



Johnny Murl Allen

December 28, 2015

Johnny Murl Allen of Ward, Arkansas, passed from this life to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, on Monday, December 28th, 2015, at Unity Health in Searcy, Arkansas, from health complications. Johnny was born in DeWitt, Arkansas, on August 31st, 1952, to John and Jennie Allen. Johnny spent his childhood in DeWitt and graduated from DeWitt High School in 1970. He is preceded in death by his father John Paxton Allen and his infant (twin) sons John Chance and Harold Chase Allen.

Johnny is survived by his mother Jennie Marie Allen of DeWitt, AR, his sisters; Beverly Sivils and husband Lloyd of Monroe, LA and Brenda Bell and husband Jim of Madison, WI; his brother David Allen and wife Kim of Monroe, LA. Johnny also leaves behind to cherish his memory five daughters; Jennifer Allen Elias and husband Jason, Amy Allen Hernandez and husband Carlos, Johnna Allen Nelson and husband Ryan, Jan Allen Yingling and husband Paul, and baby sister Jill Allen. Still here to carry on his legacy and honor their Pop, Johnny is survived by seven beautiful grandchildren: Hannah and Elizabeth Elias, Mary Madelyn and Claudia Sitton, Hudson Hernandez, Cooper Nelson, and Titon Allen.

For those who had the pleasure of knowing Johnny, it was evident by his character that he embraced life and was a true adventure seeker. He was one of the last great "cowboys" and Johnny valued and never took for granted time

with those he loved. His grand adventures took him all over North America whether it be by semi-truck, by motorcycle, or on horseback. Johnny had many aliases through the years, Smilin' Jack, U.J., Smokin' 4-BAR-J, and Jump'in Johnny...but his favorite title among all was the esteemed honor he received when his young grandchildren lovingly named him "Pop."

Johnny encouraged others to always believe that good conquers evil and to protect God and Country and all things sacred. He made us believe that the old days of the Wild West are still alive and well and that cowboy rules still apply. His old southern ways and sincere patriotism just never went out of style. And when Johnny climbed on his motorcycle and stared out at God's creation through his shiny steel handlebars, he truly felt the existence of heaven here on earth. Johnny's passion and love for life, family, friends, and BIG adventures will be treasured in our hearts forever...and the smile under the curled mustache of "Smilin' Jack" will never be forgotten.

A Visitation will be held at Valley Baptist Church in Searcy, AR, on Saturday, January 2nd, at 9:00 am with the Memorial Service following at 10:00 am. A Graveside Service will be held on the same day at Cedar Crest Memorial Gardens in DeWitt, AR, at 3:00 pm with Visitation at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 3:45 pm.

If loved ones wish to donate to a memorial in honor of Johnny Allen, the family respectfully requests the Patriot Guard Riders. This is an organization that Johnny participated in by honoring fallen veterans and encouraging their families in time of grief. Johnny had a heart for this All-American mission and rode many miles on his motorcycle commemorating those who have served this great country.

Patriot Guard Riders, Inc.
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Owasso, OK 74055.

Tribute Wall

RW

“ *My sincere condolences to Johnny's family and other friends. Johnny was indeed a very special guy and I truly appreciated being his friend.*

Robert Wittenburg - May 04, 2016 at 03:13 PM

NM

“ *Prayers for you all at this sad time.*

Nancy Jo Miller - February 10, 2016 at 01:14 PM

TG

“ *Johnny, I met you through becoming blessed to become bestfriends with Jill and through that friendship she and you all became family to me. Family isn't always by blood, it's made by love. I will forever remember what I affectionately call "Johnnyisms" Jill and I have had several laughs over some of your sayings. You were a great man and Father, a true example for others. Always there supporting and loving your girls through thick and thin. Thank you for the lessons, thank you for the laughs. Please tell Cole how much we miss and love him, take him on a ride and please hug him for me. You two will have many laughs I already know. Much love my friend, much respect.*

Terri Gately - February 10, 2016 at 01:14 PM

PB

“ I met Johnny is Mrs Bobbie Bennett in 1968 American History class... he set right behind me and he made me laugh and for this memory I am a better me for having known and graduated with this classmate and friend... So sorry for the news of his passing but Praising God for taking him to Heaven... Your classmate Phyllis

Phyllis Moyer bohannon - February 10, 2016 at 01:14 PM

MH

“ Brenda I'm so sorry for the IOSS of your brother. .

Marion Harp - February 10, 2016 at 01:14 PM

BR

“ A kind man gone too soon. Our sympathies to the family.

Bill and Melanie Riordan - February 10, 2016 at 01:14 PM

DE

“ He will be missed

Debbie English - February 10, 2016 at 01:14 PM

CF

“ Dear Brenda and Jim and family,

I was so deeply saddened to learn that your brother had died. I didn't know him but I know you, Brenda, and imagine he was a lot like you..cheerful, loving, kind, loves life and friends and nurtures friendships. I could go on and on.

Please know that my prayers are with you today and in the coming months as you walk through this period of grief.

*Blessings,
Carol*

Carol Fisher - February 10, 2016 at 01:14 PM

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Robert Wittenburg - February 10, 2016 at 01:14 PM

SM

“ *Leave a condolence or a memory.*

Steve Miller - February 10, 2016 at 01:14 PM

WR

“ Thank you JohnnyAllen for all the fun times and for listening and for helping me the day Terry died. You were the best friend a girl could have that day on that long ride we took with me crying on back and using your shirt tail for a hankie. You took me to meet your sons and now you are with them and so many other of our friends and loved ones. I know they are happy to see you but the ones the ones you left behind sure do love and miss you. Won't be today and probably not tomorrow but I'll see you again and I expect to see you, Thumper and Terry waiting on me with kickstands up ready to ride.

Wendy Michelle Ray - February 10, 2016 at 01:14 PM