



## John G. Lawless Obituary

October 20, 1927 - May 23, 2009

Originally a native of Iowa, Jack and Shirley his wife of nearly 59 years moved to Albany in 1968 with Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. After the plant closed, he owned and operated Palmyra Laundry for several years before "retiring". His days were filled with his volunteer work with Porterfield Church, Kiwanis, Phoebe Putney Hospital, and Meal on Wheels. "Leisure" time was spent on various projects at the homes of his children or in the flower gardens at his home. A self-described life-long "putterer", he enjoyed working on lawnmowers, irrigation systems for the gardens, and whatever projects his children or grandchildren brought him. He is survived by his wife Shirley; his sons Chris and wife Jeanne Lawless of Leesburg and Leonard and wife Nancy Lawless of Albany; his daughter Joy and husband Phil Chapman of Atlanta; and six grandchildren Brian and wife Kelly, Wade, Caroline, Jessica, Brooks, and Dylan. He also has one surviving brother, Don and wife Jan Lawless of Washington, Iowa.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John G. Lawless Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *John was so full of life with so much personality. He was part of our Firestone team and will not be forgotten.*

**Winona Greenway** - July 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I used to be a newspaper carrier. Mr. Lawless was one of my customers. He was such a nice friendly man. I was sad to hear that he had passed.*

**Betty Rehberg** - June 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lawless Family,  
I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to your family in the loss of your husband and father.  
Sincerely,  
Sharon Pullins  
Georgia Visitor Center  
Columbus, Ga.*

**Sharon Pullins** - May 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Leonard, Nancy, and Lawless Family,  
I just learned of Mr. Lawless' passing and I am deeply sorry. I know he will be sorely missed by so many but most of all his family. It is obvious from the write up on his life that he was a kind and loving man who gave his time and talents to taking care of both family and strangers. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Peace be with you.

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**Joyce Holloway Stone** - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Shirley,  
Just wanted you to know I was thinking of you. May God Bless you all.

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**Ann (Rosser) Morton** - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ My family and I are praying for you and your family.  
  
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**Varinia Sellers** - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ leonard,nancey and family. just wanted to let you know that we are thinking about you at this time. may god bless you.

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**linda and howard wilson** - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ We extend our sympathies in the this time of sorrow. It was just a couple of weeks ago that we saw several of the family at Sunset Grill and you were all laughing and having a good time. God is so good to have given us the gift of memories and we are sure you have many to cherish. God bless you, Robert and Linda Wells

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**Robert and Linda Wells** - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ He was a great friend and supervisor for Cass at Firestone. We talked at length about our children. Jeane, Chris' wife was our friend from Mercedes when she was growing up (The Reynolds family)We have many good memories of she and her family. The last time we saw Jeane and Chris was at Capt. D's in Albany. You all have our sympathy and love. We are living in Americus at Magnolia Manor now and have been since Feb. 2008.

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**Cass & Novella Spell** - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Your family is in our prayers and you have our deepest sympathy. If you ever need us, we're just a phone call away.

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**Al & Sonja Ricks** - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ I only knew Jack from Cardiac Rehab but I can assure you that he made a positive impact on all he met.He will be sorely missed and I will feel a void when I go there. My prayers are with you all at this very difficult time.

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**Nick Gergen** - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ We are so saddened to hear of Jack's passing. He was such a wonderful and loving person, and we will miss his laughter very much. Please let us know if we can be of any help in any way.

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**Saadi and Roseanna Almaee** - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Dear Mrs. Lawless and Family,  
I would like to express my deepest sympathy in the passing of your husband and father. I know that he was deeply loved by many and will be missed by all. From reading about him, I could tell his was a life well lived. May God comfort all of you and bring you peace in the difficult days ahead.

sincerely,

Peggy Rogers

Georgia Visitor Center

Columbus, Ga.

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**Peggy Rogers** - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Leonard, I see that your father has left us. It's been some time since we've seen each other. I wanted to let ya know that my thoughts are around your families sorrow at this time. You are fortunate that your dad was in your life for this long. Some of us have not been gifted with the dad and grandpa we would have liked our kids to have known. I remember your dad from our bike riding days as kids after school. Saying he was one of the good ones is terribly lacking. I remember him being a concerned parent for his kids. I apologize for having to miss visitation to see you in person, but I wanted you and the family to know my thoughts are with you. Your "Ole Stick"  
Randy...

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**Randy Simpson** - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ Prayers are being offered for you all. There are so many fond memories connected with "Big John".

Love to you,  
Eve

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**Eve Johnson** - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Mrs. Shirley Lawless,  
My Heart goes to you and your family. Deepest Sympathy.  
Earths Lost Is Heaven Gain  
Karen Waters

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**Karen Waters** - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Lawless Family,

You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. Know that  
GOD has you in his hand and knows your pain.

With deepest sympathy,  
Mitzi Richards

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**Mitzi Richards** - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Hello Leonard, It`s been some time since we`ve been in contact. I saw today that your dad has left us. I wanted to contact you and let you know my sympathy and best wishes are with you and your family. I have been out of relations for the most part with my dad since he left my mom(and his family) back in `81, so you are blessed to have had him in your life til now. I remember him from our jaunts after school when we were kids. I would see you at the visitation, but I will be out of town Tues thru Sat. I will have you and your family in my thoughts this week. Your "Ole Stick" Randy...

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**Randy Simpson** - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Our love and prayers are with all of you. He will sorely be missed...and his passing leaves a hole in my heart. I have so many wonderful memories of being with the Lawless family...I love you all.

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**Bob and Judy (Hutt) Thomas** - May 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ The Albany ThermaCare Plant of Wyeth Consumer Healthcare extends its heart-felt condolences. May God keep you all and provide the comfort only He is able to give.

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**Wyeth Consumer Healthcare - Albany ThermaCare Plan** - May 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM