



Gregory Ray Cripps

July 17, 1936 - July 15, 2019

Gregory Ray Cripps, 82 year old resident of Gentry, Arkansas, died on July 15, 2019 at his home. Greg was born on July 17, 1936 in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, to Charlie Burr Cripps and Virda Mae Porter. He was lifelong resident of Gentry and went to work for local phone company when he was 17. While working for the phone company, he witnessed a car drive into a pond and managed to save the family from drowning. Greg retired from CenturyTel in 1991 and went back to work in 1995 before retiring again in 2005. He married Emma Louise English on September 17, 1985. Greg served in the Army National Guard for four years. He was a member of Gum Springs Baptist Church in Siloam Springs.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Emma; grandson, Cori Alsip; his parents, Charlie and Virda Cripps; and three brothers, Ervin Cripps, Lemuel Cripps, and Herman Cripps.

Greg is survived by seven children: Randy Cripps and wife Denise, Terri Swicegood and husband David, Barbara Delacerda and husband Jerry, Dee-Dee Lucas and husband Rick, Vicki Ward and husband Bryan, Tammy Dotson-Trefren and husband Paul, and Danny Dotson and wife Cindy; thirty-two grandchildren, forty-three great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild; sister, Velma Louise Hartog and husband Paul; special friend and caregiver, Jeanie Boland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 18, 2019 at Gum Springs Baptist Church with Pastor Gordon Topping officiating. Burial will follow at Bloomfield Cemetery in Gentry, Arkansas. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bloomfield Cemetery, 11525 Cripps Road, Gentry, AR 72734.

Cemetery Details

Bloomfield Cemetery

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Gentry, AR 72734

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Service

JUL 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Gum Springs Baptist Church
20054 Keck Road
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall

MF

“ Prayers for the Family of Gregory Cripps



Maxine Foster - July 18, 2019 at 03:19 PM

NL

“ Norma J Lucas lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ray Cripps



norma j lucas - July 18, 2019 at 10:11 AM

LR

“ Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ray Cripps



Liz Reading - July 17, 2019 at 07:05 PM

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“ 17501 S 145th W Ave Sapulpa, Ok 74066 purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Gregory Ray Cripps.



17501 S 145th W Ave Sapulpa, Ok 74066 - July 17, 2019 at 04:30 PM

SD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss.. Our hearts go out to the family. My memory of Gregory is his ability to ride and train horses. What a talent he had. When he visited my parent's farm as a teen he could ride anything on the farm when no one else could.. His quite demeanor was intriguing especially when none of the rest of us were considered quite. As adults I remember him coming with Lemuel to the Porter reunions near Sapulpa. I thought how proud his Mom and Dad would be that they were carrying on the tradition of extended family since it was important to them. We were glad to have an opportunity to visit.
I'm thankful for the closeness of our Arkansas cousins.
Love to all,
Larry and Sandra Morgan Duck
Sapulpa, OK

Sandra Duck - July 17, 2019 at 03:53 PM

NO

“ Naomi Owen lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ray Cripps



Naomi Owen - July 17, 2019 at 12:33 PM

FF

“ So sorry for all, prayers in this difficult time. I will cherish the time spent at Greg and Emma's house - the women visiting while the guys roped. Great memories I will have forever.

Flora Forrest - July 17, 2019 at 12:22 AM

KG

“ I will forever be thankful for the freedom and joy Gregory brought to my house in the form of two lovable horses when I was 14. He patiently showed me all I needed to know as a new horse owner. Those horses were a joy to have around for many years to come for both myself, my parents, and my children.

Kathy L Gossen - July 16, 2019 at 12:41 PM

LC

“ Lex And Janie Cannon lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ray Cripps



Lex and Janie Cannon - July 16, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gregory Ray Cripps.



July 16, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gregory Ray Cripps.



July 16, 2019 at 05:19 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory Ray Cripps.*



July 15, 2019 at 11:23 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss he was a great man him and my dad Johnny Jackson bout a doz wild horse and we would go over to Gregs house and they would try and brake these horse i think some may have broke them lol and they would rope goats. The kids job was to keep goats in the chute. Lots of good memories. Greg was a great friend to my dad and family.*

tammy glenn - July 15, 2019 at 10:29 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Dee Dee. Love Judy*

Judy Weeks - July 15, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ *Mr. Cripps was a wonderful man. I'll never forget the day he showed me his wagons and let me play with the mules.*

Kim Hunsaker - July 15, 2019 at 10:13 PM

LH

“ Barbara, Terri & family...we are so sorry for your loss. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal but LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal. Death takes the body. God takes the soul. Our mind holds the memories. Our heart keeps the love. Our faith lets us know we will meet again.



Larry & Lana Hurt - July 15, 2019 at 09:48 PM

DH

“ We have lost a very good friend. He fought a good fight with cancer. We will truly miss him and all his kindness to us. We all had a great time visiting hearing all his stories. May he rest in peace and we will see him sometime in heaven.



Donley and Connie

Donley Harrington - July 15, 2019 at 07:39 PM

MM

“ I remember when Mom needed help, Greg was always there to lend a hand. I'm sorry to see him pass. I still remember the buggy.



Matt McCown - July 15, 2019 at 04:48 PM

LE

Greg was a amazing man , gentleman , and friend he was always there for me when I needed him! We spent a many of days riding, driving our wagons and sitting around a campfire laughing and talking about our good times in life and our times doing things together! Miss Emma and my wife Joyce was also with us some of the time. They were both wonderful people and friends and would go the extra mile to help others! Greg will definitely be missed along with miss Emma and my prayers go out to all the families!! R.I.P my hero!!

Leon Eubanks - July 15, 2019 at 10:59 PM



Randy an family. We are truly sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers. David an Pam Cross

Pamela Cross - July 16, 2019 at 07:58 AM

PB

I am so sorry for your loss. Greg was a nice guy. Always friendly with a smile. My prayers for all of you at this sad time. God Bless you all! Pat Boyle

Patty Boyle - July 17, 2019 at 05:04 PM