



John Vinson

February 9, 2012

John Vinson Orr, born September 9, 1926, in Youngstown, Ohio, to Emeline and John Vinson Orr, Sr., passed away February 9th, 2012.

His great loves were his wife Pauline (Polly), hunting, and his pet dogs. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during WWII where he served as a Radio Announcer in Sapporo, Japan. After discharge from the Armed Forces he attended University of Georgia where he earned a BS in Forestry. His career included County Ranger, Taylor County, Butler, Georgia; U.S. Forest Service, Forester, Tellico Plains, Tennessee; Forester on a Flood Prevention Project in Holly Springs, Mississippi; Forester, Hudson Paper Company, Palatka, Florida; Assistant Ranger, USFS, Nolachuckie Ranger District, Cherokee National Forest, Greenville, Tennessee; Worked on Multiple Use Surveys (PL56 Projects) Ouachita National Forest, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Timber Staff, Ouachita National Forest; Forest Supervisor, Alabama National Forest; Forest Supervisor, South Carolina; Forest Supervisor, Ouachita National Forest, whereupon he ended his 34 year service with USDA-Forest Service. He was a faithful member of Piney Grove United Methodist Church and loved his church family. He taught the Rainbow Sunday School Class for many years.

He was predeceased by his mother, father and brother Daniel Orr.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline; son, Johnny Orr; son, Tim Orr and wife Tammy; daughter, Rebecca Neely and husband John; stepson, Tommie Crain; grandchildren, John and Robert Orr, Travis and Tyler Orr, Ellen and David

Neely; one great grandchild, Jonathan Orr; brother, Raymond Orr and wife Margaret and their daughter Debbie.

Many thanks to the St. Joseph Hospital nurses and doctors for the care given during his hospital stay, and grateful appreciation to Dr. John Bond.

The body will be cremated.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 10:00 AM at Piney Grove United Methodist Church, 2963 Airport Road, Hot Springs, AR.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Piney Grove United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall

LF

“ I have many great memories of John. He helped more than he ever realized. His professional knowledge and manner was an inspiration to all of us. I also remember many week-end trips on Lake Ouchita with John, Wayne Kelly, Bill Walker, and the rest of the Ouachita staff from the 80's. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Larry

Larry and DJ Fleming - February 25, 2012 at 03:34 PM

MW

“ Dear Polly and family,I have many fond memories of working for John on the Ouachita NF. He was truly one of the last great Forest Supervisors. And I am thankful I had the opportunity to work for him. May God Bless you all and know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Marq Webb - February 16, 2012 at 07:47 PM

BJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I have many, many memories thanks to John while I was in the Southern Region. A wonderful man who taught me a lot on our trips to and from Atlanta on Delta Airlines. We will sure miss him.

Bob Joslin - February 14, 2012 at 04:52 PM

JC

“ Pauline.. So sorry to hear of John's passing...our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He was a great person and I am proud to have known and worked with him.Jack

Jack N. Callahan - February 14, 2012 at 04:35 PM

DS

“ I began my Federal career in 1966 with the Forest Service in Hot Springs. John Orr was one of the finest examples of professionalism I ever came across in my 30 years of Federal/State service. I'm saddened to hear of your loss and have your family in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

Dan Scott - February 13, 2012 at 03:11 PM

PT

“ Polly et al - I am sorry for your loss. I join the others above in adding my appreciation for starting my career under his supervision and the opportunities he created for me. My memory is that the team he built carried the Wonderful Ouachita for decades. Peter Trenchi

Peter Trenchi - February 13, 2012 at 01:04 PM

RO

“ Polly, Johnny, Tim, Becky, and family, This has been a very difficult time. We have lost a husband, father, grandfather, big brother and wonderful uncle. So many knew him as John but I will always remember him as Uncle Bud. It breaks our hearts that we cannot be there to celebrate his life with you but please know how very much you are loved. Raymond, Margaret, and Debbie

Raymond, Margaret, and Debbie Orr - February 13, 2012 at 09:53 AM