



William Dorsey Johns III

December 30, 1952 - March 24, 2020

William Dorsey Johns III passed away Tuesday, March 24th, 2020, in Giles County. He was born in Pulaski, TN on December 30th, 1952 and was 67 years old.

Dorsey, or Thriss as he was affectionally called by his family and friends, graduated from Giles County High School in 1971. Dorsey graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 1976 with a Bachelor Degree in Political Science. Also, in 1976 he married Esther Woodard. They lived in Memphis, Tennessee where she worked as a RN at Methodist South Hospital while Dorsey attended Memphis State University studying Pharmacology. They moved to Nashville where Dorsey was employed by Koch Enterprise.

After their return to Giles County in 1985, Dorsey was employed by the Giles County Highway Department and by Mid-South Concrete. Dorsey was always a dedicated employee and worked very hard all his life. Dorsey was a free-spirited individual who was compassionate, kind, loving, and always helped others who were in need. He was a wonderful father to his son Will and a loving grandfather to his grandson Weston. Dorsey was loved by his family and will be truly missed.

A private graveside service will be held.

He was preceded in death by his parents William Dorsey and Lois Guthrie Johns, Jr.

He is survived by;

Son, William (Will) Dorsey Johns IV of Pulaski.

Grandson, Weston Lee Tidwell.

Brother, Derris (Vickie) Johns of Pulaski.

Brother, Dale Johns of Pulaski.

Sister, Jane (Mike) Currin of Pulaski.

Several nieces, and nephews along with great-nieces and great-nephews also survive.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements for William Dorsey Johns III.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ I knew Dorsey (Three) since my teenage years through a dear friend Bethe, his sister-in-law at the time. Three you've made me laugh so many times. I will always smile when I think of you. My condolences to all of his family and friends that knew and loved him. You will be missed. The world is definitely short one special man.

Christina Lynne Ashton - March 30, 2020 at 11:46 AM

JB

“ Will,Derris,Jane,Dale,so sorry for your loss.

Johnny Beatty - March 27, 2020 at 07:17 PM

SN

“ Will,Derris,Dale,Jane. So sorry for y'all's loss RIP in three

Shane Newton - March 27, 2020 at 03:49 PM

SJ

“ Will Derris Dale Jane. So very sorry for your loss. Three was one in a million. I'm thankful to have had him in my life. He will be greatly missed. Love and prayers to you all.

Shannon Johns - March 27, 2020 at 03:01 PM

AA

“ My love and condolences to Will and to Dorsey's family. Will, if you need anything please reach out. I hate that I cannot be at the services to support you, but please know I am thinking about you. Love, Angie and Terry

Angela and Terry Allred - March 27, 2020 at 02:59 PM

HL

“ I’m very sorry for your loss. Dorcey was my uncle in my early childhood, when he and Esther were married. R.I.P. Uncle Dorcey.

Heather Landry - March 27, 2020 at 01:51 PM

BR

“ William Dorsey Johns III

Billy Rolin - March 27, 2020 at 09:46 AM

BB

“ Derris, Jane, Dale, and the kids. So sorry to hear about Dorsey. Thinking of y’all during this hard time.

Bruce Burns - March 27, 2020 at 08:51 AM

EH

“ Sympathy to all the family from Jim and Elaine Hennessee

Elaine Henn - March 26, 2020 at 10:48 PM

JT

“ Will, you and your family are heavy on my heart and my mind. I’ll forever be glad 3 was a friend to me.

Josh Thurman - March 26, 2020 at 10:17 PM

JC

“ Good bye to an old friend! You’ll be missed by all!

Jan James Cozart - March 26, 2020 at 08:46 PM

DE

“ Rip three gonna miss ya man

Derrick - March 26, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ *Jane, Derris, and Dale, Very sorry to all your families.*

Jeff Williams - March 26, 2020 at 06:28 PM