



Jefferson "Jeff" R. Lawson, III, 73, of Green Hill Farms in Churchville, a lifelong farmer, Shorthorn breeder, teller of stories, and supporter of the sheep industry, passed away on Monday, January 22, 2024, at his residence. He was born on June 27, 1950, in Staunton to the late Jefferson Rowe Lawson, Jr. and Mary Ann Jennings Lawson.

Raising Shorthorn cattle and commercial sheep was his passion along with supporting the sheep industry in Virginia and surrounding states. His connection to the farming community built a shared storytelling experience with all he met.

Jeff took immense pleasure in sharing tales of his experiences with family and friends. His stories delighted everyone who knew him as they showcased his wit and humor.

For over thirty years, he was employed at the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton, as both a teacher and a coach, giving students a place to find success in his wood shop and in athletics.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Engle Lawson; his son, Troy Lawson and his wife, Laura; his daughter, Maggie Dodson and her husband, Ronnie; and his grandchildren, Carter, Mason, and Aubrey Lawson. He is also survived by his brother, Charles Jennings Lawson and his wife, Barbara.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank (P.O. Box 937 Verona, VA 24482 or to the UVA Neuro-Oncology Research (c/o Dr. David Schiff, P.O. Box 800432, Charlottesville, VA 22908.

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*Celebration of the Life
of
Jefferson "Jeff" R. Lawson, III*

June 27, 1950 – January 22, 2024

**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP IN WITNESS TO THE
RESURRECTION AND IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
JEFFERSON "JEFF" R. LAWSON, III
June 27, 1950—January 22, 2024**

January 27, 2024

12:00 PM

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

**People: God's great mercy has given us living hope
by the Resurrection of Jesus.**

Leader: Today we mourn, but we mourn with hope
in God's sure promises in the risen Christ.

**People: May the God who comforts us in all our
sorrows grant us peace.**

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 20 - *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 121

Psalm 23 (unison)

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

**He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

Yea, though I walk through the

valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me.

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of my enemies.

Thou anointest my head with oil.

My cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life; and I shall
dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.**

FAMILY REFLECTIONS

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Romans 8:18-19, 31-35, 37-39

John 10:11-16

WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from Romans 14*)

**We do not live to ourselves,
and we do not die to ourselves.**

**If we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord;**

**So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died
and lived again, so that he might be Lord of
both the dead and the living.**

COMMENDATION

PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER ("sins")

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*Following the service, the family will receive friends
in the Breezeway of the church.*

Minister: John Peterson

Pianist: Chris Wszalek

Interpreters: Liz Cook and Rene DeVito