



## Mr. John Carl Keaton Sr.

August 14, 1937 - January 8, 2022

John Carl Keaton, Sr. was born on August 14, 1937, and passed from this life on January 8, 2022, at the age of 84.

He was the oldest of seven children born to John Bunyan and Nettie Brown Keaton of DeWitt. John Carl married Shirley Lee Ann Wood on December 14, 1958. Together, they had six children. They were married twelve years until her death. On April 28, 1978, he married Bonnie Lee Kittler and they were married for 38 years. Together, they had one son.

He was a member of the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn. He loved hunting, fishing, raising hogs and chickens, and his special horse, Sunshine.

John was a hardworking man with many talents. He worked as a welder, he bailed hay, logged, and surveyed rice and soybean fields. Life changed for him in 1996 after his heart attack. It slowed him down for a while, but as time went on he regained his strength and began gardening, which became a great passion of his. He always had one of the best gardens. He was known around DeWitt for his delicious blackberries and tomatoes.

John Carl is preceded in death by his parents, John and Nettie Keaton, his wife Shirley and his wife Bonnie, and one son, Justin Lee Keaton, one brother,

CW Keaton, three sisters, Yvonne Byers, Nettie Jane Ward, and Christine Ward.

He is survived by his children, Lynnette Saunders and husband Van of Heber Springs, Priscilla Bennett and husband Charles, Johnny Keaton, Karla Fox and husband Ricky, and Barbara Keaton all of DeWitt, Chris Keaton of Proctor AR, and Travis Fisher of DeWitt; seventeen grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren, one brother, Tommy Keaton and one sister, Linda Gosa of DeWitt.

John lived a full life and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. January 11 at Essex Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. January 12 at Essex Funeral Home with burial in Crocketts Bluff Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Crocketts Bluff Cemetry

Crocketts Bluff, AR 72038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home  
1405 South Grandview  
DeWitt, AR 72042  
(870) 946-3104  
<https://www.essexfuneralhome.com>

## Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home  
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DeWitt, AR 72042  
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# Tribute Wall

DR

“ DeAnna Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Carl Keaton Sr.



DeAnna Ray - February 06, 2022 at 09:56 PM

EH

“ Ester Hageman lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Carl Keaton Sr.



Ester Hageman - January 16, 2022 at 11:30 PM

GH

“ Sending up prayers of comfort for all of Mr. John's family. 🙏🌹



Gayelynn Hopkins - January 15, 2022 at 06:46 PM

MS

“ Michele Souder lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Carl Keaton Sr.



Michele Souder - January 15, 2022 at 06:33 PM

BD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Brandi Danner - January 12, 2022 at 12:11 PM

AM

*I loved the video. It really shows him as a hard working family man. I have known him all my life . He was a good neighbor and will be missed. Praying for the family.*

AC and Carolyn McCoy - January 17, 2022 at 09:56 PM

LS

*Thank you Carolyn, you know he loved your family*

Lynnette Saunders - March 23, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. John Carl Keaton Sr..



January 11, 2022 at 01:09 PM

PD

“ Prentice And J. Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Carl Keaton Sr.



Prentice and J. Sue Davis - January 11, 2022 at 09:45 AM

PD

*Always enjoyed being around Mr. John and Bonnie. Good people and always laughing. They were hard working people and very honest.*

**Prentice and J. Sue Davis** - January 11, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. John Carl Keaton Sr..*



January 10, 2022 at 04:06 PM

CD

“ *Country and Kathy Damron purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. John Carl Keaton Sr..*



**Country and Kathy Damron** - January 10, 2022 at 02:52 PM