



Lemuel Cripps

January 23, 1940 - January 3, 2011

Lemuel Fay Cripps, 70, of Gentry, Arkansas, died January 3, 2011, at his home. Born January 23, 1940, in Gentry, Arkansas, he was the son of Charlie B. Cripps and Virda May Porter Cripps. He was a lifetime resident of Gentry and was a peacetime Veteran of the Air Force. Lemuel was a livestock farmer and retired from the Gentry Fire Department after 25 years of service. He married Annis Mae Turner on November 25, 1962 in Gentry. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Gentry. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Herman Cripps and Ervin Cripps. Survivors include his wife Annis of the home; one son Vester Cripps and wife Danette of Gentry; two daughters, Araminta Cripps and fiancé Tim Henderson of Gentry, and Annette Lane and husband Steve of Jay, Oklahoma; five grandsons, Aaron Saindon, Sellor Lane, Steen Lane, Sullivan Lane and Sawyer Lane; one brother, Gregory Cripps and wife Emma of Gentry; and one sister, Velma Hartog and husband Paul of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and a number of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Gary Cripps, Eldon Cripps, Coye Cripps, Randy Cripps, Jason Hartog, and Jake Cripps. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 7, 2011, at Gentry First Baptist Church, Gentry, Arkansas, with Rev. Mike Walker and Dr. Robin Cowan officiating. Burial will follow at Falling Springs Cemetery, near Decatur, Arkansas. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, January 6, 2011, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gentry Fire Department, Gentry, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Sorry to hear of Lemuel's death. I spent many a Sunday afternoon at the Cripps' home with Velma and always enjoyed every minute there.*

Loretta Shaffer Hale - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

RB

“ *So Sorry to Hear about Lemuel,,,, Prayers be with you and your family Roxanna*

Roxanna Ballenger - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

CF

“ *I am so sorry, shocked & surprised to hear about Lemuel. Had I known and been home I would have tried to be there.*

I send this with deepest sympathies! May God be with you and your family.

Benny

CYD HARRISON FARLEY - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

DO

“ *We have always been grateful for what Lemuel meant to my favorite aunt, Tina Oatman. Lemuel and his family were her favorite people. We always looked forward to seeing Lemuel when we visited Aunt Tina.*

Don and Mary Alice Oatman - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

MT

“ *Annis & family:
What a shock and loss. Our thoughts and prayers have been with you during this time.
Wish we could have been with you.
Lemuel was a true friend for many years, and will never be forgotten for all the good times we shared.
Am so glad we could share the visit and supper not long ago.
Hope to see you before too long.
Marvin and Lynette*

Marvin/Lynette Taylor - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

GD

“ *Our deepest condolences to Annis Mae and the Cripps family.
Lemuel's absence will be felt in the entire community.*

Gary and Dena Dickinson - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

DK

“ *Vester, Araminta, and the whole Cripps family-We are so very sorry for what you are going through right now. There are no words that we can offer that will make it better, but we can pray that the Lord will bring you peace and comfort as you support one another.*

Dennis and Shellie Kindy - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

EV

“ *At this time, we were saddened to hear of Lemuel passing. He will be missed by everyone.*

He was a very talented man, and was good at everything he did.

Our prayers go out to the family at this time.

Evan & Dean Vohs - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

MH

“ *Araminta and Vester, I'm so sorry to hear about your father. My thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time.*

Mindy Hunt - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

CS

“ *Vester and Dannette,
Our very deepest sympathies to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Vance and Carrie*

Carrie and Vance Stock - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

TR

“ *Annette - my heart goes out to you. You know that I am praying for you during this time and you also know that I mean it when I say "I know what you are going through". If you need a shoulder or a hug - just let me know. Love ya!*

Tisha (Pace) Robbins - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

BK

“ *The Cripps Family is in our thoughts and prayers. The unexpected is such a shock to a small community! Helen Keller says that what you have loved you never lose; for what you love becomes a part of you! So family and community will never lose Lemuel! In time, may God wipe away your tears and replace them with the wonderful memories that Lemuel has provided! /Nora*

Bob & Nora Krein - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

PR

“ *Annis and Family, I was so, so sorry to hear of your tragic loss. You are all in my heart. Much Affection and Love, Pauline*

Pauline Rodriguez - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

DF

“ *Araminta and family, just wanted you all to know how very special you are to me and my family. We love you and are keeping you close in thought and prayer. I love you Minner...always.*

Diana Curtis Fisher - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

JC

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Vester, Annis, and the Cripps family. I only knew Lemuel from his trips to the Hardware but always enjoyed his humor. it still dosen't seem real as I saw him the morning of the third and a few days before he was so full of life. I will see you some day in that unclouded sky be well friend Blessings!*
Jack

Jack Coelho - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

DH

“ *I was very sad to hear of Lemuel's passing. He was a character but also one of the kindest men around. Mom and Dad (Drexal and Barbara Hall) send their love and prayers as well as the whole Hall family. Lemuel will be missed.*

Dea Ann Hall Heinen, - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

DH

“ *All of us here at the Senior Activity Center would like to express our condolences to Vester and his family. May God comfort you through this difficult time and know that many people have you in their thoughts and prayers.*

Debi Holroyd - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

DM

“ We were saddened to hear about Lemuel. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God comfort and protect you during this difficult time.

Donnie and Sandy Millsap - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

NL

“ Lemuel, you certainly knew how to tease, I don't recall taking that class in school.
You will be missed by family and many, many friends.
Sincere sympathy goes out to all Lemuel's family.

Nancy (Clark) Lee - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

DL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Doug Londagin - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

AC

“ Annis, I just learned of Lemuel's passing. Words cannot express what I feel for you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you and your family. Ava

Ava Creech - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

BB

“ We are so sorry for your lose. Sorry we will not be able to attend any of the services. Take comfort in the Lord and he will get you through. If you need us please call.

Bryan Barnes - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

NB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Lemuel was a good man.

Norma Burden - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

KR

“ Annis, I am so sorry for your loss. Lemuel was a good man and he will be missed.

Kim Rodgers-Crowder and June Rodgers - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

BK

“ Lemuel, since we have known each other for the past 65 years, I can say that after spending some time with you and Annis in April during our class reunion, I have forgiven you for not buying my pie at a West Point Pie Supper when we were seven years old. Growing up I didn't know you would become a family man, a Fire Chief, an auctioneer, an organizer, and a Community Leader. You have left a legacy of commitment, dedication, and preservation to your family, your friends and neighbors, and your community. I now treasure even more the time the four of us spent together in April and May of 2010. Good-By my friend, and may you rest in peace.

Bonnie (Andrews) Kyle - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

MS

“ You are all in my thoughts. Please accept my deepest condolences.

M Sperry - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

AM

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Amy Mitchell - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

RO

“ *Araminta, Annette, and Vester. Our hearts are broken over your lose. Your Dad was a delightful man to be around. It is said that the measure of a mans success in life is that his children think as much of him when their grown as they did when they were small. Many times I've seen the gleam in Araminta eyes when she talked about her Daddy here in our store. Yes without a doubt Lemuel was truly a "Successful Gentle Man". May God grant each of you peace and understanding in the days ahead. We love you all very much. Roger & Delores Osbourn*

Roger & Delores Osbourn - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

IR

“ *Our prayers and sympathy are with the family at this difficult time.*

May God give you peace.

Inez Couch and Louis Romine - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

BB

“ *Lemuel was a friend and brought humor to any situation, he was always reliable, we will miss him.*

Bill Barnes - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

TB

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family.*

Theresa Brown - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

BP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Brenda Dill Petryszak - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

BM

“ To the entire Cripps Family...
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Betsy "Yeager" Morgan - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

GH

“ I'm praying for your whole family. May our Heavenly Father grant
you his comfort and peace.
Rachel

Gerald Hodges - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

LF

“ Annis,
I was so shocked to hear of Lemuel's death. I know there is a void
that will never be filled for you and your family. But, your faith in God
will help you take one day at a time.
God Bless each of you.

Lavada (McCoy) Ford - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

TD

“ Lemuel. My heart is heavy with the loss of this special man. He had
a love of: his family, his farm, his friends, nature, animals, his old
truck, his neighbors far and near, hearing hymns played on the old
pump organ by neighbor Janice. He had a great voice when one
could get him to sing! He had a sly grin, could really make one
laugh, put that pipe in his mouth when he wanted to let you know he
had nothing else to say (which was seldom). He loved class
reunions, & always came to every event of the 1958 class, receiving
a special diploma at our 50th....And he was a major part of the
Gentry alumni association's bi-annual school reunion, including their
scholarship fund. How we all will miss that old farmer, who loved &
was loved. To each family member, I send my love & sympathy.

Terry Durham - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

CB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are going out to you during this difficult time. May you find comfort in all your good memories.

Chris and Sherry Bartlett - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

DB

“ Annis, Araminta, and the rest of the family are in our prayers during this difficult time. My parents thought the world of Lemuel and I knew that he would do just about anything he could for someone in need. I believe he thought the world of his family and he will live on in the lives and hearts of those he left behind.

David & Tresa Boyd - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

KS

“ Lemuel has befriended just about everybody He came in contact with. I am one of those people. Lemuel would go out of His way to get under my skin, just to see how I would react-----then just about the time my blood pressure would start to rise--- HE, would pull His pipe from His mouth and start to laugh.

I've learned a lot from Lemuel, as He has shown me another way to handle indiscriminate situations as they present themselves.

I was crushed to hear of His fatal injury, but know that He is received into Heaven with open arms.

God, I ask and pray that you watch over my dear friend, and that you lessen the pain of His absence to His Wife and Family- AMEN

Kenny Sharp - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

MK

“ So very sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Margaret Knox - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

SS

“ Well I don't know what we will do with out you. I know no one can replace you. You are the biggest kid I have ever known. When you came into Sellers you made my day brighter before you even got off the tractor or out of the pickup. I knew when you came through the door we was going to have some fun stirring up something. My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family, for I know this is a huge loss, he was a great man.

Steve Smith - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

SF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Lemuel. We know things happen for a reason, sometimes we just don't understand why. We pray that God will carry you through this tradegy in your life. God Bless!

Steve & Flora

Steve & Flora (Flo) Forrest - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

MS

“ I'm sorry for your loss.

Mark Smithson - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

JH

“ We are thinking of you with deepest sympathy. Friends, Jim and Cathy

Jim and Cathy Hollenback - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

MS

“ So very sorry to hear about Lemuel. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike and Belinda Londagin Shetlar - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

VS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a fine man.

With Sympathy,

Vickie Shields

Vickie Shields - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

TE

“ Dear Araminta, Vester and family,

I know there are many questions that arise from the loss of one you love. Life seems to be filled with more questions than answers at times. Lean on your faith and know that your friends are praying with you for your strength. May God bless and keep you in His care.

Tim Estes - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

PP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!

Patrick Pearson - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

CF

“ TO ALL THE FAMILY.....WE WERE IN 4-H AND NEIGHBORS WITH THE CRIPPS FAMILY SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND STILL CONSIDER THEM SOME OF OUR DEAREST FRIENDS...OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN BECAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT AND WANT YOU TO KNOW OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU..

LOVE TO ALL, CYD HARRISON FARLEY AND BILL D. FARLEY.....

CYD HARRISON & BILL FARLEY - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

PH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You all are in our prayers at this time.

Pam and Landon Harwell - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

TH

“ So sorry to hear of Lemuel's accident. We went to school & church with your family during our youth. Will keep you in our thoughts & prayers.

Tommy & Jo Ann Hynds

Tommy & Jo Ann Hynds - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

RM

“ My prayers are with Lemuel's family.
He will certainly be missed!!

Ronald McFadin - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

CW

“ to the family. I'm so sorry for your loss. My grandmother was your moms cousin, reta birdsong of okla. may god be with you in such a sad time.

cheryl and david white - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

KC

“ We will always remember the story telling early in the morning while waiting for chicken to cook at the Dogwood Festival and Lemuel and Vester fixing breakfast for us. He always had a story to tell when he would come into the radio station. Enjoyed my time with him as we prepared ads. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends.

Kip and Melody Casper - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

JH

“ All of you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

Jim and Jan Henegar - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

RI

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss and my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family ALWAYS. God bless you and your family. Lemuel was a fun loving man and he will be miss many many people. Love to you and your family.

Roy & Mary Sue (Philpott-Bement) Roberts II - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

JC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Lemuel's paasing. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone in the Cripps family.

John Turbeville & Carrie Carr - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

RM

“ So sorry to of Lemuel's passing. When our paths crossed over the years, he was a friendly neighbor and a welcoming member of the community to Jim when he was just settling into a new "hometown." Our prayers and sympathy go out to each of you. Roxana

Roxana (Reagan) Morrill - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

WB

“ Vester and Annis....Lemuel was a good friend and great person, I'm so sorry for you loss....I will always have fond memories of him coming into the Siloam fire station to talk and joke with the folks here....his love of life and his family was tremendous and his love of the fire department will never be forgotten....you are in my prayers and thoughts....Wayne Brashear

Wayne Brashear - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

MA

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Lemuel's smile was contagious.

Michelle Amos-Edwards - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

BW

“ You are in our prayers.

Barbara & David Wesner - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

PF

“ You all are in our prayers.. May God give you comfort at this time.

Paul and Carolyn Farmer - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

BB

“ We are very shocked and saddened to hear of Lemuel's passing. We are so sorry and can only imagine your grief.

May God help you through this difficult time.

We love you all.

Sincerely,

Barney & Barb Barnes

Barney & Barbara Barnes - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

IC

“ I sincerely offer my condolences to the family. A grin and a twinkle in his eye when he had a good story to tell you. One of the many things I remember about Lemuel.

I regret it had to end this way.

Terry

Ila Carter-Reid - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

RD

“ We send our deepest sympathy and you are in our thoughts and prayers. We know he will be greatly missed. I enjoyed our visits at the feed store.

Roger & Amy Davis - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you during this very sad and difficult time.

Janie Brown - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

TR

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Cripps family. Lemuel will be missed by many.

Terry Redmond - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

DB

“ Dear Family,

Lemuel was a good man that will be missed. He had a special place in my heart. He always made me feel like that he valued my thoughts and opinions. I hope he felt the same way because I valued his wisdom and common sense.

There are no real words of comfort I can offer that you don't already have from Jesus Himself but I do pray He gives you all His abundant peace.

A man's legacy is his family and Lemuel will live on both in Glory and in the memories of his family and friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Randy C. Barrett - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

TT

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I frequently visited their house when I was younger and have so much fond memories of him. He always tried to make me blush (and succeeded).

Tina Tate-Pomeroy

Tina Tate-Pomeroy - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

LH

“ Greg, Emma & families---we are so sorry for your loss. May your memories & God's love bring you comfort & peace at this difficult time.

Larry & Lana Hurt - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

TD

“ Vester, Danette, Aaron, Araminta, Annette,
So sorry to hear of your great loss. I'm praying for you.

Tammy

Tammy Draper - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

RM

“ WE WELL BE MISSING YOU LEMUEL... AND OUR PRAYERS
ARE WITH YOUR FAMILY...AND MAY GOD WRAP HIS ARMS
AROUND HIS FAMILY.

robert & bobbi mcintyre - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

VG

“ Your family is in our prayers
God Bless you and yours
Love
Vicky and David

Vicky & David Goodman - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM