



Mr. Lonnie Gale Stoddard

April 29, 1952 - December 24, 2020

Lonnie Gale Stoddard, age 68, of DeWitt, AR passed away December 24, 2020 with his family by his side. He was born April 29, 1952 in Webb, OK to Vernie Bliss and Ruth Elizabeth Stoddard. He graduated from Buffalo High School in Buffalo, MO in 1970.

He moved to DeWitt in 1973. In 1974 married Lou Anna Davis. To this union, two children, Brice Deverne and Tawana Gayle, were born.

He later married Jane Sallee Butler in 1989 and gained a step son, Hunter Allen Butler.

Lonnie dedicated 43 years of mechanic service to Case International, currently Heritage Ag, serving farmers across the county. In 2011, he was awarded "Best of DeWitt Employee of the Year" for his dedication and commitment to the community. He retired on April 25, 2018. Outside of work, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was baptized in 1968, at age 16, into the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn in Louisburg, MO.

Lonnie was preceded in death by his parents Vernie and Ruth Stoddard, his first wife Ethel Hamm Stoddard and unborn child, his son Brice Stoddard, his step son Hunter Butler, six brothers Nelson, Leland, Dean, Alvin, Doug, and Ronald, and one sister Lou Ella Stackhouse.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years Jane Stoddard of DeWitt, his daughter Tawana Watson (Dean) of St. Charles, three granddaughters Lauren Murray (Slade) and Madalyne Stoddard both of DeWitt, and Ava Watson of St.

Charles, five great grandchildren Jaxon Hearn, Malcolm and Sawyer Murray, and Bricelyne and Autumn Matthews, three sister Verma Ratliff of Oklahoma, Eileene Crusha of Missouri, and Janice Jones of Oklahoma, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm at Essex Funeral Home December 28. Burial will follow in Thompson Cemetery. Memorials may be made to DeWitt Hospital and Nursing Home, P.O. Box 32, DeWitt, AR 72042 or to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, P.O. Box 98018, Washington, D.C. 20090-8018.

Cemetery Details

Thompson Cemetery

Previous Events

Service

DEC 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

PL

“ *Paula Leach lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonnie Gale Stoddard*



Paula Leach - December 28, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Lonnie Gale Stoddard.*



December 28, 2020 at 02:07 PM

PS

“ *When I was a kid I spent slot of time at grandma an grandpas house . Especially in the summers. When I was 9 & 10 I spent two weeks at a time there helping milk cows an haul hay . of course uncle Lonnie was there. He was 15 & 16 but didn't seem to mind having me follow him around. He even took me to the Louisburg picnic with him. To me I was the cool kid getting to hang out with my older uncle. I may have messed up his plans of meeting girls . If I did I wasn't aware of it . For several years We attended church next to the grandparents , had big meals after church an then the guys would either go fishing or squirrel hunting. Uncle Lonnie was most always present. As a kid I always looked up to him an he was a great model to look up to. As an adult he was also a good example. He was an will always be a awesome man. I will miss but I will not forget him .*

Philip Stoddard - December 28, 2020 at 07:21 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Lonnie Gale Stoddard.*



December 27, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ *Kyler And Cory Hageman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonnie Gale Stoddard*



Kyler and Cory Hageman - December 27, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ *Ester Hageman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lonnie Gale Stoddard*



Ester Hageman - December 27, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ *Steve & Felicia Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Lonnie Gale Stoddard.*



Steve & Felicia Jones - December 27, 2020 at 10:40 AM

HI

“ I didn't get to live around my Uncle Lonnie but, got to visit with him on the phone some the last few years growing upon Oklahoma I lost my Dad at a very young age Mom would take my three sisters and Me to visit are grandparents in Missouri and I have so many Wonderful memories of my Uncle Lonnie I was very Blessed to have him for an Uncle prayers for his wife, daughter, and all of his Family 🙏

His Neice Donna DeVore from Indiana - December 27, 2020 at 07:01 AM

BW

“ I worked with Lonnie for 8 years at Arkansas County Tractor. Lonnie was one of the kindest men I knew. He never talked bad about anyone. Even on days when things weren't going right he had a smile on his face. He was one of the good guys and will be greatly missed.

Brenda Watson - December 26, 2020 at 10:19 PM

BS

“ A gentle giant of a man I was proud to call my brother-in-law. I remember he would always pitch in at the Farm after our Thanksgiving or Christmas dinners to help clean up while the other men snoozed! He will be missed terribly but is in Heaven now without pain looking down on us with Ernie. RIP Lonnie.

Brenda Sallee - December 26, 2020 at 09:03 PM

BJ

“ No one could ask for a sweeter brother-in-law. It was an honor to have Lonnie in our family. Our hearts are heavy, and our tears flow freely, but knowing he is at peace and free of pain will help us get through these hard days ahead. RIP Lonnie❤️ Byron and MaryJo



Byron and Mary Jo Jones - December 26, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mr. Lonnie Gale Stoddard.



December 26, 2020 at 03:52 PM