUL 17. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TO

“ Worked with Jack" Straw" for about 10 years at Gem-Stone Coal, he was a good man, and a good driver. He would pull 5 loads day from Jones Creek Ky to a tippie in Purcell, that's a long day. He would come in with a joke or something to keep you on your toes. I hadn't seen Jack in quite a few years, but he was my friend and I am sorry for his families loss.

Tony - September 28, 2025 at 12:24 PM

SH

“ Thinking of all the family during this sad time.

sammie and Bob Horton - July 19, 2025 at 08:28 PM

DN

“ We are so sorry to hear about Jack we loved him he was a great friend sending you guys lots of hugs and love Doug & Debbie Napier



Debbie Napier - July 17, 2025 at 06:34 PM



“ 75 files added to the album LifeTributes



Robinette Funeral Homes - July 17, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ Tabor purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jack "Straw" Fortner.



Tabor - July 17, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ So sorry for your loss prayers

Brenda Dye - July 17, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ Mark Fortner lit a candle in memory of Jack "Straw" Fortner



mark Fortner - July 16, 2025 at 10:58 PM

JD

“ Jon, Stacy & family, Archie & Debbie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jack "Straw" Fortner.



Jon, Stacy & family, Archie & Debbie - July 16, 2025 at 07:35 PM

SB

“ Shelia Belcher lit a candle in memory of Jack "Straw" Fortner



Shelia Belcher - July 16, 2025 at 03:12 PM

TM

“ Tony & Tonya Morelock lit a candle in memory of Jack "Straw" Fortner



Tony & Tonya Morelock - July 16, 2025 at 11:53 AM

CF

“ Charles Fortner purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Jack "Straw" Fortner.



Charles Fortner - July 16, 2025 at 10:37 AM

CF

“ Charles Fortner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jack "Straw" Fortner.

Charles Fortner - July 16, 2025 at 10:37 AM

RD

“ I loved taking care of him and listening to him tell me stories about my husband's family. He will be greatly missed. He was such a sweet and kind man.



Rachel Dean - July 16, 2025 at 07:05 AM

RH

“ Amy, Randy, & Family- So very sorry for your loss. Prayers and comfort for you all. Jack was a sweet man. He will be missed dearly.



Rikki Hammonds-Smith - July 16, 2025 at 07:04 AM

JW

“ Julia Wyrick lit a candle in memory of Jack "Straw" Fortner



Julia Wyrick - July 16, 2025 at 07:03 AM