



Johnnie R. Berry

April 3, 1930 - September 2, 2016

Johnnie R. Berry, 86, of Lubbock, passed away and entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior on Friday, September 2, 2016. A celebration of his life and services will be September 6 at Sanders Funeral Home Memorial Chapel at 10:30 a.m.

Johnnie was born on April 3, 1930 to Raymond and Cordia Berry. His father passed away at age 6, and he was raised by his mother with 3 sisters and a brother. At the age of 17, he joined the marines and proudly served in World War II and the Korean War. During his service, he was honored with a purple heart. Returning from war he found the love of his life, JoAnn Perrin. They were married and devoted to one another for 54 years. Johnnie was a successful entrepreneur. He started in the upholstery business, where he invented Berry's staple remover. He built and owned Near By Storage and Berry Enterprises.

Johnnie was a member of Highland Baptist Church, Elks Lodge, VFW, and Lion's Club. He loved taking his Sunday school class to Possum Kingdom Lake, where they ate good food, fished, and shared life together. Johnnie loved the Lord and knew his blessings came from the Lord.

Johnnie enjoyed life to the fullest. His passion in life was spending time with his family. He enjoyed flying his plane, hunting, fishing, and spending time with family at his house at Possum Kingdom Lake, called the "Berry Patch."

Johnnie has been reunited with his wife, JoAnn, in Heaven. He is preceded in death by father Raymond Berry, mother Cordia Berry, sister Barbara

Rampy, brother Lloyd Berry, and grandson-in-law Carlton Peters. Johnnie is survived by his daughter Vicky Wolfe, her husband David, son Bryan Berry, wife Kristy, grandchildren Tommy Wolfe and wife Tanya, Shannon Wolfe, Sharon Wolfe, Amber Peters, Derek Berry, Fallyn Berry, and Chad Berry. Also surviving Johnnie are his great-grandchildren Grace, Ava, Sophia, Justin, Britnee, Hoss, and Callie; great-great-grandson Thomas Walker Wolfe; sisters Wanda Byer Price, Jo Davis, and sister-in-law Jerry Brown; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive family and friends at Sanders Funeral Home, Monday, September 5 from 6-8 p.m. Family suggests memorials to Salvation Army.

Cemetery Details

City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 East 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

SEP 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I loved Aunt JoAnn and Johnnie! They were always so welcoming and I love that they shared the Lake and their house with all of us. Uncle Johnnie was always so much fun and he loved my babies. (All babies). I will miss him and cherish the memories of him. Stories pop up sometimes and I tell them to my kids like the laughing lady in the kitchen, the dancing fish, what ate his finger off and the awesome trampoline even with the ground and many more. I'm thankful he knew the Lord and is with his Heavenly Father and reunited with Aunt JoAnn. Love and prayers to all of you. ❤️

Carrie Zollinger - September 08, 2016 at 11:07 PM

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Mark Davis - September 07, 2016 at 04:22 AM

“ Dear Vicky and Bryan,

Mark sent a note on our behalf, but I also wanted to write to tell you that we are praying for you. We are praying The Lord will comfort you as only He can.

I first met your family in June, 1976 when I came with Mark and their family to Possum. Your mom and dad opened their hearts and the "Berry Patch" to me. It was at Possum that I got to meet many of the Berry cousins, as your mom and dad welcomed all your dad's siblings and their kids for weekends of fun on the lake. Sandy Beach, Hell's Gate and Bailey's were places I got to know as I tagged along with you, Bryan, and Mark and others who hopped in the boat for rides and skiing. I even got to experience "roller coaster" rides in the plane.

Your mom and dad had the biggest hearts to do for their kids and grands, their moms, their siblings and their siblings' kids and grands. They were family. They were there to support all - they supported us in the big events in our lives: our wedding, births of our kids and then our kid's weddings.

Your mom and dad were a team - your dad the dreamer, entrepreneur and your mom the detailed business manager - together they built amazing businesses.

Your dad still remains "bigger than life" for Mark - he so looked up to and admired him as he grew up. He remembers that he dreamed of living in Lubbock as a young boy so he could be close to his cousins and aunts and uncles.

We thank The Lord for having known and loved your dad and that he loved us through the generous way he lived his life. We truly were blessed by your mom and dad! We praise The Lord for sending us Uncle Johnnie and Aunt JoAnn!

I am going to scan a few pictures from our personal history at Possum and with your family in Lubbock. Blast to the past.

We love you!

Carma

Carma Davis - September 07, 2016 at 02:46 AM

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“ Uncle Johnnie was loved and admired by all us kids.

A hero bigger than life. A decorated war hero and self made man. A role model, the hardest worker ever and a true jack of all trades, He sacrificed for, and loved his family dearly.

Uncle Johnnie was so generous. When Natalie graduated High School and returned to the United States, he said, "she can just come live with us and go to Tech."

He always made sure we all got our turn to jump on the trampoline or to ski or to fly. When I thought I could not make the transition from the Honda 50 automatic to the larger dirt bike, he taught me how to shift the gears so I could ride. All of us remember his letting us do roller coasters in the plane ... you know what I mean.

Uncle Johnnie loved us, he loved to laugh, giggle and tease us. We will all miss being chased around by George, the stubbed finger and having George count our ribs. He loved telling us that he was picking his nose and a bugger bit it off. Once he told a couple of the girl cousins he would pay them 50 cents each for dipping tools. So they proceeded to dip hundreds... That night at a big family meal at his and Aunt Joann's house, he said in front of everybody here's your money and he ripped a dollar in half and gave them both half of it. He sat back and giggled. I'm sure they would have gotten paid later, but one of the girls threw an icy drink on him.

Uncle Johnnie was an example of bravery and fearless optimism toward the future. He will be greatly missed.

It is hard to be so far away at a time like this. Much love to all of you. My heart is there in Lubbock with you.

Vicky and Bryan, I love you. God bless you both and both your families, as well.

Mark and Carma in Israel

Mark Davis - September 05, 2016 at 04:06 PM