



Mr. John William Cover

December 9, 1941 - March 30, 2024

John William Cover, 82, of Gillett passed away March 30, 2024. He was born on December 9, 1941, in Arkansas County to Ted Cecil Cover and Johnetta Eason Cover.

Johnny received a football scholarship to Southern State University. After his graduation, he coached in Wynne and Pocahontas before coming home to Gillett to farm. He retired from farming in 2006.

Johnny was active in his community. He was a member of the Arkansas County Historical Society, and Gillett Farmers and Businessmen's Club.

Johnny was a former member of the Gillett School Board, Gillett City Council, Gillett Cemetery Board, and Federal Land Bank. He was a member of Gillett Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Linda Place Cover; his brother Bob Cover; and his sister Joyce Gordon.

Johnny is survived by his sons John David Cover (Claudette) and James Cover both of Gillett; one grandson Jacob Coburn (Tiffany); two great grandsons Eli and Isaac Coburn; brother-in-law Scott Place (Karen); sister-in-law Leona Fletcher; and a host of nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. April 2 at Gillett Methodist Church with visitation one hour before the service. Burial will follow in Gillett Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gillett Cemetery, c/o Jennifer Lowe, P.O. Box 124, Gillett, AR 72055 or Gillett Methodist Church, P.O. Box 88, Gillett, AR 72055.

The family would like to thank Dr. Ralph Maxwell and Dr. Hayden Leibrock,

Becky Weinrich, and DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home staff for the wonderful care that they gave Johnny.

Cemetery Details

Gillett Cemetery

Gillett, AR 72055

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gillett Methodist Church
Gillett, AR 72055

Service

APR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I never actually met John. He reached out to my husband and me in 2017 because he wanted to check on my father-in-law, Don Henson. They attended college together, and John had seen some posts we had made regarding Don’s health. John and I chatted occasionally through Facebook messenger and kept each other updated on both John and Don’s lives. I realized today that I hadn’t heard from John in a while and was sad to realize why. John was a sweet man who enjoyed seeing our grandbabies born and grow through Facebook. I will never forget him ❤️

Jaimie Henson - August 27, 2024 at 10:05 PM

AL

“ Years ago, John taught me how to drive a tractor so I could mow the yellow flowers to protect my baby horse, Klein. He loved my horses like I did. He was a good man and will be missed. Prayers and condolences to James and John David and the rest of the family—Alysia

Alysia - April 02, 2024 at 04:35 PM

PD

“ Prentice And Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John William Cover



Prentice and Sue Davis - April 01, 2024 at 09:16 AM

NW

“ *Mr. Johnny was a great man. Always had a kind word or a funny story to share. He will be missed*

Nancy Wallace-Keys - March 31, 2024 at 07:19 PM

NW

“ *Nancy Wallace-Keys lit a candle in memory of Mr. John William Cover*



Nancy Wallace-Keys - March 31, 2024 at 07:17 PM

DH

“ *John showed the way. Now another library has burned. I am left with deep sorrow. - Duane Hall*

Duane Hall - March 31, 2024 at 09:13 AM

EL

“ *Mr. Cover was a very loving and gentle caregiver to his wife for many years, and now he is finally with the love of his life!! He left a lot of memories for all that knew him. Prayers for all his friends and family.*



Ester Hageman, LPN - March 31, 2024 at 01:38 AM

CK

“ John was instrumental in me getting into the education/coaching profession some fifty-eight years ago in Pocahontas, Arkansas. I thoroughly enjoyed my two years working with John. He was without a doubt a great person, coach and Christian man. The memories of the good times we shared will remain a treasure.

Chester Key

Chester Key - March 30, 2024 at 07:18 PM