



Mr. Johnnie Reed Blanks

June 7, 1947 - April 13, 2020

Mr. Johnnie Reed Blanks, 72 yrs. old, passed away Monday evening, April 13th, 2020, at his residence in Emerson, Arkansas.

Brother Johnnie Blanks was born June 7, 1947 in Emerson, Arkansas, to the late Samuel Jewel Blanks I and Leslie Howard Blanks.

He attended McMitress High School in Emerson, Arkansas. He moved to Little Rock, Arkansas after high school. After being in Little Rock for a few years, he moved on to California where he worked and retired after 20 years. He then moved back to Emerson, Arkansas where he became a faithful member of the Sweet Home MBC. He was a member of the Social Committee, Male/Adult Choir, faithful Usher and Grounds Keeper for many years.

He worked for the Stephens School District for 10 plus years and retired. After retirement, he became deeply involved with Emerson Community Outreach. He was a faithful servant of the Emerson community known to chauffeur people without transportation. He had an infectious laugh, outgoing spirit, and always a delight to be around.

Brother Johnnie Blanks is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Mary Blanks Ward; four brothers, Charles, Samuel II, Melvin and George Blanks.

Treasured memories will remain with: (3) Brothers, Rev. Bobby Blanks (Rebecca) of Emerson, Arkansas, John Blanks of Little Rock, Arkansas, and James Blanks of Los Angeles, California; (2) Sisters, Emma Jenkins and Dorothy Blanks both of Los Angeles, California.

Graveside services will be held Friday, April 17th, 2020, at Forrest Grove Cemetery in Emerson, Arkansas under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC, at 11:00 a.m.

Visitation Thursday, April 16th from 2-4:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Grove Cemetery

Columbia Rd. 14 E.
Emerson, AR 71740

Previous Events

Graveside service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SG

“*Bro. Blanks was always nice and a joy to be around..he will be missed by many in the Emerson community! Praying for the Blanks family and his church family!*”



Sylvia Grant - April 20, 2020 at 11:12 AM

MS

“*Mary Strickland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Reed Blanks*”



Mary Strickland - April 18, 2020 at 07:26 PM

MJ

“*My prayers are for peace and comfort at this time. I did not know Johnny but I did know Melvin. Good people.*”

martha Jones - April 18, 2020 at 03:13 PM

AG

“*Arma George-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Reed Blanks*”



arma George-Brown - April 17, 2020 at 07:59 PM

AG

To Rev. Blanks and family, On behalf of the George Family, Emerson, Ark., we extend our sympathy to you in the passing of Johnnie. You have always been there for our family in time of sorrow. With a heavy heart, we are there for you from a distance. Arma (Tennie) George-Brown, Livonia, MI

arma George-Brown - April 17, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Johnnie Reed Blanks.*



April 16, 2020 at 10:04 PM



“ *Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Reed Blanks*



Dearlean Hughes - April 16, 2020 at 01:55 PM

DW

“ *Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Waldo purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Johnnie Reed Blanks.*



Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Waldo - April 16, 2020 at 10:52 AM

JW

“ So to hear about your lost , praying that God will give you'll the strength you'll need@this time

Joann whitaker - April 16, 2020 at 05:35 AM

CF

“ Caldwell Easter Jr. And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Reed Blanks



Caldwell Easter Jr. and Family - April 15, 2020 at 11:27 PM

GW

“ Gracie W. Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Reed Blanks



Gracie W.Tucker - April 15, 2020 at 08:08 PM

AH

“ Amanda Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Reed Blanks



Amanda Henderson - April 15, 2020 at 09:29 AM

GC

“ *My prayers and condolences for the Blanks Family.
May GOD continue to be your leaning post during this difficult time.*



Gwen Carter - April 14, 2020 at 07:39 PM

SH

“ *Shirley Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Reed Blanks*



shirley Hunter - April 14, 2020 at 05:43 PM

RW

“ *Brother Johnny Blanks was a kind and considerate Christian gentleman
He was always willing to assist where needed. We only have wonderful
memories of him as a true servant of God at Sweet Home in Emerson, AR
The song that he led in the choir was "Lord, you can depend on me"
and it is
a true testimony of his legacy. God bless the Blanks family. Our prayers are
with you. Much love, Rev. Billy D. and Sis. Patricia Williams*

Rev. Billy and Sis. Pat Williams - April 14, 2020 at 04:34 PM

LH

“ *Lee Otis Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Reed Blanks*



Lee Otis Henderson - April 14, 2020 at 02:52 PM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Reed Blanks*



Mary S. Pickings - April 14, 2020 at 01:54 PM

CB

“ *Charlotte Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Reed Blanks*



Charlotte Bradley - April 14, 2020 at 11:59 AM

CB

“ *Johnnie was one of a kind. I liked working with at the pantry. My prayers go out to Bobby and all the family.*

Charlotte Bradley - April 14, 2020 at 11:58 AM

DF

“ *Johnny Lee was a wonderful, kindhearted, and loving brother, church member and friend that will be greatly missed. I pray his soul is at rest. Family look to the hills from whence your help comes from all our help comes from the Lord.*

Dianne Fields - April 14, 2020 at 09:40 AM