



## Johnny Clifford Wallen

November 22, 1932 - April 18, 2020

Johnny C. Wallen, 87, of Wildwood, GA, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at his residence.

A native and lifelong resident of Wildwood, Mr. Wallen was a graduate of Dade County High School and was a member and deacon of New England Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Air Force where he obtained the rank of Staff Sargent and retired as an ironworker and member of the Ironworkers Union #704. Johnny was a member of the Trenton Masonic Lodge #179 F&AM, the Alhambra Shrine, and musician's local #80. He also served a vice-president & board of director for the Dade County Historical Society and the Dade County Industrial Development Committee. Johnny loved his farm and his family and was preceded in death by his parents, Pete & Gertie Smith Wallen.

Survivors include his loving wife of 65 years, Virginia Blevins Wallen; daughters, Alice (Terry) Sutphin and Sandra (George) Reed; grandchildren, Joshua (Amy) Reed, Kane (Emily) Sutphin, & Alice Nicole Reed; great-granddaughter, Virginia Claire Reed; sisters, Elizabeth (Lib) Street & Ruth Moore; several nieces & nephews.

Mr. Wallen will be laid to rest at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy may be share at [ryanfuneralhome.net](http://ryanfuneralhome.net).

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to New England Baptist Church.

Arrangements are by Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory, Trenton, GA.

# Cemetery Details

## Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave  
Chattanooga, TN 37404

# Tribute Wall



“ *Johnny Clifford Wallen*

October 09, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *So very sorry to learn of Johnny's passing. What a great guy. We remember fondly the years (as we were growing up) hearing our parents talk about Johnny & Ginger & the Girls and our times spent together. Daddy thought so highly of Johnny, as they were Ironworker buddies for years. Then we have the "Blevins Connection" (Ginger) which weighs greatly in our memories too.*



*Probably the last time we were all together was at a 4th of July Music "Conflab" at New England in the mid-80s (pictures available upon request!)*

*Although we married and moved away our fond memories of years of friendship are NEVER far away.*

*It has been too long since seeing all of you. Hugs to each of you and prayers for God's peace & comfort to enfold you at this time. We love you.*

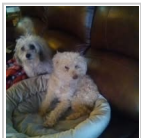
*The Quinton Girls  
Dirinda & Vivica*

Vivica Quinton Poole - April 22, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ *So very sad to learn of Johnny's passing. He was such a special guy and he will be missed by many. Nancy Lynch*

Nancy Lynch - April 22, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *Sandra and Alice, I'm so sorry for the loss of your Dad. He and your mother must be exceptional people to have raised two fine daughters. You both are some of the kindest sweetest people I've ever met. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Debbie Broom*

Debbie Broom - April 21, 2020 at 10:45 PM

TL

*So sorry to hear of Johnny's passing. Thoughts and prayers are with you*

**Tim Lynch** - April 24, 2020 at 11:30 AM

JC

*“Gin, I am so sorry for your loss and I know he will be greatly missed. Shortly after I started work in the office at L-704, Johnny filled in as Business Agent several times. He was such a great person. Enjoyed talking about music with him. I shared a story about a mandolin I sold and cried for days. When I finished Johnny looked at me and said "Janet I hate to tell you but I have that mandolin." We had a good laugh.. So glad he ended up with it.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and family during this time.*

*Jeanette Chance*

**Jeanette Chance** - April 21, 2020 at 08:40 PM

GP

*“A good man and an exceptional Ironworker that I had the honor to know. Blessings to his family.*

**Gary Price** - April 21, 2020 at 06:38 PM



*“A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Johnny Clifford Wallen.*



April 21, 2020 at 04:58 PM

LM

*“Alice and Sandra, I was so sorry to hear about your Dad. My Dad passed away the very same night and I was sitting outside the office at the funeral home waiting to make arrangements when the two of you were there but I had no idea until you left that it was ya'll because I didn't see you leave. My heart goes out to you. It's hard when us girls lose our Daddys. You'll be in my prayers. Love and hugs to you both. Lisa Downer Murphy.*

**Lisa Downer Murphy** - April 21, 2020 at 02:26 PM

JC

“ Was great guy to have known and be around whether we talked about farming. square dancing. or just shooting the breeze. Very special person and a great family. Thoughts and prayers to a wonderful wife and two great girls!!! 🤔🤔🤔

John & Linda Case - April 21, 2020 at 07:43 AM

PP

“ Condolences from Charles (Ediie) and Pam Pittman

Pamela Pittman - April 21, 2020 at 05:16 AM

MW

“ Oh how I will miss my political conversations with Johnny, he was so strong in his beliefs and always had a funny joke. RIP. Monda Wooten

monda wooten - April 21, 2020 at 01:05 AM

HD

“ Jenn and family, I want u to know what a joy it was to work with Johnny during voting election years; he was always so cheerful and made our long day better. So So Sorry this has happened. I know what you are going through, may God be with you.

Your friend,  
Hazel Doyle



Hazel Doyle - April 20, 2020 at 10:06 PM



“ Alice, Sandra and family, I am sorry for your loss, prayers for you and your family.

Michael Gearrin - April 20, 2020 at 06:53 PM

DH

“ Don and I are so heartbroken about the loss of Johnny. He was absolutely one of the kindest people I grew up (with the girl's) knowing .He and Gin and the girls have been prime examples of so much love in that family. Our heartfelt love and prayers go out to each of you at this most difficult time in your lives. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️ !!!

Don and Dorothy Hicks - April 20, 2020 at 06:05 PM

TW

“ Jimmy and Tammy Williams



Tammy Williams - April 20, 2020 at 11:04 AM

EJ

“ Johnny was a deacon at New England Baptist Church and was faithful in his leadership role in the church. As his health declined he could not attend as regularly as he wanted. Johnny will be missed by his family and his church family. I had the tremendous privilege to be his interim pastor for the past four months.  
Dr. Edgar L. Johnson

Edgar Johnson - April 19, 2020 at 04:19 PM

ML

Johnny enriched lives and defined the term “role model”. I share the feeling of loss with the family. He and the entire family are special people. I love you guys.  
Mike Lawson

mike lawson - April 21, 2020 at 09:43 PM

RW

Always so special and friendly. Will be dearly missed. My condolences to you all.  
Rosemary healer

rosemary wheeler - April 22, 2020 at 06:39 PM