



## Mr. John Bennett Lorick

December 20, 1954 - June 4, 2020

John Bennett Lorick, 65, of DeWitt passed away June 4, 2020. He was born December 20, 1954 in DeWitt to Francis and Reva Thompson Lorick.

John was a four year football letterman at Arkansas State University (ASU) in Jonesboro, and was a member of the 1975 undefeated Division I football team. After graduating from ASU, John returned to DeWitt and worked for Producer's Rice Mill for over 40 years. He was involved in and held offices in many civic and community organizations in DeWitt for many years. John was always pleasant, easy-going, and a joy to be around. He enjoyed playing and watching golf in his spare time.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

John is survived by his wife Debbie Ellenberg Lorick of DeWitt; two sons Heath Lorick of DeWitt and Corbin Lorick and his wife Jasmine of Jonesboro; one brother Lee Lorick (Stephanie) of Haughton, LA; one sister Ruth Bennett (M.C.) of Almyra; and two nephews Vann and Jess Lorick. He also survived by three brothers-in-law Dale, Darrell, and Dustin Ellenberg and two nephews Craig and Bradley Ellenberg.

Those wishing to pay their respects may come to the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 6. Memorial services are June 6, 2020 at

3:00 p.m. at Essex Funeral Home. COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions will be followed.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 6. 3:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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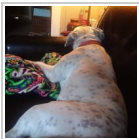
“ I can honestly say John was one of my best all time friends. John’s house was one of our hang out homes when we were kids. Growing up I would spent the night, get to travel to ASU games to watch Lee with his family and we would hang out with our nucleus of a dozen or so friends every day. John was a sports legend in DeWitt. John was so fast and so tough! But he was a Lorick, so that was natural! I moved from DeWitt and lost contact with my dear old friends. It breaks my heart I did not know of his death. I’ve shared stories of this Dragon legend to my kids their whole life. I will miss my dear friend, but his memory will go on forever.

David Thigpen - March 14, 2021 at 11:05 PM

LD

“ Ruth, Lee, and all of John’s family and friends. I have just recently learned of John’s passing. Please know that I am asking The Holy Spirit to pour His peace and contentment, comfort and joy down over each of you. Blessings. Libbie Dougan. AKA Libbie Terry from St. Charles!

Libbie Dougan - July 14, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ DeAnna Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Bennett Lorick



DeAnna Ray - June 18, 2020 at 12:25 AM

SW

“ We are so very sorry to hear of John's passing. When it was time to empty our rice bins, he was always kind and helpful. He was a true gentleman, and we are saddened to hear this news. Prayers to all who loved him. Love, Steve and Nechia Whittingham

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**steve and nechia whittingham** - June 11, 2020 at 06:08 PM

SC

“ Debbie we are so sorry for your loss. To the Lorrick family you are all in our prayers! Larry worked with You Dad at the Post Office when he first started with the DeWitt PO. We loved your sweet mother! We have a long history of the family . Love and prayers for comfort and peace for you all!

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**Sandra & Larry Childers** - June 08, 2020 at 09:35 AM

KC

“ John always made me Smile. He loved his family. Hold your heads High & always think of your good memories. There is nothing like the death of a Spouse or a Father but remember his LOVE. Kathy Cross

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**Kathy Cross** - June 07, 2020 at 02:24 PM

RM

“ My heart and Prayers goes out the John's Family. He was a Great teammate and loyal ASU GRAD. He let this “ACTIONS SPEAK FOR HIM”! He played with a BIG STICK. May God BLESS his family. We played the same position and he was a “Perfect Example” of TEAMWORK. You will be missed. Ron Meeks and Family

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**Ron Meeks** - June 06, 2020 at 04:07 PM

CL

*Thanks, Ron. My Dad enjoyed following your coaching career. He pointed you out whenever you would get tv time on Sundays.*

**Corbin Lorick** - June 07, 2020 at 12:06 AM

LD

“ *My sympathy goes out to John’s family and friends in Dewitt. I know that John will be dearly missed in real life but will live on in our heart and memories. Lodie (Dick) Dixon #76 defensive tackle 1972-1975 ASU.*

**Lodie Dixon** - June 06, 2020 at 02:20 PM

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**Ron Meeks** - June 06, 2020 at 04:03 PM

RS

“ *I’m So sorry about John passing Away. I had the privilege of playing football with John at ASU.He was a very important part of the 1975 11-0 team. His family was very loyal Asu supporters. Rest In Peace my friend. Robert Speer Jonesboro,Arkansas*

**Robert Speer** - June 06, 2020 at 01:12 PM

DL

*Only good memories of John. A great teammate and solid person. My sympathies for each member of the Lorick family. Grieving is necessary but, memories are what we keep always. May the LORD himself comfort and be near to each one of you as only HE is able. ASU teammate and friend, David Luter*

**David Luter** - June 06, 2020 at 02:14 PM

TR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers for the family and friends of John. Thank you, John, for the years of service to the Arkansas County Democratic Party Committee.*

*Tiffany & Russell Rogers*

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**Tiffany Rogers** - June 06, 2020 at 09:23 AM

JS

“ *Together*  
*By Michele Meleen*

*Together we will mourn,  
with sadness, tears, and fears.*

*Together we will love, our classmate  
John Bennett Lorick, ourselves, and each other.*

*Together we will live,  
for him, for us, and for them to come.*

*Together we will heal,  
in memory of our beloved friend.*

*In remembrance of our Class President- Class of 1972. Janice  
Smith Streeter*



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**Janice Streeter** - June 05, 2020 at 08:12 PM

WW

*My prayers and thoughts are with the Lorick Family.. May God continue to give you strength during this time Classmate  
Winnie Holt Wilson*

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**Winnie Holt Wilson** - June 05, 2020 at 08:15 PM

SE

*My Condolences to the Lorick Family. I remember John as a caring and friendly person. May you find peace and strength from the fond memories you hold dear.*

*Sandra Ransom Eldridge  
Class of '72*

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**Sandra Eldridge** - June 06, 2020 at 12:21 PM

SC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss of John, he was a wonderful man and I remember your family from the days when you all attended the First Christian Church. You will all be in my prayers today and throughout the difficult days ahead.*

*I pray you feel the comfort of God's arms holding you close to Him.  
With deepest sympathy, Shelley Mitchell Carrigan*



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**Shelley Carrigan** - June 05, 2020 at 04:02 PM

SB

“ *There is a huge hole in our Producers Rice Mill Family!! John was always ready with a joke and always cutting up! I know that he will be missed by everyone as much as by myself! I'm so sorry for your huge loss! I will be keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers!*  
*Sabrina Black*

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**Sabrina Black** - June 05, 2020 at 03:22 PM