



## John Robert Hatley Jr.

July 11, 1953 - December 4, 2018

John Robert Hatley, Jr., 65, of Spencer, passed away Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at his home.

Born July 11, 1953 in Salisbury, he was the son of the late Sarah Inez Chunn Hatley and John Robert Hatley, Sr.

Mr. Hatley was educated in the Spencer schools, graduated from North Rowan High School where he played Saxophone in the Marching Band, and graduated from Catawba College.

He was employed by Rowan Precision Machinery, Granite Quarry and was a security guard at Freightliner, Cleveland Plant.

Mr. Hatley was a member of Central United Methodist Church, Spence, he was active with the Spencer Masonic Lodge #543, A. F. & A. M. where he was serving as Secretary and held other offices including serving as Master in 1990 and 2001, and the Spencer Eastern Star #31 where he was a Past Patron and held other offices. He organized the "Back to School Pool Party" at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford for 17 years.

Those left to cherish his memory are his aunts, Betty Jean Chunn and Nelda Chunn of Salisbury, and 4 cousins.

A Memorial Service will be conducted at 3 PM Friday at Summersett Memorial Chapel with Rev. David L. Spry officiating. There will be a private family graveside service.

The family will receive friends following the Memorial Service.

Memorials may be made to the Masonic Children's Home at Oxford, 600 College Street, Oxford, NC 27565.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Hatley family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ I remember John as an active adult leader in the Boy Scouts involved in the Order of the Arrow. He was a good volunteer and helped in any way he could.

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**David Jones** - March 21, 2019 at 02:43 PM

PL

“ Johnny was a dear friend of ours ever since we moved one house up from him 8 years ago. We learned to love a kind and helpful man. He was always coming up to help us with yard work and any other thing we needed fixed. We enjoyed our trips to the fish camp and Cracker Barrel. We have truly lost a good friend. Sylvia and Patsy



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**Patsy and Ivia** - December 08, 2018 at 12:12 PM

AK

“ I met John Hatley through the Spencer Masonic Lodge while working several years with him on the Eastern Star and Masonic projects. Johnny was totally dedicated to both organizations and donated many hours to their success. He will be greatly missed. May his family, friends, and co-workers find peace and comfort in the memories he left for us.  
God bless

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**Ann Keith** - December 06, 2018 at 02:35 PM

JF

“ Johnny lived across the street from us. It is with heavy hearts that we send our thoughts and prayers to the family. He was always ready to share flower seeds or watch the house when we were out of town. I don't know how the Town of Spencer will find someone willing to give the amount of time and effort that he gave to make this place a better place to live.



If you had a problem and didn't know who to talk to for a solution, he did. He cared for our town, our country and his fur babies. He will be missed by so many.

Joanne and Bill French

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Joanne French - December 06, 2018 at 01:02 PM

RF

“ I have fond memories of sharing classes with Johnny @ North Rowan High School, especially when we were a Freshman and Sophomores, and we were in band together. Years later we reconnected closer through the use of Facebook. I especially enjoyed our class reunions, and occasional class breakfasts where Johnny and other Masonic members cooked for us to raise money for the Children's Home in Oxford, NC. He was indeed a nice guy, with a huge heart, that I had the pleasure of calling my friend. RIP buddy!

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Rick Fesperman - December 06, 2018 at 09:01 AM