



Johnny David (J.J.) Jennings

January 9, 1957 - December 24, 2020

A funeral service for Johnny David (J.J.) Jennings, age 63, of Rusk is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at The Branded by Christ Cowboy Church in Rusk with Rev. Jerry Bennett officiating. Burial will follow at Salem Cemetery.

Mr. Jennings passed away December 24, 2020 at a Tyler hospital. He was born January 9, 1957 in Rusk. Mr. Jennings was a lifelong resident of Rusk and worked at Brookshire Brothers for 14 years and TDCJ for 30 years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a member of The Gideon's International. He was also a Senior Deacon at the First Baptist Church in Ponta and had the privilege to baptize three of his grandchildren. He never met a stranger.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bobby Joe Jennings, grandparents, Joe and Merle Guinn and his first born son. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Debbie Jennings of Rusk, daughter and son-in-law, Megan Bowman and husband Tim of Rusk, son and daughter-in-law, Joe Bob Jennings and wife Amanda of Troup, TX, mother, Gloria Jennings of Rusk, six grandchildren including Austin, Hunter, Kamdyn, Alyssa, Mason and Tinslee, sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and John McGuinness of Rusk and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers will include Rodney Hudson, Steve Halbert, David Phifer, Dennis Drake, Michael Goff, Timmy Scott and Archie Crawford. Honorary pallbearers will include all past and present TDCJ employees and Tommy Matthews, Gary Goodman and Charles Adams. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at the funeral home. If desired, memorials may be made to The Gideon's International, PO Box 1261, Jacksonville, TX 75766.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home
221 5th Street
Rusk, TX 75785
(903) 683-2222

Funeral service at The Branded by Christ Cowboy Church

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

The Branded by Christ Cowboy Church

Tribute Wall



“ Johnny David (J.J.) Jennings

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM

DW

“ So sad to hear about Johnny. His death was a shock to me. I went to school with him years ago and worked with his mother and two newspapers. Johnny was quick with a joke and always made me smile. He will be missed that is for sure.

Don Wallace - January 11, 2021 at 02:51 PM

PC

“ So sorry to hear about Johnny's passing. I was so shocked when Vicki told me. I saw Johnny this summer at the ballfield & enjoyed visiting with him. Sorry for your loss. Patti Wallace Low

Patti Wallace Low, cousin - January 01, 2021 at 05:22 PM

WG

“ Johnny was my little brother. We grew up together.

Wayne Guinn - December 30, 2020 at 11:01 AM

KB

“ I am very sorry to hear about Johnny. I attended school with Johnny and have fond memories of him. I will remember his kind spirit and sweet smile.
Karen Dansby Blackmon

Karen Blackmon - December 29, 2020 at 08:52 PM

SK

“ I'm so sorry to learn of his loss. He seemed like such a special young man.
Prayers for his family.

Sue Kelton - December 29, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Johnny David (J.J.) Jennings.



December 29, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Johnny David (J.J.) Jennings.*



December 29, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *Johnny was one of the first to contact Charles about doing pulpit supply for Ponta Baptist and continued being very supportive through the last several months that Charles has been the interim pastor. You could always count on Johnny and Debbie being there whenever possible, and being an encouragement for the messages and the music. He was truly a dedicated and committed Christian and a valuable leader in the church. We will miss him.*
Charles and Margie Adams

Margie Adams - December 29, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ *Carolyn Conway purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Johnny David (J.J.) Jennings.*



Carolyn Conway - December 28, 2020 at 07:42 PM