



John C "Johnny" Harper

October 29, 1947 - September 24, 2015

John C. "Johnny" Harper of Laurel, MS, died on Thursday, September 24th. He was 67 years old. Born in Opelousas, LA, on October 29th, 1947, Harper grew up in Lafayette, LA. He was an Eagle Scout and a 1965 graduate of Lafayette High School. He received his degree from Louisiana Tech University, where he played center for the football team. He had a successful career in sales that spanned four decades. During this time, he had the opportunity to connect with many clients and co-workers he considered close friends. Harper was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Laurel. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Betty Holt Harper, of Laurel, MS; and four children, John (Johanna), of Chicago, IL; Peter (Maren), of New York, NY; Mary Katherine Seibels (Ryan), of Nashville, TN; Anne Tomlinson (Lucas), of Alexandria, VA; and eight grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert Clifton and Helen (Hartley) Harper; and brother, David Phillip Harper. Services will be held on Monday, September 28, at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be at the church from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., with service at 11:30. A graveside service will immediately follow at Lake Park Hills Cemetery. Rev. Mike Allen will officiate. Pallbearers are Roy Balentine, William Horne, Edward Kissinger, Trent Mulloy, David Perkins, and David Ratcliffe. Honorary pallbearers are Ernest McAlpin, Eric Moss, Gene Mulloy and Wayne Williams.

Tribute Wall

GG

“ *John C "Johnny" Harper*

Gary Goins - September 29, 2015 at 10:43 PM

RB

“ *We are sorry to hear of your loss, Johnny was a easy going great guy. I will always remember the time Tommy Bourque, David, Johnny and I spent in their yard playing all sorts of sports and games. Betty you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Richard and Marcella*

Richard and Marcella Baudoin - September 29, 2015 at 01:55 PM

BB

“ *There is a great sadness in Lafayette over the passing of our friend and classmate, Johnny Harper. Johnny was a good guy since we first met, 55 years ago in the eighth grade at Lafayette Middle School and through 4 years at Lafayette High School. I am thankful that I had him as a close friend for 4 & 1/2 years. To his wife, children & grandchildren, please take solice and comfort that you had him for as long as you did. God bless you & God bless Johnny*

Bobby Bacon - September 29, 2015 at 08:05 AM

KB

“ *Praying for your family during this season of loss. I knew John through his work in sales and had great respect for him and how he loved his customers. He never failed to have a smile and to offer help whenever it was needed. He will be greatly missed.*

Kameron Ball - September 28, 2015 at 12:20 PM

TJ

“ My condolences to John's Family,He was a kind and friendly man.He will be missed by many people from the Gulfcoast area.God Bless and you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tony jarrell - September 28, 2015 at 10:19 AM

MB

“ Dear Betty and family, our prayers,love, and thoughts are with you during these times. i know it is very difficult. but the Good Lord will look after ya'll. Love, Tommy & Barbara

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Bourque - September 28, 2015 at 09:58 AM

JF

“ John always had a big smile on his face and was so happy! He always was prepared to show me the latest photos of his grandchildren and loved his family so much. He will be greatly missed. My prayers are with your family.

Janice Fitzgerald - September 28, 2015 at 09:50 AM

PH

“ Dear Betty, I am so sorry to hear of the death of John, and send my love and sympathy to you and your children.

Pauline Hicks - September 27, 2015 at 09:40 PM

BR

“ John was so good to Pearl School District and loved by us all. He was a good, honest man who earned the respect of all who knew him. John Harper will be missed.

Brenda - September 27, 2015 at 03:14 PM

WL

“ Thinking of your precious family at the loss of Johnny. May God surround you with His Grace and comfort you with wonderful memories that will bring peace to your hearts. In Christ love and light, Wayne and Tommie

Wayne and Tommie Lowery - September 27, 2015 at 02:17 PM

RE

“ Betty I'm sorry for you and your family loss. Johnny was a special classmate and teammate, he was loved by all.

Richard L Ebner - September 27, 2015 at 09:19 AM

CP

“ Betty and family. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God wrap his arms around you and give you peace, strength and comfort. God Bless You. Joe and Carolyn Payne

Carolyn Payne - September 27, 2015 at 12:55 AM

CJ

“ Betty and Family: So sorry for your loss. Wish I could be there . But know this-my prayers are for comfort and peace for y'all. Betty the next time I'm in Laurel I hope we can visit. Love you! Charlotte

Charlotte & Ralph James - September 27, 2015 at 12:50 AM

GS

“ Everyone at Spar Medical is sending our deepest sympathies and prayers for the family over the coming days.

Glenda and Jim Sparacio - September 26, 2015 at 10:12 PM

BM

“ Betty we are praying for your family. So sorry for your loss. I have a lot of good memories working with John at Tretolite. Mac

Bill McFetridge - September 26, 2015 at 09:25 PM

DK

“ Trisha and are saddened to hear that John had passed away. He and I spent some time together on the coast a couple of weeks ago at the MASBO conference. He was always a gentleman and I considered him a good friend. We spent most of our time talking about our children and grandchildren and wished they lived closer so that we could spoil them properly. I will miss him and his smile. Trisha and I are praying for all of the family and especially Betty. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Dale and Trisha Keyes - September 26, 2015 at 08:22 PM

JF

“ My prayers are with all the family. John was a great friend and will be missed greatly

Jackie Ford - September 26, 2015 at 06:16 PM

NW

“ Betty and Family, I am praying for you. You husband and Dad was a wonderful person. He had the most kind presence.
Nilda, Richard Witty

Nilda R. Witty - September 26, 2015 at 05:27 PM

DC

“ *Betty, I am so sorry to learn of the passing of John. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. He was such a special man. I will be thinking of you and your precious children during these difficult days. Deborah*

DeNorah Carr - September 26, 2015 at 05:26 PM