



Robert Kris Lawson "Opie"

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FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 2PM, FRIDAY APRIL 20, 2018 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, GEORGETOWN, DE.

Robert Kris "Opie" Lawson of Lewes, DE died Monday, March 26, 2018 in Milford under the care of Delaware Hospice. He was born on November 29, 1971, in Lewes DE, the youngest son of Bill Lawson and Virginia (Lawson) Kauffman. He started his employment immediately following high school as a spinning machine operator for DuPont Co at the Seaford plant from 1990 to 2001. At the same time, he enjoyed his involvement with the Richmond, VA based Nascar team of Juney Donlavey. It was somewhat by his influence that Opie petitioned the Franklin Lodge AF & AM in Georgetown to become a Mason. He was raised as a Master Mason on April 17, 1997. He and his brother would soon after, simultaneously continue their masonic journey and become 32nd degree Scottish Rite Masons.

The DuPont Co. then began downsizing and he took the opportunity of a long standing offer with the Redi-Call Communications company in Georgetown. They knew his passion for up to date cell phone technology and put it to good use. It was during this time that he acquired his phone number as a tribute to his favorite number 1111. He also shared with his grandfather, Melvin Joseph, an admiration for the number 49 and the Ford color Poppy Red. At the beginning of the new millennium he increased his commitment to flagging and becoming a WKA official all over the East Coast and as far as the Midwest. Following in his father's footsteps he flagged stock cars at Georgetown Speedway and go karts at Piney Neck, US 13, and the Milford Street race. In correlation with his passion for flagging on August 15, 2004, he embarked on his greatest endeavor to become a prominent Sussex County businessman like both his grandfathers before him and purchased First State Flag L.L.C. from businessmen and developer whom he fondly referred to as "uncle" Gary McCrea of Georgetown. With McCrea's tutelage and Opie's determination to become a successful businessman like the aforementioned mentors, he grew First State Flag into a leader in his industry accommodating a majority of the Delmarva public as well as the state, county, and local governments.



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He is preceded in death by both paternal and maternal grandparents Clifford Lawson and Jessie Dodd Lawson Wilkins; Melvin L and Pearl E Joseph; and, his faithful Pomeranian companion of 17 years, Hugh Hefner Lawson affectionately known as "Hef".

He is survived by his loving wife Amanda A. Lawson; father Bill Lawson (wife Judy); Mother Virginia (Lawson) Kauffman (husband Richard); Brother Kirk Lawson (wife Mary and son Robby); also, included are many members of his extended family.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday April 21, 2018 at 2 pm at the Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Dodd-Cary Chapel, 307 North Bedford Street, Georgetown, DE where friends may visit beginning at noon. Friends may also visit at the funeral home on Friday Evening, April 20, 2018 from 6-8 PM. Entombment will follow the services at Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery, Rt 113 north of Millsboro, DE.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in memory of Opie Lawson to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way Milford, DE 19963.

Please sign the online guestbook at this site.



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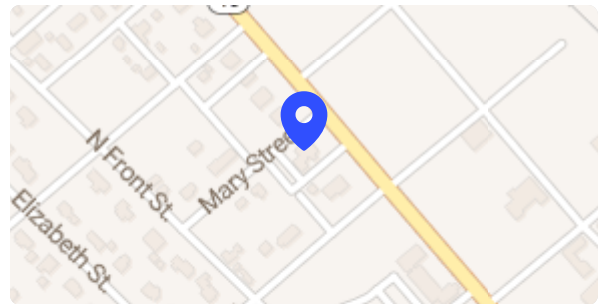
Visitation

 **Friday**, April 20, 2018

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Dodd-Carey Chapel**


307 North Bedford Street, Georgetown DE



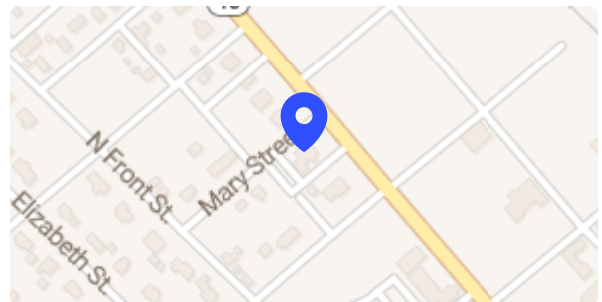
Visitation

 **Saturday**, April 21, 2018

 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Dodd-Carey Chapel**

307 North Bedford Street, Georgetown DE



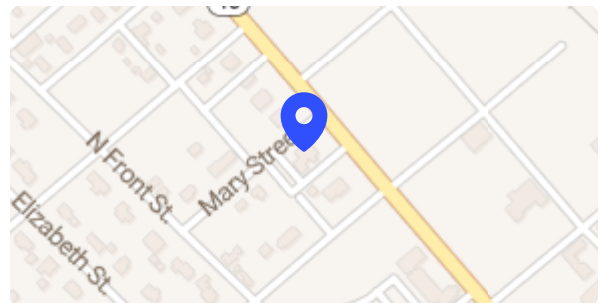
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Entombment

 **Saturday**, April 21, 2018

 **Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery**
25153 DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown DE 19947





Tribute Wall

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Janet Macklin posted:

I will always remember Opie and His brother visiting their grandmother as I was her nurse.. those boys were friends to each other and i will remember themBoth always .. and my heart aches for the families loss.. Janet Macklin

April 19 at 5:05 PM



Jordan Irazabal posted:

Opie was one of the first guys to tell me about low-digit tags, and I'll always remember that. Rest in Peace.

April 18 at 12:08 PM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Lawson "Opie" family.

April 18 at 10:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Sapphire Skies Bouquet to the Lawson "Opie" family.

April 17 at 4:51 AM



Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Lawson "Opie" family.

April 16 at 9:25 AM



Bryan & Angela Ware lit a candle in honor of Robert Kris.

April 16 at 7:51 AM





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lawson "Opie" family.

April 6 at 6:15 AM



Susan, Katie And Jordan sent an A New Sunrise Spray to the Lawson "Opie" family.

April 2 at 2:33 PM



Gwen Long posted:

I am so sorry to hear about "OPIE". He was always fun to be around at Boulevard, always a big smile. Bill, Kurt and family, I know you will miss him terribly. My love and prayers to you. Gwen Long

April 1 at 7:36 AM



Wayne And Debbie Von Stetten posted:

You were a great and fun filled neighborwe loved talking treasure hunting and Low digit DE tags w you along with an adult beverage. We will fly the flags you gave us with pride and in your honor. Wayne and Debbie von Stetten.

April 1 at 6:37 AM



Keith Misener posted:

So very sorry to hear of Opie's passing. While I didn't know him socially, I knew him through business. He always had a kind word to say on a personal note when we did business. It was like we had been friends forever. Sympathy and condolences go to Opie's family and friends. The Miseners.

March 31 at 12:02 PM



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RK

Ruth Briggs King posted:

I want to express our heartfelt sympathy. I offered special prayer for him this week during the opening of our session. His love for life was infectious. He was a good man who we will miss. Ruth Briggs King

March 31 at 9:20 AM

BW

Bruce Walls posted:

Prayers to the family. We enjoyed traveling the country with Opie flagging for WKA and other venues. Bruce and Susan Walls

March 30 at 11:17 AM

DD

Doris Dukes posted:

I meant opie through Amanda steen ,, he always had a smile for everyone. My sincere condolences to the family. Doris Ann dukes

March 30 at 10:51 AM

DM

Darlene Matthes lit a candle in honor of Robert Kris.

Opie - Cannot find the words to express how we feel, To ~ Amanda, Kirk and the Entire Family - We are so very very sorry for your Loss - What a wonderful person - always had a big smile and hug for me when I saw you - Rest easy buddy, watch out for us up there.. Love Traye and Darlene



March 30 at 9:10 AM

CW

Cindy West posted:

So sorry for your loss, my prayers are with your family. Cindy & Ronnie West

March 30 at 5:36 AM

VW

Vicki&Charles Williams lit a candle in honor of Robert Kris.



March 30 at 4:09 AM



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DF

Debbie Foxx lit a candle in honor of Robert Kris.

Amanda, Kirk and to the entire Lawson family!! I am so deeply saddened on the passing of such a kind, genuine and loving man!!! Always kind words and very caring. Amanda he loved you completely and I am so very sorry that he was taken from you so soon. May you find comfort in knowing the he will rest in eternal peace in the loving arm of our Heavenly Father! Much love to all



March 29 at 7:29 PM

BL

Bill Lawson posted:

God knew you had suffered with to much pain and saw that you were uncomfortable here on earth, and God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around you, and whispered, "Come to Me".With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away, and although we love you dearly we could not make you stay. Such a giving soul that ask for so very little, but always had a smile and friendship for those around you. So son enjoy your journey, with your buddy Hef now that you are pain free. We will always love you and will miss you and that smile. Good-by Son, Brother, Husband, and Friend. We love you and miss you Dad & Judy

March 29 at 6:22 PM

MR

Mike & Georgia Redman lit a candle in honor of Robert Kris.

Thoughts and prayers go out to the Lawson family and all those impacted by the loss of "Opie". Your were a true friend; you will be forever missed in our hearts. Until we meet again. Rest in Peace my dear friend.



March 29 at 7:18 AM

JF

Jacherra Freshwater lit a candle in honor of Robert Kris.

March 29 at 5:15 AM



MS

Melissa Squier posted:

My deepest condolences to the Lawson and Joseph families on the loss of such a great man. He will be forever missed by many, but his charismatic memories will carry on forever~Melissa Squier

March 29 at 3:58 AM



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CC

Calhoun Carter posted:

Sympathy too family. Ken Carter

March 29 at 3:29 AM

JT

Jodie Truitt posted:

Rest in peace Opie....

March 29 at 3:15 AM

BF

Brian Farber sent a virtual gift in honor of Robert Kris.

Sorry to hear of Opies passing, we went to School together Class of 1989, had many laughs together. Proud to have known him. You will be missed by all who knew you. R.I.P Opie. Brian & Amy Farber, Delmar DE.



March 28 at 9:28 PM

AD

Allison Donohue lit a candle in honor of Robert Kris.



March 28 at 8:39 PM

PB

Patsy Bryan lit a candle in honor of Robert Kris.



March 28 at 8:34 PM

TW

Tammy L Worhach lit a candle in honor of Robert Kris.



March 28 at 7:58 PM



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DN

Debbi Norton posted:

So very sorry for your loss. May God help you through this very difficult time.

March 28 at 7:24 PM

VM

Vanessa And Terry Megee posted:

Sincerest sympathy to all Family. Prayers and good thoughts in Opie's memory and all the good memories that he made in his short life. Vanessa and Terry Megee

March 28 at 6:18 PM

JM

Janice Betts Mitchell posted:

My sincerest sympathy to the Lawson and Joseph families. Janice Betts Mitchell

March 28 at 6:06 PM

KP

Kristel Park lit a candle in honor of Robert Kris.

Keeping Opie and his family in my thoughts and prayers. God has gained a wonderful, funny, mischievous Angel.

March 28 at 5:34 PM



LP

Linda Parrott lit a candle in honor of Robert Kris.

My deepest sympathy to your family. My love and prayers to the family and many friends. Rest n peace Opie.

March 28 at 5:25 PM



LJ

Lisa Justice posted:

Sending love & prayers during this difficult time to the entire Lawson family. Mike & Lisa Justice

March 28 at 5:19 PM



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HG

Hillary Graves posted:

My deepest sympathy to the Lawson. You will be truly missed by many Opie. We had many fun times and great laughs. I will miss all of your Facebook post and you just being you full of life !!

March 28 at 4:57 PM

KM

Kay Van Auken McClenny lit a candle in honor of Robert Kris.



March 28 at 4:24 PM

CW

Connie Wilson posted:

Sending big hugs to Amanda, Kirk and family. I have so many great, fun memories with Opie from the Rudder to Starboard to The Wave. I will so miss those funny, witty and sarcastic text messages. I'm going to miss findng dumplings in my mailbox during snow storms and sharing our famous crock pot recipes with each other. I'm going to miss that big mischievous smile and that one of a kind laugh. RIP my friend.....

March 28 at 3:35 PM



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KL

Kirk Lawson posted:

Sending all my love to my little brother. All my courage to his parents and my utmost respect and appreciation to his loving and dedicated wife who stood, knelt and laid by his side until his last breath. Thank you to all for your outpouring of condolences and offers of assistance. Kirk.

March 28 at 2:29 PM

GL

Gary And Jeanne Lawson April 18 at 5:36 PM

Sincere Condolences to the Lawson's and Joseph's. Obie was one of a kind. He always made you feel welcome and loved. He greeted us all with his beautiful smile. He was funny and compassionate. His passing is a meaningful loss for all. There is definitely a beautiful angel looking over his family and his beautiful wife. Cap and Jeanne Lawson.

AT

Angie Townsend March 31 at 5:11 AM

Big loss to Sussex Co. Rest in Peace Opie.

DS

Deborah Sharp March 30 at 3:23 PM

Sincere sympathy to the family, may Opie find peace now. He brought a smile to everyone he came in contact with, so grateful to be considered his friend. He will be missed by many, especially me! Much love my friend, see you again. RIP

RW

Rosalie Walls March 29 at 11:51 AM

Sincere sympathy to both the Lawson and Joseph families, Opie will sorely be missed, I will think of him every time I look up at the flag poles at the Marvel Museum, and I want to thank him for all the help he has given the Return Day Committee over the years of my rein as President, may you RIP. Rosalie Walls & family

SD

Sonny Dominelli March 29 at 3:31 AM

Opie u will truly missed by everyone,my condolences to ur family,god bless 😊

TD

Trish Dickerson March 29 at 1:52 AM

So very sad to hear of Opie's passing. Always had a smile on his face. Hugs and prayers to his family and friends.

DB

Dionne Breasure Baker March 28 at 5:24 PM

My deepest sympathy & prayers to all of Opies family.

RL

Ron Lavere March 28 at 5:23 PM

Mr. Opie I'm so sad to hear of your passing,it was a total shock when I heard ,I just wanted to thank you for your great service you gave to me and all the folks that put on the milford go kart street races ,thank you very much ,RIP until we see each other in another time ,you were a good friend and you will be missed



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert Kris by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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