



Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr.

August 13, 1954 - March 12, 2025

Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon, Jr., 70, of Sopchoppy, FL, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2025, surrounded by the family he loved so dearly.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Maxie spent 47 wonderful years married to Lori Wasser Lawhon. Together, they built a life centered on family, faith, and the simple joys of the outdoors. He was a proud father to Joshua (Niki) Lawhon and Jessica (Shawn) Lawhon Mapes, and a beloved "Poppy" and "PawPaw" to his six grandchildren—Brayden, Parker, Kinley, Jayci, Oakley, and Bodie—who were the light of his life.

Maxie had a love for the land and the water, whether he was throwing a cast net, dog hunting, or cheering on his grandchildren from the stands at their baseball and softball games. He never met a stranger, always had a story to share, and had a way of making everyone feel welcome.

A lifelong resident of Wakulla County, Maxie proudly served his community as a County Commissioner for 12 years. Beyond titles and accolades, he was best known as the heart of Lawhon Hill—always riding around to check in on family and friends, earning him the honorary title of 'Neighborhood Watch' from his many nieces and nephews. To them, he was Uncle Mac—a name that carried warmth, love, and the promise of a good joke or two. Maxie is survived by his wife, Lori; his children, Joshua (Niki) Lawhon and Jessica (Shawn) Lawhon Mapes; his mother, Oleta Taff Lawhon; his sisters, Jackie (Wayne) Lawhon and Pollie Lawhon; and his brother-in-law, Jerry Evans. He was also deeply loved by his grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, and countless friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Frank Maxwell Lawhon, Sr., and his sister, Pam Lawhon Evans.

While his passing leaves a void in our community that cannot be filled, the kind you feel in the quiet moments, on front porches, and at the ballfield, his legacy lives on in the values he passed down, the love he gave so freely, and most of all, in his children and grandchildren, who will carry his memory forward in the way they love and look out for others—just like he always did.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, March 16, 2025, from 4:00-6:00 pm at Family Funeral Home/Harvey Young Chapel. A Celebration of Maxie's life will be Monday, March 17, 2025, 11:00 am at Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church. Burial will follow at the

Lawhon Family Cemetery 7940 Smith Creek Road, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358.

Skip & Trey Young along with Paula and Kimberly are caring for the family.

Cemetery Details

Lawhon Family Cemetery

7940 Smith Creek Road
Sopchoppy, FL 32358

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends

MAR 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Family Funeral Home-Harvey Young Chapel
3106 Crawfordville Hwy.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
paula@familyfhc.com

Celebration of Life

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church
117 Curtis Mills Rd.
Sopchoppy, FL 32358

Tribute Wall



“ Young Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr.



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - March 14, 2025 at 05:11 PM

SC

Real nice for Maxie. Good old fellow and friend

Steven Canfield - March 14, 2025 at 08:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..

March 17, 2025 at 07:19 AM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - March 16, 2025 at 02:15 PM

DS

What a beautiful family inside and out. Me and Kirk send our love to you and family. Maxine was truly good friend someone I always looked up to. His encouragement on the ball field thru life experience. Love you guys.

Debbie Whited Sanders - March 16, 2025 at 06:52 PM

TF

“ The Stix Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



The Stix Family - March 15, 2025 at 01:34 PM

TF

“ The Stix Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..

The Stix Family - March 15, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



March 15, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



March 14, 2025 at 08:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..

March 14, 2025 at 08:58 PM

MC

“ Mike & Mary Angela Chappell purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



Mike & Mary Angela Chappell - March 14, 2025 at 06:50 PM

JW

“ Jay and Mary Katherine Westmark purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



Jay and Mary Katherine Westmark - March 14, 2025 at 06:40 PM

TF

“ Tucker family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



Tucker family - March 14, 2025 at 05:51 PM

TF

“ Tucker family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..

Tucker family - March 14, 2025 at 05:51 PM



“ 155 files added to the album Life Tributes



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - March 14, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



March 14, 2025 at 03:11 PM

FB

“ Fred and Christina Thomas and the boys purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



Fred and Christina Thomas and the boys - March 14, 2025 at 02:04 PM

CM

“ Centennial Bank & Centennial Mortgage purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



Centennial Bank & Centennial Mortgage - March 14, 2025 at 01:16 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



March 14, 2025 at 11:21 AM

FL

“ From Gulf Coast Lumber purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



From Gulf Coast Lumber - March 14, 2025 at 10:58 AM

SC

“ Station 1B crew purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



Station 1B crew - March 14, 2025 at 09:59 AM

SC

“ Station 1B crew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..

Station 1B crew - March 14, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



March 14, 2025 at 07:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..

March 14, 2025 at 07:17 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



March 13, 2025 at 04:02 PM

MF

“ Mike Gauger & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..



Mike Gauger & Family - March 13, 2025 at 01:06 PM

DL

“ *Maxie was definitely one of a kind. He knew how to make you laugh and smile and was always willing to help with anything you needed. He will be missed by so many. My heart and prayers for the beautiful Lawhon family that he loved so much and devoted his time and heart to all of them. What wonderful man and family that you built Maxie. With my love and prayers to you all.*
Joy and Dan Lawhon

Dan and Joy Lawhon - March 13, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..*



March 13, 2025 at 12:13 PM

JB

“ *Sending love to all of the Lawhon family. I know Maxie will be missed by so many.*

Jena Brooks - March 13, 2025 at 09:50 AM

BT

“ *Buddy and Janice Tomaini purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..*



Buddy and Janice Tomaini - March 13, 2025 at 09:31 AM

BT

“ *Buddy and Janice Tomaini planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..*

Buddy and Janice Tomaini - March 13, 2025 at 09:31 AM

GG

“ Dear Lawhon Family, I'm so sorry for you loss. Maxie always had a smile, a laugh, and a funny story to share. He will be missed by so many people.

"Well done, good and faithful servant. Now, come enjoy your Master's rewards."

*With love and deepest sympathy,
Grace C. Gilbert*

Grace C. Gilbert - March 13, 2025 at 08:49 AM

KP

“ Keith Posey lit a candle in memory of Frank Maxwell
"Maxie" Lawhon Jr.



Keith Posey - March 12, 2025 at 11:16 PM

KP

“ Keith P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..

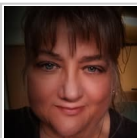
Keith P. - March 12, 2025 at 11:10 PM

JR

“ Jimbo, Al And Nell Rozar lit a candle in memory of Frank
Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr.



Jimbo, Al and Nell Rozar - March 12, 2025 at 09:25 PM



“ Tina Miller lit a candle in memory of Frank Maxwell "Maxie"
Lawhon Jr.



Tina Miller - March 12, 2025 at 08:03 PM

TD

“ *The Dodsons purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..*



The Dodsons - March 12, 2025 at 08:01 PM

TD

“ *The Dodsons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..*

The Dodsons - March 12, 2025 at 08:01 PM

GS

“ *You each are in my thoughts and prayers. May God wrap each of you in His arms and give you the strength to endure the days ahead.. 🙏🙏*



Gloria Sanders - March 12, 2025 at 06:16 PM

MO

“ *Mark Oliver lit a candle in memory of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr.*



Mark Oliver - March 12, 2025 at 06:13 PM

PR

“ *Pam Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr.*



Pam Reynolds - March 12, 2025 at 06:12 PM

MC

“ *Maxie was a light in the dimness of this world. While over recent years we did not see each other very often, each time we did it was with a warmth of his persona that was always encouraging to me. Even in difficult times, he always viewed it from a positive perspective. Until we meet again, Rest in Peace Maxie! Mike Clark, Carrabelle*

MIKEL CLARK - March 12, 2025 at 05:26 PM

GC

“ *George and Carolyn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..*



George and Carolyn - March 12, 2025 at 04:34 PM

EN

“ *Ellie Nelson purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Frank Maxwell "Maxie" Lawhon Jr..*



Ellie Nelson - March 12, 2025 at 04:12 PM