



Johnnie Criss, Sr.

May 29, 1928 - January 10, 2022

Johnnie Aaron Criss, Sr., 93, of Huntsville; passed away Monday, January 10, 2022, at Edgewood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Springdale, Arkansas, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on May 29, 1928 on Moonhull Mountain in Johnson County, Arkansas, a son and the youngest child of Steven A. Douglas Criss and Noma (Sparks) Criss.

He married the love of his life, Rhoda Lorene Wood on September 2, 1954, at her parents' home in the Mt. Vernon Community of Johnson County by the Rev. Henson Williams. They were married for 37 years before she passed away on January 3, 1991. He had family that called him Johnnie and family that called him Aaron, but to his children and grandchildren he was just called Daddy and Grandpa, and to his nephews and nieces, "Unc."

He farmed most of his life but had also worked at sawmills. He loved going to flea markets and trading. In his younger years he loved coon hunting, He had lived most of the last 46 years in Madison County, moving from Johnson County, and had also lived in Newton County. He was of the Christian faith, being saved and baptized in the late 60's. He loved being social and never met a stranger. If he ever knew you, he never forgot you. His family was the light of his life.

Johnnie was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Rhoda Lorene Criss; his brothers and sisters Lee Criss, Grover Criss, Bill Criss, Raymond Criss, Roy Criss, Mary Criss, Sarah Harderson, Rosie Cummins, Vellar Mooney, Minnie Wood and several siblings that died in infancy; sons-in-law David

Edgmon and Bobby Hattabaugh and daughter-in-law Jona James. Survivors are his children Ricky Criss and Johnny Criss, Jr. both of Huntsville, Danny and Martha Criss of Wesley, Patsy Edgmon of Harrison, Judy and Randy Usrey of Clifty, Sherrie Hattabaugh of Hazel Valley and Tammy Criss of Wesley; 25 grandchildren, 63 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great grandchildren, one brother-in-law Norman Wood, one sister-in-law Linda Brandenburg, many nephews, nieces and other family and friends.

The family will receive friends 5:00-7:00 PM, Thursday, January 13, 2022, at Brashears Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 12:00 noon, Friday, January 14, 2022, at Cassville Baptist Church. Deer, Arkansas, with Bobby Young officiating. Pallbearers will be Erik Watson, Kyle Criss, Derek Thompson, Logan Hattabaugh, Gregory Chase, Tyler Usrey, Tom Usrey, Shannon Gibbins. Honorary pallbearers will be grandsons and granddaughters. Interment will immediately follow services at Cassville Cemetery. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Tribute Wall

JZ

“ *Very much loved, and will truly be missed.* ”

Judy Usrey z - January 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Johnny Jr and family, my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. May your heart be filled with wonderful memories to comfort you in this difficult time.* ”

Gina Dennis Herrington - January 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Johnnie Criss, Jr. we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Travis & Renae (Dennis) Smith* ”



Renae Smith - January 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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Renae Smith - January 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *The family has my sincere condolences.* ”

Jackie Collins - January 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I am sorry to hear of Johnnie criss sr. Passing. He was a great Christian person. I am sorry for the families loss.

Chad david parker - January 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ To: Sherrie & Family !
Sorry for your loss ! You dad was a very sweet man ! Always had a smile for everyone ! He will be missed dearly !
Condolences from :Billy Hattabaugh & Betty Walker & Brenda Nix !
We love you

Betty Walker - January 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I'm so sorry for y'all's loss!! I always loved talking to Johnny at Walmart!! He always had to see my boys Shannon and Shawn Willcutt!! He was always such a sweet man! Hugs and love to all of y'all! Prayers for all of y'all!

Carol Brown - January 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RS

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Travis and Renae (Dennis) Smith

Renae Smith - January 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ So sorry for your loss. Johnnie was such a sweet friend. He never knew a stranger and dearly loved to dance. All of us dancers will miss him.

Pattie Shinn - January 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss. Papa John was a wonderful man that will never be forgotten! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all ❤️🙏

Steve & Teresa Hudson - January 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Thinking of you all during this time. No matter when it happens you still want one more day. He was always ready to laugh or make a deal.

Sandra Carney - January 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Johnnie was a friend to everyone...always had lots of fun

Nancy Mitchell,,Amanda ,Alysha - January 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM