



Buster Austin

October 20, 1912 - August 14, 2020

Buster Austin, 107, of Huntsville; died Friday, August 14, 2020, at Countryside Assisted Living. He was born Sunday, October 20, 1912, at Penitentiary Mountain; to James Lee and Florence Hilburn Austin. Born the year the Titanic sank, Buster saw the first airplane fly over Madison County when he was seven years old. He helped build many of the roads around the Kingston area as the county grew. Buster moved to Washington State, where he was employed in the apple orchards for over 40 years before returning home to Arkansas. He married Gayle Eversole on January 6, 2000, at Venus Mountain. He was a wonderful storyteller and remained active on his farm, including baling hay after turning 100. Buster returned to Washington state for a visit in 2018, at the age of 105; making him the oldest passenger to ever fly out of the Harrison airport. Buster was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Vercie Dotson Austin; three brothers, Baxter Lee Austin, Omer Green Austin, and Jesse Oren Austin; and three sisters, Katie Clyde Austin, Bertha Austin Near, and Lola May Austin Burk. He is survived by his wife, Gayle Austin of the home; two step-daughters, Cindy Combs, and husband, Mike, of Witter; and Ginger Stanton, and husband, David, of Goshen; one nephew, Danny Austin, and wife Darlene, of Kingston; one niece, JoySue Simkins, and husband Harold, of Osage; and many great-nieces, great-nephews, and a host of friends. Funeral Services will be 10:00 AM, Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at Brashears Funeral Home with Frank Weaver officiating. Please practice social distancing and masks are required for entry.

Pallbearers will be Butch Fancher, Ricky Austin, Douglas Burk, Lane Weaver, Donald Burk, and Mike Combs. Honorary pallbearers will be Jack Watkins, Freddie Ficht, Danie Combs, Harold Simkins, and Johnny Burks. Interment will immediately follow services at Wharton Creek Cemetery. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Tribute Wall

AE

“ *I am so sorry, Aunt Gayle. We All loved Buster dearly. He was a funny, sweet man. We all love you very much and you are in our thoughts and prayers. I can't give you a hug right now, but I am hugging you in my heart.*

*Love,
Amy Eversole*

Amy Eversole - August 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *condolences and prayers!! Love and hugs to you all!!!*



Stephanie Maupin - August 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Gail,*

So sorry for your loss. Buster was such a great guy.

I probably knew Buster for at least 55 yrs.

I sure miss him.

*Rich Cole
Wenatchee, Wa.*



Rich Cole - August 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Our condolences on the passing of a well loved man.*

Jesse, Karolyn and Jordyn Parker - August 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *So sorry about Buster. He was such a nice man with a smile and a good attitude toward life.*

Carol Fishel - August 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Will be sadly missed Was a joy to know Its also a shame that not everyone who dies at Countryside Assisted Living gets checked after death Everyone assumes because their old they are just going to die sooner or later Everyone should be checked by a non employee of the home!! Prayers to the family May your heart be your guide .*

marie duccan - August 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*

Charles and Betty Jo Gurley - August 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Myself, my husband Harlon Woodbury and my brother Paul Scott Garrison are so sorry to hear that Great Uncle Buster passed away. He was a remarkable man (as was all of the Austin family). Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gayle and her daughters as well as all of the Austin relatives. We will not be able to attend the funeral in person, but our hearts will be there.*

Silver (Garrison) Woodbury - August 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Gayle, I am so very sorry. Buster was a good person.*

Pattie Shinn - August 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Prayers for all in the family. Buster will be missed by all who knew him. God Bless.*



Carl & Deborah Martin - August 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *I remember my father mentioning more than once Mr.Austin .
What a life witnessing over 100 years !
Truly Blessed
Rest In Peace*

Marsha Miner Pyeatt - August 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM