



Mr. John Nell Smith

July 27, 1966 - December 15, 2023

John Nell was born on July 27, 1966 in Fayette, the son of Rosie Lee Wilson Smith and Ernest Smith. He received his Associate's Degree from Copiah - Lincoln Community College in Wesson. John Nell was a member of the Carpenter's Union. He accepted Christ at an early age in which he was a devoted Christian. He enjoyed playing cards, fishing, hunting, music, and spending time with friends and family.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Otis Smith and Woodrow Griffin; and sisters, Velvet Flucker, Florence McNeal and Loretha Griffin Council Guice.

His life will forever be cherished in the lives of his wife, Rosslie Smith; son, Treyon Washington; daughters, JaKeitha James, Catilin Smith, and Rylei Johnnell Smith; sisters, Debbie Ann Hutchins, Flora Smith, Bobbi Lee Hollins, and Volia Smith; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Washington Family Cemetery

Cannonsburg Road
Natchez, MS 39120

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

West Gate Funeral Home (Natchez)
409 N Martin Luther King Jr Street
Natchez, MS 39120
(601) 445-2008
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Funeral

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
2975 Cannonsburg Rd.
Natchez, MS 39120

Burial

DEC **23** (CT)

Washington Family Cemetery
Cannonsburg Road
Natchez, MS 39120

Tribute Wall

CK

“ *Clifton And Betty Kaho lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Nell Smith*



Clifton and Betty Kaho - December 22, 2023 at 09:30 PM



“ *Maxine Railey lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Nell Smith*



Maxine Railey - December 21, 2023 at 06:08 PM

DP

“ *John Nell was a great friend. He use to tell everything...couldn't hold water!! He will be missed. My condolences to the family. Know that he's in good hands now.*

Desiree (Davis) Peacock - December 21, 2023 at 12:44 PM

DP

“ *Desiree (Davis) Peacock lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Nell Smith*



Desiree (Davis) Peacock - December 21, 2023 at 12:40 PM

LW

“ Oh black head youve been a fixture in our familyfor a long time sir.... I'm really gonna miss harassing you. You fought to the end and deserve to rest now. Don't think for one minute I'm not gonna get hold to rhyll and Carson.



LaDonna Washington - December 21, 2023 at 12:34 PM

RG

“ Johnell was truly an amazing man,friend and classmate. ❤️

Rosie George - December 21, 2023 at 09:11 AM

MG

“ I still remember turning flips and watching as you looked in awe. Never trying any of those moves. I remember playing basketball and going to Ms. Lovey's store. I can still here my Grandma saying " Boy don't you cut this pretty hair " I still see Granddaddy riding that beautiful buckskin horse. And that old green Ford with all the lights running across the top. Granma's old black Falcon car and the cigarette that hung from her mouth on one side. I still can taste the jelly cakes she used to make. These were the best times for me you will always have a place in my heart . Love #1 nephew Peace Flip

marvin griffin - December 20, 2023 at 12:12 PM

MG

“ Marvin Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Nell Smith



marvin griffin - December 20, 2023 at 11:53 AM

MG

Blue is my favorite color because like you dear Unc I love it too

marvin griffin - December 20, 2023 at 11:59 AM

WG

“ *Wanda Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Nell Smith*



Wanda Green - December 20, 2023 at 10:16 AM

WG

John Nell will truly be missed, my sincere condolence to the family.

Wanda Green - December 20, 2023 at 10:15 AM

KE

“ *Keitha purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. John Nell Smith.*



Keitha - December 19, 2023 at 11:04 PM

CC

“ *With deepest sympathy*



Cheryl Conway - December 19, 2023 at 09:06 PM

MG

“ I remember coming home from Chicago and visiting my Grandmother Rosie Lee Smith. In the country. My baby uncle John Nell Smith could only go to sleep by slamming his head into his pillow till he went to sleep. Also he was a bathroom pool shark. Because we played a many of game of pool in the bathroom. I loved you then and hated to leave you. But God has you now Unc. Rip peace with your sibilings pig, Otis,grandma, and grand dad. And never ever forget that older brother of yours my daddy Woodrow Griffin. I love and miss you all. Marvin(flip). Griffin

marvin Griffin - December 18, 2023 at 04:54 PM

RW

“ Rosie Woods sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Nell Smith



Rosie Woods - December 17, 2023 at 11:01 AM

MG

We grew up and apart. But you were never far from my heart. RIP Uncle Johnell. Until we meet again. Nephew Marvi (flip). Griffim

marvin Griffin - December 18, 2023 at 04:56 PM

MN

“ Marie Norman lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Nell Smith



Marie Norman - December 17, 2023 at 08:55 AM

GG

“ *Georgia Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Nell Smith*



Georgia Green - December 16, 2023 at 04:44 PM