



John Lewis Rusher III

March 16, 1954 - March 11, 2025

John Lewis Rusher III, 70, of Denton, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of March 11, 2025 after a courageous battle with Glioblastoma, brain cancer.

John was born on March 16, 1954 in Rock Hill, SC and was the son of the late John Lewis Rusher Jr. and Rachel Pickler Rusher. He is also predeceased by his beloved wife, Robbie L. Rusher.

John grew up in Charlotte, NC, attending Mecklenburg County Schools, where he played golf, football, and saxophone (proud member of the North Mecklenburg Blue Notes). Afterward, he attended UNC Chapel Hill and earned his BS in Industrial Relations. Following graduation in 1976, he accepted a marketing and sales job that led him to travel all over North America. During this time, he met the love of his life, Robbie. John and Robbie wed in the winter of 1983 and in 1985 had their daughter, Savannah.

John and Robbie lived in Indiana, along the coasts of Florida and South Carolina before happily retiring on High Rock Lake in Denton, NC. John truly loved being on the water, boating and fishing. When he wasn't hitting a golf ball, his happy place was with his family.

John was an incredible father, friend, entrepreneur and compassionate

caregiver to his wife until her death from Alzheimer's in July 2024. He committed fully to everything he did and everyone he connected with. He was often the glue that brought everyone together. We will greatly miss his handsome smirk and kind heart.

Left to cherish his memory is his daughter, Savannah Rusher; brothers, Jeff Rusher, Joey Rusher; sister, Bonnie Tinsley.

Sincere gratitude for everyone who helped John and our family through this difficult year. We couldn't have done it without the compassion and support of Home Instead, Hospice of Davidson County, Brain Tumor Network and our family, friends, and neighbors. Endless love and appreciation to his sister, Bonnie Tinsley.

A celebration of both John and Robbie's lives will be held Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Summersett Funeral Home. A visitation will take place at 1pm and a memorial service will follow at 2pm. A private interment will occur at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to the Larry K. Phillips Scholarship Fund:

ASU Foundation, Inc.
Lawrence "Larry" Phillips Scholarship
Advancement Services
Appalachian State University
Box 3214
Boone, NC 28608-2014

Or to the Hospice organization of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

MAR **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Lewis Rusher III.

March 20, 2025 at 10:29 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Lewis Rusher III.



March 20, 2025 at 10:29 PM



“ The Mitchell Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Lewis Rusher III.



The Mitchell Family - March 20, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ Ryan M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Lewis Rusher III.

Ryan M. - March 20, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ Savannah, We are so sorry for your loss of both John and Robbie in such a short period of time. I will forever cherish the 20 years I had of working with John at Brandon Advertising and the incredible impact he had on my career in hospitality. God Bless your family, and I pray your many memories give you comfort at this difficult time. Kathi & Terry Grace, Pawleys Island SC

Kathi Grace - March 20, 2025 at 12:15 PM

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“ Ann, Scott and Kati Whiteside purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of John Lewis Rusher III.



Ann, Scott and Kati Whiteside - March 20, 2025 at 11:48 AM

AT

“ Andy Thomas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Lewis Rusher III.

Andy Thomas - March 19, 2025 at 10:58 AM

AT

“ Andy Thomas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Lewis Rusher III.



Andy Thomas - March 19, 2025 at 10:58 AM

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“ Pat & Brenda Hill, Murrells Inlet/Tampa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Lewis Rusher III.

Pat & Brenda Hill, Murrells Inlet/Tampa - March 19, 2025 at 10:04 AM

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“ Pat & Brenda Hill, Murrells Inlet/Tampa purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of John Lewis Rusher III.



Pat & Brenda Hill, Murrells Inlet/Tampa - March 19, 2025 at 10:04 AM

MD

“ Savannah, I am so very sorry to hear about your father's passing. I just read about your mom as well. I have so many wonderful memories of them both. Prayers and much love for the days and weeks ahead. Missy Davisson

Missy Davisson - March 17, 2025 at 11:18 AM

BH

“ 11 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Brenda Henderson - March 15, 2025 at 11:03 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center - March 15, 2025 at 08:28 AM