



John Carlton Mays

October 25, 1932 - October 21, 2017

John Carlton Mays, age 84, passed away Saturday October 21st 2017. He was born on October 25th 1932 to the late Carlton & Emily Mays.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 36 years, Marsha Mays; one son, John T. Mays (Tweedie) Little Rock; one daughter, Debbie Beccia Fordyce and one brother, Tommy Mays (Beverly) Little Rock; three stepchildren, Tommy Vance (Kathy) Hot Springs, Travis Vance (Amanda) Fayetteville and Trisha Vance Louisville Ky.

He also leaves a host of several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

John graduated for Fordyce High School in 1950. He graduated from U of A with a bachelor's degree in science and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Graduated from Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science. Served in the U.S. Navy Korean War. Former partner and manager of Benton Funeral Home Fordyce Served on the board and chairman of Dallas County hospital for 12 years.

A Memorial service in celebration of John's life will be held Wednesday, October 25th at 10:00 AM at Hot Springs Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis Tennessee 38105 Attn: Tribute Program

Tribute Wall



“ I so appreciate all of your memories and kind words during this sad time that we had when my father passed away. I still miss him terribly today, as I am reading his obituary once again. Sure did love him bunches..💕

Debbie Beccia - June 03, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ To the John Mays family we would like to send our sincere condolences to your entire family. Donna and Tim Sassaman Sr

Timothy Sassaman Sr - October 31, 2017 at 03:23 PM



Thanks, Tim & Donna

Debbie Beccia - June 03, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ We will miss Uncle John. He was a great guy and wonderful uncle. We loved visiting him and Aunt Marsha in Arkansas. I can only imagine he met up with Dad in heaven and they are fishing together on a beautiful lake. Thinking of you, Aunt Marsha and all our wonderful family grieving the loss of a special man!

Lori McPike - October 30, 2017 at 12:07 PM



Thanks, Lori!

Debbie Beccia - June 03, 2020 at 08:17 PM

CB

“ So sorry to hear about Johnny. He was a wonderful person. I will always treasure the many special memories I have of our days at Fordyce High School together. Loving thoughts and prayers for the family.

Carolyn Short Byrd

Carolyn Byrd - October 27, 2017 at 01:38 PM



Debbie
Beccia

Thank you Ms. Byrd.

Debbie Beccia - June 03, 2020 at 08:17 PM

SD

“ I have so many fun memories of Mr. Mays and the Mays family. Mom and I are so sorry for your loss. John will be missed greatly.

Sandy Devlin - October 25, 2017 at 08:18 PM

HB

“ John was always a friendly face and enjoyable to be around. I know he will be missed by his family and community
Helen Ball & Myrtle Batty

Helen Ball - October 25, 2017 at 09:17 AM

GP

“ John was a good neighbor, friend and very nice man. He was always enjoyable to visit with and will be missed by family, neighbors and friends. He will continue to keep an eye on the Hogs from above.

George Pritchett - October 25, 2017 at 02:17 AM

DJ

“ Our condolences to all of John,s family. He was an asset to Dallas County and his services were very much appreciated. He was a good friend. Our thoughts and prayers to all of you.
Dallas County Judge Jimmy and Donna Jones

Donna Jones - October 24, 2017 at 11:20 PM

SH

“ Scott and I are both so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Mays was such a kind man. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Scott and Donna Hart

Scott and Donna Hart - October 24, 2017 at 08:28 PM

DA

“ Sorry to hear about Johnny. A wonderful person that all my family loved. My Mom though there was no one like Johnny.t My prayers are with you during this time. May God comfort and give you peace.

Denise Hlnes Langford Abercrombie

Denise Hlnes Abercrombie - October 24, 2017 at 07:40 PM

RH

“ TOMMY AND EXTENDED FAMILY OF JOHNNY, SHARING A HISTORY WORKING FOR YOUR DAD CARLTON AND JOHNNY DURING THE SUMMER AT BENTON FUNERAL HOME...IT WAS A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH SUCH FINE MEN...CARING AND SERVICING OUR FORDYCE COMMUNITY FOR SO MANY YEARS. MANY STORIES ARE IN MY MEMORY BREAK WORKING THAT ONE SUMMER FOR THEM.

RONDELL & JANE HARRISON - October 24, 2017 at 04:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Carlton Mays.*



October 24, 2017 at 03:21 PM



“ *Many memories with Mr. Mays and family. He was very special to all of us Davis'. I find comfort knowing he and Daddy are together again. They were the best of friends for so long. Thinking of and praying for all of you.*

Miki Bass - October 24, 2017 at 01:13 PM



“ *To Marsha and family: So sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time of sorrow. A lot of memories, great/fun times on Point Lookout, living next to Bobby and Julie, when the kids and I moved here from Iowa. I'm happy we were able to remain friends over the years. It was a pleasure seeing you from time to time, over the years, when just running into one another. John was a great guy. God Bless all of you.
The Tim Capel Family*

Tim Capel - October 24, 2017 at 10:03 AM