



Johnny Ray Grindstaff

June 8, 1946 - May 7, 2024

To join the livestream of John's funeral service, please select the link below. The livestream broadcast will begin at 1:55 P.M. Saturday, May 11, 2024. The ceremony will be archived and will be available for viewing for 90 days following the funeral service.

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Johnny Ray Grindstaff, age 77 years, a resident of rural Grantsburg, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 2:44 P.M. at his home. At the time of his passing, John was surrounded by members of his loving family.

John was born June 8, 1946 in Maryville, Tennessee. He was the son of Ed Grindstaff and Esther (Patty) Grindstaff.

From John's first marriage, two children were born. On September 21, 1984, John was united in marriage to Juanita Kay Dawson at Zion Baptist Church in Aurora, Illinois. Together, John and Juanita shared almost 40 years of marriage. From this union, John also gained two daughters.

In addition to his beloved wife, John is survived by: his son – Sammy (Shay) Grindstaff of Friendsville, Tennessee; a daughter – Tammy (J.D.) Mathis of Grantsburg, Illinois; a daughter – Chrissy (Matt) Hayden of Vienna; 5

grandchildren – Dakota Mathis, Jessie Mathis, Kylie Branscum, Kensey Branscum, and Riley Grindstaff; 2 brothers – Darryl Grindstaff and Wayne Grindstaff; 4 sisters – Deena Wilhoit, Edna Sype, Darlene Curtis, and Betty Stone; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents and a sister – Dora Long.

John was employed for 30 years by Caterpillar, Inc. He worked as a machine operator and transport driver prior to his retirement in 1996.

During his retirement, John enjoyed farming, raising cattle, working outside, and tinkering with small engines. He took particular joy in spending time with his grandkids. Together, they enjoyed playing checkers and riding 4-wheelers. John cherished being a 'Papaw' and spoiled his grandchildren every chance he got.

John looked forward to his daily trips to the Vienna Diner, where he drank coffee, told tall tales, and visited with friends.

A service honoring the life of Johnny Ray Grindstaff will be conducted Saturday afternoon, May 11, 2024, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Brother Justin Wolfe will officiate.

Burial will be in the Kerley Cemetery in the Flatwoods community in Johnson County Illinois.

Visitation will be held Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 11 A.M. until the service time at 2 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O.
Box 98, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Cemetery Details

Kerley Cemetery

Kerley Lane
Simpson, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

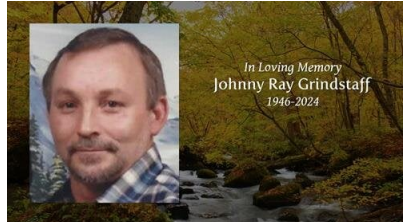
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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Johnny Ray Grindstaff*



Bailey Funeral Home - May 13, 2024 at 09:59 AM



“ *Kelly & Susan Wilson lit a candle in memory of Johnny Ray Grindstaff*



Kelly & Susan Wilson - May 11, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnny Ray Grindstaff.*



May 10, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ *Sandi Odom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Ray Grindstaff.*

Sandi Odom - May 10, 2024 at 11:34 AM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Johnny Ray Grindstaff



Elizabeth Kerley - May 10, 2024 at 08:50 AM

EK

So sorry for your loss hugs and prayers to all of you Roy & Ann Kerley

Elizabeth Kerley - May 10, 2024 at 08:52 AM

LC

“ We will miss you uncle John.



Lisa carlson - May 09, 2024 at 09:35 PM

MF

“ McClenic family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Johnny Ray Grindstaff.



McClenic family - May 09, 2024 at 07:11 PM

MF

“ McClenic family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Ray Grindstaff.

McClenic family - May 09, 2024 at 07:11 PM

CH

“ Each day is difficult without you daddy. I can only rejoice in knowing how you are now happy, healthy and running free up there. Please keep watch over us. You will always be loved and missed.

Chrissy Hayden - May 09, 2024 at 05:04 PM

DK

“ DeeDee Knotts lit a candle in memory of Johnny Ray Grindstaff



DeeDee Knotts - May 09, 2024 at 03:29 PM

DK

We love you and will miss you so much.

DeeDee Knotts - May 11, 2024 at 11:32 AM

BL

“ Bettie L. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Johnny Ray Grindstaff.



Bettie L. - May 09, 2024 at 02:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Ray Grindstaff.



May 09, 2024 at 01:47 PM

AB

“ April & Becky planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Ray Grindstaff.

April & Becky - May 09, 2024 at 01:47 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of Johnny! I enjoyed all my time with him and the entire family! I loved his sense of humor, he was a great guy!!

Kim Valerius - May 09, 2024 at 12:59 PM

EK

“ Erinn, Abby and Kaylea purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Johnny Ray Grindstaff.



Erinn, Abby and Kaylea - May 09, 2024 at 11:39 AM

EK

“ Erinn, Abby and Kaylea planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Ray Grindstaff.

Erinn, Abby and Kaylea - May 09, 2024 at 11:39 AM

WN

“ So sorry. We went to Forest Hill together. Sweet guy. Prayers to you all.

wilma noe - May 09, 2024 at 09:15 AM

LG

“ Love Ryley Shay Grindstaff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Johnny Ray Grindstaff.



Love Ryley Shay Grindstaff - May 08, 2024 at 11:38 PM

LG

“ Love Ryley Shay Grindstaff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Ray Grindstaff.

Love Ryley Shay Grindstaff - May 08, 2024 at 11:38 PM

BC

“ Beatrice Cope lit a candle in memory of Johnny Ray Grindstaff



Beatrice Cope - May 08, 2024 at 07:31 PM

BC

Prayers for Ray's family during this difficult time

Beatrice Cope - May 08, 2024 at 07:33 PM

LF

“ Love, your LT family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Johnny Ray Grindstaff.



Love, your LT family - May 08, 2024 at 07:15 PM

KB

“ Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Johnny Ray Grindstaff



Karen Brumley - May 08, 2024 at 03:18 PM

JM

“ I love you Daddy and will forever miss you. There is peace in knowing that you are healthy again and perfect like you always have been in our eyes ❤️



JD and Tammy Mathis - May 08, 2024 at 02:36 PM

MH

“ Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Johnny Ray Grindstaff



Mary Lou Hynes - May 08, 2024 at 02:16 PM