



## Vernon LeRoy Austin

December 22, 1951 - January 25, 2021

Vernon LeRoy Austin 69 year old resident of Decatur, Arkansas, died on January 25, 2021 at his home. He was born on December 22, 1951 in Siloam Springs, Arkansas to Forrest Austin and Edna Peterson Austin. Vernon graduated from Decatur High School. He attended the University of Arkansas and John Brown University in Siloam Springs. Vernon married Judith Diane Kelley on June 16, 1973. He was the bank president at Decatur State Bank for over 35 years. Vernon was an avid sportsman, who loved to hunt, fish and all outdoors sports. He was a member of the Decatur Assembly of God.

Vernon was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Lyle Austin.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; sons, David Austin and wife Angela, and Paul Austin and wife Alyson, all of Decatur; six grandchildren; sister, Wanda Tormey and husband Jim of Decatur; and sister-in-law, Linda Austin of Decatur.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 28, 2021 at Decatur Assembly of God with Pastor Kirk Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at Decatur Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs. For the visitation and funeral services, everyone will be required to wear their own facemask, per the guidelines set forth by the State of Arkansas. In lieu of

flowers, memorials may be made to Decatur Assembly of God, 675 N. Main St., Decatur, AR 72722 or Decatur Education Fund, P.O. Box 803, Decatur, AR 72722.

# Cemetery Details

## Decatur Cemetery

Decatur Cemetery  
Decatur, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 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>

## Funeral Service

JAN 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

Decatur Assembly of God  
675 N. Main St.  
Decatur, AR 72722

# Tribute Wall

BF

“*Dave, Judy, and Paul. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know there is a missing link in the family chain that will be deeply missed, but I know, and you all know, that it's only in the physical presence, that Big Vern is still right there with you strong as ever in that Chain. Smiling and sharing with you, as you live your lives - always.*



*I have so many great memories from years ago with you guys. When I was there, it was like my family away from home - in that, Vern and Judy were so much like my parents in so many ways - and Dave, I know you feel the same. Work hard, play hard, love sports and hunting, and know that if you misbehave, there was a butt kicking or verbal addressing around the corner (to be politically correct), as was deserved. LOL.*

*Vern, you will be missed. Brock and Elizabeth Frieden & Family*

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**Brock & Elizabeth Frieden** - February 09, 2021 at 01:35 AM

 Ron  
Duncan

“*Vernon was somebody I have known and trusted since childhood....truly a good person*

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**Ron Duncan** - January 31, 2021 at 08:29 PM

JC

“*Sending condolences from Karen and myself to Vernon's family. I am grateful for his "welcome to the neighborhood hospitality!" I will always be grateful and continue to thank GOD for them as neighbors. Jim Carson*

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**Jim Carson** - January 31, 2021 at 10:15 AM

JS

“ A life well lived. Many thoughts of comfort to the family. Jack and Cordella Hopkins.

judy hopkins smith - January 30, 2021 at 01:07 PM

DH

“ Vernon and I were fellow "Bulldogs". He was a Straight Shooter in Basketball, in Football, and in the Community. I don't ever remember Vernon having an unkind word or gesture toward anyone. He was always willing to help in time of need. He will be missed by a great multitude of people. Sending Gideon Bibles in memory of Vernon.”

Dan Hedrick

Dan Hedrick - January 29, 2021 at 07:15 PM

JM

“ A Wonderful and kind man that was my pleasure to know. My thoughts and prayers with family.

John McCool

John mccool - January 28, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.



January 27, 2021 at 07:54 PM



“ I went to school at Decatur and he was younger but his sister was s in my class an knew them most of my life he was a nice young man an I know he will be missed My prayers going out for the family God be with you at this time and always.



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**LouElla Helton** - January 27, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.



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January 27, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ LouElla Helton lit a candle in memory of Vernon LeRoy Austin

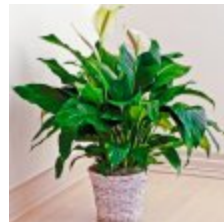


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**LouElla Helton** - January 27, 2021 at 07:30 PM



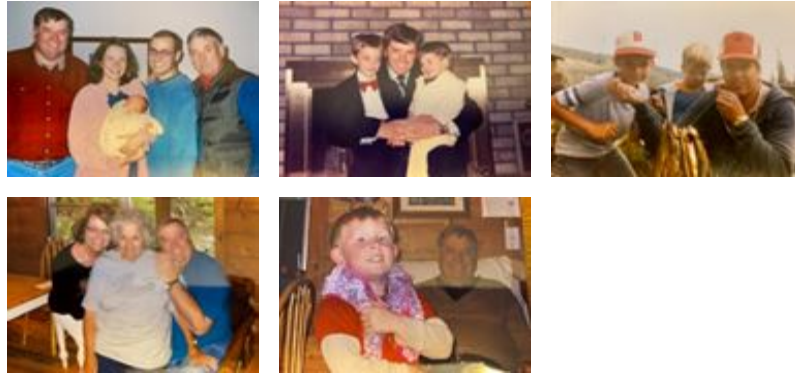
“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.



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January 27, 2021 at 06:55 PM

“ 15 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Wasson Funeral Home** - January 27, 2021 at 06:12 PM

BS

“ *Judy and family, I just looked at your family pictures and they are wonderful. I'm so warmed by the love of all your family towards each other. Vernon was always so special to our family - we were great friends in school and rode the same school bus all our lives. Not that it was a contest - but I think Dad loved Vernon the most. They hunted and fished together, loved all sports (especially baseball for Dad) and loved the city of Decatur, the Decatur School Systems and the Decatur Bulldogs. It always seemed that there was a special bond between them. And of course, your Uncle Earl married our Aunt Fran (Granny's sister) so we were kinda related - in an "outlaw" kind of way. Please know all of our family sends you and your family love and prayers. Please let Al and I know if there is anything we can do for you or the boys.*

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**Bev Meek Saunders** - January 27, 2021 at 05:56 PM

BS

“ *Bev Meek Saunders lit a candle in memory of Vernon LeRoy Austin*



Bev Meek Saunders - January 27, 2021 at 05:47 PM

DB

“ *Our thoughts are with you. David Baker and family*

David Baker - January 27, 2021 at 12:43 PM

KB

*Thank you, David! We love you all! ❤️*

Kathleen Baker - January 28, 2021 at 01:13 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



January 27, 2021 at 11:40 AM

DL

“ *Donella Leeman lit a candle in memory of Vernon LeRoy Austin*



Donella Leeman - January 27, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



January 27, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ *Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



January 27, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



January 27, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



January 27, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



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January 27, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ *Some of the best days of my young life in Decatur was playing Little League & Babe Ruth baseball with Vernon in the summer and going out to the Austin farm. Vernon meant so much to our Decatur Bulldog school system in the 50's & 60's and he contributed even more to the Decatur community in his adult years. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, many friends and the Decatur community.*

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**Alan Roller** - January 26, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ *Judy and Family, Cliff and I are so sorry for your loss. He was a good person and a good friend. Decatur will surely miss him. Clifford and Sue Verser*

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**Sue verser** - January 26, 2021 at 06:35 PM



*My thoughts and prayers are with all. We Truitt's loved all the Austin family & have so many fond memories. Decatur was a wonderful place to grow up and Vernon had a special place in the community. RIP my friend. Kay Truitt Hoggard*

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**Kay Hoggard** - January 31, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wasson Funeral Home - January 26, 2021 at 05:48 PM

AL

*My heart aches for all the family . My God be with you in the coming days.*

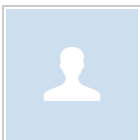
Al and Lynda Lemke - January 26, 2021 at 08:16 PM

SH

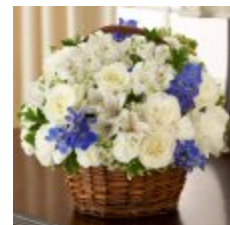
“ *Suzanne Hay purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



Suzanne Hay - January 26, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



January 26, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



January 26, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



January 26, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ *Judy, my heart is heavy for you in so many ways! Vernon and Bill took a chance on this Girl 30 some odd years ago and I have my home because of these men. He gave me a good talking to back then! You and Vernon became very Special to my girls and I over the years. I can see your sweet face laughing and crying you are in my prayers sweet friend!*

**Denise Cripps** - January 26, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



January 26, 2021 at 12:29 PM

AB

“ To Judy and family.....was so sorry to hear of the passing of Vernon. I remember him well. We both graduated the same year. Him from Decatur and I from Gravette.  
My dad Mack Presley would always hit Vernon up at the bank to give to the Gravette Manor Home at CHRISTmas time and Vernon was always so good to donate. I remember being in school with you Judy. You were a few grades below me.  
Our sympathy goes out to you and your family. May God give you peace in this time of great sorrow. God Bless you and your family.....Andy & Diane ( Presley ) Bennett, Rogers, Ar. ( formerly of Gravette Ar.)

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**Andy & Diane (Presley) Bennett** - January 26, 2021 at 12:06 PM

FF

“ So sorry to hear this. Prayers for all of you. Vernon was such a good guy.

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**Flora & Steve Forrest** - January 26, 2021 at 11:17 AM

BP

“ Bryan & Cindy Patton purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.



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**Bryan & Cindy Patton** - January 26, 2021 at 09:51 AM

LG

“ *Lynne Glass lit a candle in memory of Vernon LeRoy Austin*



Lynne Glass - January 26, 2021 at 08:54 AM

DW

“ *David Wilmoth lit a candle in memory of Vernon LeRoy Austin*



David Wilmoth - January 26, 2021 at 05:54 AM



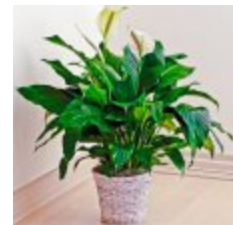
“ *Crossing Over Lid Decoration was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



January 25, 2021 at 10:52 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



January 25, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



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January 25, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



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January 25, 2021 at 07:56 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



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January 25, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Vernon LeRoy Austin.*



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January 25, 2021 at 06:08 PM