



## John Alan May

January 11, 1953 - December 15, 2025

John Alan May, 72, of West Liberty, Kentucky, passed away Monday, December 15, 2025, at Cabell Huntington Hospital. He was born January 11, 1953, in West Liberty, Kentucky, the son of the late Hobert May and Imogene “Jean” Nickell May. John was a lifelong entrepreneur whose career reflected both innovation and community service. He worked for Campton Electronics and later owned two Radio Shack locations in West Liberty and Paintsville, Kentucky. He was also the owner of Laser Perfect and John’s Restaurant. During his college years, John worked as a DJ for WEKU Radio Station and later continued his broadcasting work as a DJ at WLKY Radio Station in West Liberty. And more than a DJ, he was a radio announcer. He was a licensed amateur radio (HAM) operator, call sign WA4BKX, an avid outdoorsman, and greatly enjoyed woodworking and refinishing projects. John was a former member of First Baptist Church in West Liberty, served as a West Liberty City Councilman, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge in West Liberty. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Linda June Gilliam May; his daughter, Lindsay Ann May Howard; and his son-in-law, Dexter Arman. He is survived by his daughter, Lisa Dawn May Arman of Boynton Beach, Florida; two granddaughters, Emma Lindsay Arman and Eva Linda Arman, also of Boynton Beach, Florida; and his fiancée and special friend, Betty Elliott Sparks of West Liberty, Kentucky many cousins and a host of friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date in West Liberty, Kentucky. Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services, 1592 E.

Pea Ridge Road, Huntington, West Virginia, near Barboursville, is caring for the family. Online condolences may be shared with the family by visiting at [www.hensonandkitchen.com](http://www.hensonandkitchen.com)

# Tribute Wall

PI

“ He actually worked at WLKS in West Liberty. He and my dad were great friends and fellow hams. I always enjoyed seeing John when I could. It had been many years since I got to spend any time with him, and I really wish I'd gotten to see him again. 73's and godspeed, my friend.

Paul Lyons II - December 26, 2025 at 08:37 PM

LM

“ John Alan was part of the Glen Avenue bunch. There were lots of boys that lived on that street and we played every day on that street and rode bicycles and the swimming pool was right there.! we had lots of bicycle races and we were just being boys And growing up, we had a blast? Lynn McClain

Lynn McClain - December 19, 2025 at 12:39 AM

LA

Lynn, I think I found your old baseball glove while in Kentucky this past week. Thank you for letting us in to younger times in his life.

Lisa Arman - March 20 at 01:51 PM

JS

“ John was always so helpful when he had his business, Radio Shack, in West Liberty. He will be greatly missed. Prayers to his family and friends.

John & Barbara Stacy - December 18, 2025 at 08:20 PM

RB

“ *John and his wife Linda was my boss when they ran John's restaurant in West liberty.they were the best people to work for.he will be missed.*

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**Rose Barker Bailey** - December 18, 2025 at 08:08 PM