



John Thomas (Tommy) Russell

June 21, 1949 - September 14, 2024

John Thomas (Tommy) Russell of Goodspring, TN passed away on Saturday September 14th, 2024. Tommy was born on June 21, 1949 and was 75 years old.

Tommy was wonderful husband, father, father-in-law, granddaddy, and friend for all those he was around. He graduated from Bodenham School in 1967, where he was an outstanding basketball player. Tommy served his country by serving in the National Guard. He worked in management for Magotteaux and Johnson Controls for many years making countless friends along the way. Tommy was a man who lived life to the fullest venturing into many endeavors throughout his life-time. Some included owning his own business, farming, buying and selling antiques, selling fireworks and wood working. He loved talking and getting to know the people he would come in contact with along the way. He never met a stranger. One of his joys was spending time and teaching his grandchildren all about life, whether it was woodworking or gardening, he was always sharing his knowledge. Tommy loved God, his family, his friends, and his country deeply. In his later years, he was faced with many health issues; however, Tommy was not a man who gave up. Instead, he looked for ways to keep going each and every day. His strength and fight for life has been an inspiration to his family and all who knew him.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024 from 11:00am to

1:00pm at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory.

The funeral service will take place on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024 at 1:00pm in the chapel of Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory. The burial will follow at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vanderbilt's Children's Hospital or any other charity of your choice.

Tommy was preceded in death by his father, John Russell, mother, Mary Lorene Russell, sister, Beverly Russell, brother, John Alvin Russell, and sister-in-law, Jane Russell.

He is survived by,

His wife of 53 years, Cheryl Russell of Goodspring, TN

Daughter, Tracy and husband Michael of Goodspring, TN

Grandchildren, Allie Garner, Katie Garner, Nathan Garner and Kristen Garner

Sisters-in-law, Carolyn (Charles) Talley of Pulaski, TN

Arlene (Gary) Sims of Lynnville, TN

Darlene Jordan of Pulaski, TN

Tina (Tom) Burgess of Manchester, TN

Lisa (Paul) Caouette of Madison, AL

Brother-in-law, Kenny Yowell of Lynnville, TN.

Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements for John Thomas (Tommy) Russell

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery

2689 Pleasant Ridge Road
Goodspring, TN 38460

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (cst)

Bennett- May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory
1910 Elkton Pike
Pulaski, TN 38478

Funeral Service

SEP 17. 1:00 PM (cst)

Bennett- May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory
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Pulaski, TN 38478

Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Pat Stewart lit a candle in memory of John Thomas (Tommy) Russell*



Pat Stewart - September 18, 2024 at 05:54 AM

ST

Cheryl I'm so sorry for you and your family tommy was a good man I hate this so bad for you love you and God bless you

Steve Thompson - September 20, 2024 at 02:37 PM

DT

“ *Tommy was my Uncle and knew him all of my life. He was a great man that was always jovial, kindhearted and loving. He took up wood crafting after retiring and was extremely talented. Unfortunately health issues plagued him in the last few years.*

David Talley - September 17, 2024 at 07:39 PM

PH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family. Tommy was truly one of a kind who always enjoyed life.*

Pam Hargrove - September 17, 2024 at 01:53 PM

PH

“ Pam Hargrove lit a candle in memory of John Thomas (Tommy) Russell



Pam Hargrove - September 17, 2024 at 01:51 PM

AF

“ I am so sorry for your loss, I know he will be missed, but have peace with the fact that he is once again, made whole and celebrating with his friends and family that had gone before him.



Ann Farr - September 17, 2024 at 07:31 AM

PK

“ Paula And Max Kirk lit a candle in memory of John Thomas (Tommy) Russell



Paula and Max Kirk - September 16, 2024 at 10:33 PM

MC

“ MIKE CHANDLER lit a candle in memory of John Thomas (Tommy) Russell



MIKE CHANDLER - September 16, 2024 at 09:11 PM

JT

“ Many memories were made with Tommy in the auction barns where he loved buying and selling antiques. He was one of a kind and will be missed by all that knew him. My condolences to the family for his loss.

John Thorpe - September 16, 2024 at 08:59 PM

RH

“ Rose Ann Hood lit a candle in memory of John Thomas (Tommy) Russell



Rose Ann Hood - September 16, 2024 at 08:36 PM

BS

“ Betty Stewart lit a candle in memory of John Thomas (Tommy) Russell



Betty Stewart - September 16, 2024 at 06:02 PM



“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - September 16, 2024 at 05:37 PM

TS

“ Tammy Stafford lit a candle in memory of John Thomas (Tommy) Russell



Tammy Stafford - September 16, 2024 at 05:22 PM

NF

“ Mr.Russell he was my Buddy glad I had the Pleasure of taking Care of him He was a Man of God such a Funny man he Truly made my Day Sorry to hear of his Transition No More Suffering No More Pain You Free To Cheryl and his Children My Condolences Heaven Gained a Humble kind Man..Love you Mr.Russell Rip Sir 🙏🙏

Nikki Foster - September 16, 2024 at 03:59 PM

MG

“ Always thought a lot of Tommy. Super nice guy.

Maria Glover - September 16, 2024 at 01:29 PM

CW

“ Carl (Woody) Woodard lit a candle in memory of John Thomas (Tommy) Russell



Carl (Woody) Woodard - September 16, 2024 at 12:14 PM



“ 86 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - September 16, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ *Dallas Durham lit a candle in memory of John Thomas (Tommy) Russell*



Dallas Durham - September 16, 2024 at 11:28 AM