



## John R. Townsend Jr.

June 19, 1961 - May 1, 2026

John Robert “Too Tall” Townsend, Jr., 65, of Morgantown, passed away Friday, May 1, 2026, in the Sundale Rest Home, Morgantown, following a lengthy illness. Born in Washington, D.C., on June 19, 1961, he was a son of the late Terry Lee (Michael) Townsend Lash and John Robert Townsend, Sr.

John served in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After his military service, he worked in construction and home repair as a self-employed painter, and briefly with the West Virginia University Physical Plant. He enjoyed collecting sports memorabilia, fishing, and a good movie. A free spirit, John would often hitchhike across the country, bringing home stories of his many adventures.

Surviving are sons, Christopher and Michael Dudley of Virginia, a daughter Tiffany Townsend of North Carolina; and two brothers, William Townsend of Morgantown, and Grant M. Townsend of Seaside, California, . Also, his step-siblings. Cassandra Sponaule of Brookhaven, W.Va., Dea Huggins, Charlotte Morris and Charles H. Lash, III, all of Dilliner; nephews, Robert, Wade and Michael Townsend, and a niece, Amanda Lozier.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Clyde M. Townsend, and his step father, Charles Lash on April 9, 2026.

Honoring his wishes, there will be no public services. Arrangements are in the care of the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion.

John's family would like to thank Sundale Nursing Home and the WVU Hospice for the care provided to him during his illness.

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