



Mr. Johnnie Grissom

November 20, 1951 - April 27, 2023

A Time to be Born: Brother Johnnie Grissom, affectionately known as “Grip,” was born November 20, 1951, in McKamie, Arkansas, to the late Emer Smith and the late A.C. Grissom.

A Time to Change: After graduating from Taylor High School, Johnnie was drafted to serve in the United States Army at the age of 19 years old. After returning home, he joined the National Guard and served 35 years until retirement. He retired having received the following noted honors: Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (3rd Award), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/m Device. His primary specialty was Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor (32 years and 7 months), Special Purpose Equipment Rep (25 years and 4 months), 11B40 00 Infantryman (25 years and 4 months), 11C40 00 Indirect Fire Infantry (16 years and one month), 63J40 00 QM and Chem Equip Res (12 years and 11 months).

A Time to Work: While serving in the National Guard, he also worked for Crusteel (SB Specialty Metal) for over 30 years.

A Time to Laugh: He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, family, and friends—hanging out with his Army buddies and traveling.

A Time for Goodbye: On April 27, 2023, God spoke to Johnnie saying, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Irma "Tencie" Grissom.

He leaves to cherish his memories: one son, Jama Scott of Magnolia, AR; two daughters, Ashleigh (Re'Al) Grissom and Kyrah (Britten) Grissom of Battle Creek, MI; bonus son, Keith (Joanne) Alexander of Muskegon, MI; eight sisters: Betty Ann Cole of Waldo, AR; Rose Ellis and Sondra Grissom, both of Texarkana, TX; Bertha McBride and Wanda (Quincy) Jamerson, both of Magnolia, AR; Linda Faye Grissom and Glenda Faye Grissom both of Shreveport, LA; and Deloris (Kenneth) Wyatt Byod of Marsh, TX; one brother, Johnny (Velma) Grissom, II. Of Magnolia, AR; seven amazing grandchildren: Autesia, Briyanna, Breitling, Nickya, Derrick "D.J.," Kyleigh, and Romeo; four bonus grands: Kianna, Jordan, Jayden, and Jaylen; three special childhood buddies, Robert Henderson, L.J. Randle, and John L. Robinson; his Army buddies: Andre, Carter, and Kevin; special aunts, Mary Barrow and Gloria Jean Grissom; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, May 13th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel in Magnolia, AR, with burial to follow at Pine Hill Cemetery in Emerson, Arkansas, with Military Honors. Re. Lee Earnest Johnson, Eulogist. Services will be live streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/live/dr8XP3eS9W4?feature=share>

Visitation will be Friday, May 12th, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Pine Hill Cemetery

2657 Columbia Rd 9
Emerson, AR

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel
100 HWY 79 NORTH
Magnolia, AR

Tribute Wall

AG

“ We are gonna miss you so much dad. I'm going to miss our daily phone conversations, you coming to visit and spend time with us and the kids, watching football/ basketball games, I could go on and on. I love you dad, always and forever. -Ashleigh



Ashleigh Grissom - May 13, 2023 at 06:54 AM

SC

“ Sharon Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Grissom



Sharon Cole - May 12, 2023 at 10:55 AM

GT

“ Gracie W Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnnie Grissom



Gracie W Tucker - May 12, 2023 at 02:38 AM

GT

Lamentations 3:22-23 states, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Rest well Johnnie your earthly duties have been fulfilled, your discharge papers are stamped "Honorable Discharged".

Gracie W Tucker - May 12, 2023 at 02:45 AM

JW

“ My prayers and condolences goes out to the family 🙏🙏🙏

Joann Radford Whitaker - May 12, 2023 at 01:29 AM

EH

“ Johnnie and I (Earl Harris) became friends at a early age we were in the military at the Same time we talked often on the phone. Johnnie will be truly missed prayers go out to the Grissom family. Converse, TX

Earl Harris - May 11, 2023 at 07:58 PM



“ SFC Johnny Grissom you were a humbled soldier, we last talked at a buddy funeral and it broke my heart to hear 💔 you was gone a week later. May your family find strength an healing with their loss. Your HQ family from 1072nd Maintance Co. Will surely miss you brother HOOAH.

Mark McMorris - May 11, 2023 at 07:23 AM

WJ

“ I'm going to miss our phone conversations and i am gonna to miss you .Your sister Wanda jean

Wanda jean Jamerson - May 09, 2023 at 10:34 PM

LA

“ My friend you were one of a kind I learned a lot from you it's still hard to believe you're gone rest well my friend HQ Boys forever

Leroy Anderson - May 08, 2023 at 04:46 PM

AM

“ You Will Truly Be Missed 🙏🙏 He Was The Kindest Person I've Ever Known Luv And Miss You HQ

Alison Montgomery - May 08, 2023 at 04:29 PM

SG

“ You will be truly missed big bro. We love you so much. ❤️ Rest in love... your baby sister DeDe

Sondra Grissom - May 05, 2023 at 11:21 PM

JW

“ Joann Radford Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Grissom



Joann Radford Whitaker - May 03, 2023 at 03:46 PM

MP

“ Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Grissom



Mary S. Pickings - May 02, 2023 at 04:45 PM

SC

“ Sharon Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Grissom



Sharon Cole - May 02, 2023 at 09:40 AM

GJ

“ Gladys Talley Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnnie Grissom



Gladys Talley Jones - May 02, 2023 at 03:30 AM

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Gladys Talley Jones - May 02, 2023 at 03:29 AM

RP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Got to know Johnnie when he lived next door to my parents on Caldwell St in the late 70's. He had such a gentle spirit, always friendly, always kind. He will be missed! Praying for the family.

Ronnie Parker

Ronnie Parker - May 01, 2023 at 10:35 PM

TF

“ Johnnie is family ¹⁰⁰❤️ Mom late Mom and him were first cousins. My grandpa the late Rev Willie Smith was his uncle. Cousin you will be missed dearly kiss the family for us. I know Aunt Emma Mae soul is happy that her baby boy has joined her. My condolences and prayers go out to my entire family especially his sister, cousin Betty Ann Cole . I send hugs and kisses to my family. I love you all ❤️🙏🥹



Teresa L Fulton - April 30, 2023 at 08:54 PM

BW

“ We extend our deepest condolence to the family of Brother Johnny Grissom. He was such a friendly and outgoing gentleman who never met a stranger. Johnny possessed a spirit of kindness and was a dependable man. May God bless the family. Billy and Patricia Williams



Billy and Patricia Williams - April 29, 2023 at 07:35 PM

GJ

“ George Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnnie Grissom



George Jenkins - April 29, 2023 at 06:07 PM

LH

“ I was sadden by the death of my ex classmate. I was looking forward to getting together with him and other classmates this summer but the Lord had other plans for him. Family, you're in my thoughts and prayers.



Louise Harden - April 29, 2023 at 05:39 PM

SD

“ Sandra Daniels sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnnie Grissom



Sandra Daniels - April 29, 2023 at 02:02 PM

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SFC Grissom. I didn't know you as well as some others did. But I do know a few things: You were a great leader of Soldiers, and a true gentleman; I know you inspired many. You made a lasting impression on me, and I learned from you. When I looked at your picture, memories of hard work, being humble, and true positivity flooded by brain. Thank you for the reminder. I am eternally grateful. Rest in peace Hero.

CW2 Gordon (ret.) - May 11, 2023 at 08:59 PM

EV

OUR condolence to Johnny's family. Johnny worked with my husband Joe Vasquez, We moved to Texas 2011 when Joe retired. He would call my husband see how. we were doing. We got call son' Ben that used to work with Johnny too. We were so sadden by news. We loved Johnny. God Bless his family. .His rejoicing with our Lord.

Elia Vasquez - May 15, 2023 at 04:10 PM