



John Coleman Cantrell

August 31, 1952 - January 11, 2012

"John Coleman Cantrell August 1952 - January 2012 Resident of Pulaski passed away after a courageous 9 month battle with cancer, John passed away peacefully at Maury Regional Hospital in Columbia, Tennessee. John was born in Corinth, Mississippi and raised and graduated from Gurley High School in Gurley, Alabama. He was a retired truck driver for Walmart of over 20 years.

He was one of three children born to the late Cecil and Mildred Louise Cantrell and was the beloved husband of Melissa Congo Cantrell for over 30 years. John will forever be remembered by his children John Coleman Cantrell Jr. and Jonathan Blake Cantrell, sisters Annette Loveday and Rita Kaye Wenzel, caring niece and nephews Clay and Mindy Loveday and Rusty Loveday, along with treasured great nephews Raven and Cecil Loveday, as with countless other friends and family whom were blessed to know him. John loved nature and the outdoors, racing and cars and especially University of Alabama football and will be remembered for his laughter and took pride in being a 'simple man.'

John touched the lives of many people with his smile and generosity, and maintained his trademark sense of humor all the way to the graceful end. Friends, family and the public are invited to attend a visitation on Friday, January 13th, at 3pm-7pm at Bennett May Giles Counter Funeral Home, 1910 Elkton Pike, Pulaski, TN 38478 and memorial service led by Bruce Barber and Pastor Sammy Bristol on January 14th, at 10am. The family requests all

donations be sent to his favorite organization, the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital."

Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home in charge of arrangements for John Coleman Cantrell

Tribute Wall

MF

“ *May the God of all comfort become your refuge and strength during this most difficult time. And may the prayers of others help in some small way to bring comfort to your hearts. Please accept our condolences.*

Mines family - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

BN

“ *Im sorry to hear of the passing of John. I had the chance to meet him in Zion, and is one of those people who I will never forget! Rest Easy my Friend.*

Brandon Idland - Bismarck, ND - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

CR

“ *Rita,
Brenda and i am truely sorry for you loss. you and your family will be in our prayers!
Love you,
Cathi*

Cathi Sullivan - Birmingham, AL - friend of Rita - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

SC

“ *Comfort can be found in sharing stories and memories of how Johnny lived his life and how very much he meant. Peace can be found in our Lord.*

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. -Matthew 11:28

Praying for you to find both.

Sherri - Tampa, FL - cousin - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

DW

“ *Peace and love to you. May God give you strength. Our sympathy to the family. God bless you all.*
Donna and Artie O'Neal

Donna O'Neal - Pensacola, FL - Niece of Rita Cantrell Wenzel - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

IS

“ *We are saddened to hear of Johnny's death. We will continue to pray for the family during this sad time. May God comfort you - as only He can.*

Ina W. Flowers - Foley, AL - Rita's sister-in-law - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

GT

“ *Rita and family may God be with you at this time in your lift.*
GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.
Gayle

Gayle White Yawn - Huntsville, AL - knew him from Gurley and went to -
February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

GT

“ *For Melissa, John, & Jonathan, I know your sadness & pain over the loss of Johnny is unmeasureable. My deepest sympathy and heartfelt sorrow goes out to each of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Gail Howe - Memphis, TN - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

DT

“ *Melissa, John & Jonathan*

I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are all in my thoughts & prayers.

Debbie Bunn (Joey's grandmother)

Deborah Bunn - Pulaski, TN - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

GA

“ *As we journey down the pathway of life, with God by our side, one day He will say to us, "My house is closer than yours, let's go home." Johnny went home to be with Christ and although we know he is at peace, his sweet smile and sweet nature will be forever missed, in this life, by those of us who love him.*

Gail Howe - Memphis, TN - Aunt - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

JF

“ *Rita and Annette, as the years slip away from us so goes the the path of Family and friends. Johnny was a few years younger than me but I had the good fortune to know him through you. I went to school with Annette but Johnny was always around. I don't ever remember a time he didn't have a smile on his face.*

May god grant you peace during these time.

Jim Carroll

Jim Carroll - Davenport, FL - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

MF

“ *Annette and Rita,
Johnny was such a sweet young person as we were growing up. I
am not at all surprised to see how wonderful his life was as an adult.
Melissa had a precious husband. I am sorry for your loss and pray
for God's comfort for all of you.*

*Sincerely,
Mitsie Congo Whitley*

Mitsie Congo Whitley - Decatur, AL - friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

PF

“ *Annette & Rita,*

*I am so sorry to hear about about the passing of Johnny. You all are
in my prayers.*

*If Annette does not read this, I went to Gurley with them and
graduated with Annette.*

May God give you comfort in your loss.

Pat Kelley

Patsy Atchley Kelley - Hazel Green, AL - Friend - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

SC

“ *My prayers are with the entire family. Love and light to all!*

Simone - Asheville, NC - Niece of Rita Cantrell - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

RC

“ So sorry for your loss, and to remind you my thoughts and Prayers are with you....God Bless and Keep you!

Love : Rita Forsman

Rita Forsman - Fairhope, AL - Friend of Rita Wenzel Cantrell - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

LF

“ My sincere sympathy to all the family. I knew Johnny many years ago when his sister, Rita, married my brother.

Lona Phillips - Foley, AL - friend of family - February 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM