



John Ben Burse Sr.

June 14, 1932 - February 9, 2018

Mr. John Ben Burse, Sr., 85, of Louisiana, MO, went home on February 9, 2018 at 12:53 P.M. at his home with family. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church in Louisiana, MO. The Rev. Lonnie Parker will officiate. Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. until time of service at 1:00 P.M. Saturday at the church. Ben was born on June 14, 1932 in Lee County, Arkansas to Tom and Izola Burse. Ben and Everlena was married on January 20, 1951 in Arkansas. They had 12 children. In 1964, They moved to Louisiana, MO where they made a living for their kids. Ben worked at Bob Burns, Wayne B. Smith, Dundee, and Road Construction, then became a self-employed owner of Ben's Salvage Yard for over 40 years. He retired because of health reasons and then the rest of his life spending time with his grandkids.

He is survived by his wife, Everlena Burse of the home, his 11 children, Ben Burse, Jr. of Louisiana, MO, Roosevelt Burse (Delores) of Louisiana, MO, Lee Andrews Burse of California, Jerry D. Burse (Almeter) of Texas, Izola Ivey (Murvin) of Louisiana, MO, Gus Burse (Janet) of Louisiana, MO, Vera Preston (Mike) of Louisiana, MO, Denise Chatman (Anthony) of Louisiana, MO, Kenny Thomas (Cassandra) of Texas, Lawrence Valetine (Brenda) of Michigan, and Kieth Tucker of Kansas City, a daughter in-law, Carol Burse, a sister, Evelyn Patton of Arkansas, a brother, Joe Willie Burse of Illinois, and numerous grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Izola Burse, siblings,

Eleanor Hires, Tom Burse II, and Clayburn Burse, 3 daughters, Pam Burse, Mary Alice Burse, and Shemia Burse, and a son, Tom Burse III.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Kenny Griffith, Mike Preston, Murvin Ivey, Bernie Clover, John Starman, and DelRay Buchanan. Active Pallbearers will be Anthony Burse, DeAndre Griffith, Jeromy Miller, Justin Burse, Terence Chatman, and Thomas Burse.

Memorial donations may be given to the family in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
121 S. 8th Street
Louisiana, MO

Funeral Service

FEB 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
121 S. 8th Street
Louisiana, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *John Ben Burse Sr.*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *John Ben Burse Sr.*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Prayers for the family of one heck of a good man. Will miss seeing him driving down the streets here in town. Louisiana is losing an icon.*



Ron Singleton - February 16, 2018 at 10:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Ben Burse Sr..*



February 16, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ *I can't say enough good, about this man. Known him since 1978, always a great friend of the family. "A True Louisiana missouri Icon". You will be missed dearly , always my friend.*

Daryl - February 13, 2018 at 02:46 PM

CB

“ *CHERYL BRADSHAW lit a candle in memory of John Ben Burse Sr.*



CHERYL BRADSHAW - February 13, 2018 at 08:26 AM

LB

The man I call Uncle Ben was truly a great man also known as the mayor of Louisiana he will be missed is in God's hands right now

larry Burse - February 16, 2018 at 04:02 PM



*An old song for a soldier of God's army who has gone to his rest Your burdens are laid down You lived so that you would be a help to others, impart wisdom to those that had lost their way, a strong leader to the generations of your seed not easily shaken or broken. You go to your final resting place and I say well done John Ben Burse, Jr. To all I pray that you find strength, understanding, peace of mind and heart.
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/gun-ownership-and-gun-violence-in-america-by-the-numbers/>*

Vivian Farris - February 17, 2018 at 12:08 PM

CW

“ *We have known Ben for many years! He was one of the nicest guys! Would help you anyway he could! He will be greatly missed!*

💙 RIP MY FRIEND!

Larry, JoAnne, & Chrystal Walker



Chrystal Walker - February 12, 2018 at 09:00 PM

SU

“ Ben was a friend of the Starman family. I know that my brother John and Rob will miss him. Rest in peace Ben and know we love you.
Love, Sue Starman Griffith

Sue - February 12, 2018 at 08:21 PM

JH

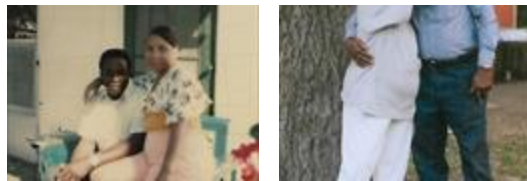
“ John & Linda Harmon lit a candle in memory of John Ben Burse Sr.



John & Linda Harmon - February 12, 2018 at 07:24 PM

JD

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall

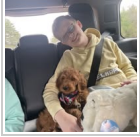


Janet Davis - February 12, 2018 at 05:03 PM

JD

We love you dad!

Janet Davis - February 12, 2018 at 05:03 PM



“ *Pete and I were talking about Mr Ben today. We were remembering when we took Mr. Ben home one day. We were going down Georgia street. He looks over at Pete and asked him if he ever got a speeding ticket. Mind you Pete was driving the speed limit. I guess Pete was driving to fast for Mr. Ben's liking. Love him so much.*



Cheryle Prior Wharton - February 11, 2018 at 08:27 PM

WP

*I have so many memories a Big Ben the most funniest memory was years ago Big Ben had a 1970 Pontiac Catalina and I used to go over and pester being all the time about the cars I would always ask him what he wanted for him and he would always tell me a price but he always knew I never had no money cuz I was a poor kid so one day I was at the junkyard pestering Mister bin and I asked him what he wanted for the Pontiac Catalina I believe you told me \$100 and I worked \$100 out on him and he goes holy s*** I didn't know you had money I really wanted more for the car but anyway he sold me that car for \$100 and I drove the s*** out of it I always thought the world and all of mr. Ben and he was always good to me Beyond good to me God bless*

Wes preston - February 12, 2018 at 11:27 AM

DH

“ *Going to miss Ol Ben ...!! He has been a good friend to me through the years. Gave me alot of stuff. Wish I would have visited with him this Winter. Last time I visited him, at his Daughterd Restraunt, I took him Some Deer Summer Sausage..He loved it. Awesome Man.*



David Hill - February 11, 2018 at 04:47 PM

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“ Going to miss Ol Ben ..!! He has been a good friend to me through the years. Gave me alot of stuff. Wish I would have visited with him this Winter. Now too late. Last visit, I took him some Home made Deer Summer Sausage ! He loved it. Awesome Man.



David Hill - February 11, 2018 at 04:37 PM

BW

“ So very sorry. Ben was a very good man and friend to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.



Bruce Wilson - February 11, 2018 at 04:25 PM

VF

“ Vivian Farris lit a candle in memory of John Ben Burse Sr.



Vivian Farris - February 11, 2018 at 03:56 PM

VF

Daddy Ben, you will forever remain in my heart and memories as a person full of compassion and love for his family. Your memory and spirit will remain as a pillar of strength and guidance for your family and community.

To the family and friends I offer my sincere condolences in the loss of J. Ben, Sr. May he rest peacefully in the welcoming arms of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Sending prayers and love to all.

Respectfully,

Vivian Farris

Vivian Farris - February 11, 2018 at 04:08 PM

BP

Ms. Evelena and the Burse Family, I'm truly sorry from the bottom of my heart for your loss. Mr. Ben was one heck of a guy! Very humble and kind. You and the entire Burse family are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless you and God keep you.

*Shalom,
Brenda Powell and Family*

Brenda Powell - February 16, 2018 at 09:14 PM

JD

“ 2 files added to the album Family



Jane Davis - February 11, 2018 at 03:37 PM

LS

“ It makes me sad to hear this. I met Ben when I worked my first job as a waitress. He was always kind and pleasant. Also that beautiful smile of his showing. RIP Ben. I'm thankful our paths crossed.



Laura Irvin Snyder - February 11, 2018 at 03:01 PM

DI

“ GREAT man will be missed by many. Could not begin to mention just one memory, we have lots. from the salvage yard to my previous business and in a one on one with my husband and I as friends. RIP SIR.
Ronnie & Diane



DIANE - February 11, 2018 at 02:31 PM

BP

“ Brenda Perkind lit a candle in memory of John Ben Burse Sr.



brenda perkind - February 11, 2018 at 01:26 PM

BP

Praying for you all at this difficult time. God's speed mr. Ben. R.i.p. love, donnell and brenda perkins

brenda Perkins - February 11, 2018 at 01:29 PM

DS

“ Ben was a great guy! I bought my 1st pickup from him always willing to help. He will be missed,



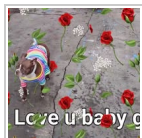
Deb Skirvin - February 11, 2018 at 12:26 PM

DB

“ I've know Ben for many years. He was a good man and I enjoyed talking with him. My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.



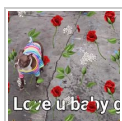
Diana Bowler - February 11, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ Lesley McDaniel lit a candle in memory of John Ben Burse Sr.



Lesley McDaniel - February 11, 2018 at 10:39 AM



Sending prayers !

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Tammi
Ries-
McPike

“ Tammi Ries-McPike lit a candle in memory of
John Ben Burse Sr.



Tammi Ries-McPike - February 11, 2018 at 07:55 AM

CO

“ Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory
of John Ben Burse Sr.



Cindy Poyser Osborne - February 10, 2018 at 08:53 PM

TF

“ Bought my first car from him. He was one of
he nicest people I ever met. Praying for the
family.



Terry Feil - February 10, 2018 at 08:44 PM

DE

“ Ben was such a great person and will be missed by all. When I was
20 yrs. Old Ben sold me a car and let me make payments to him .
He always was helping someone ♡♡

Debbie Early - February 10, 2018 at 06:47 PM

KF

“ *Kristi Freeman lit a candle in memory of John Ben Burse Sr.*



kristi Freeman - February 10, 2018 at 06:37 PM

KF

*My thoughts and prayers are with the family today and the many days ahead ..
R.I.P. Ben*

kristi Freeman - February 10, 2018 at 06:39 PM

LA

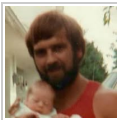
Thoughts and Prayers to the family...A great guy inside and out...RIP Ben....Going to miss ya....

Larry Anderson - February 10, 2018 at 07:48 PM

BE

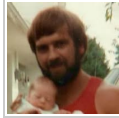
worked with ben and bought from him over 40 years always ready to help and fair, he was one of a kind a self made man

bob elder - February 11, 2018 at 08:05 PM



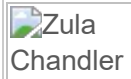
BEN WAS ONE OF THE NICEST GUYS I EVER MET. HE HELPED OUT SO MANY FOLKS WHO NEEDED TRANSPORTATION@PARTS MYSELF INCLUDED WHEN WE HAD NO MONEY HE ALWAYS MADE THE WAY! IWISH THE WORLD HAD MORE PEOPLE LIKE HIM IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER PLACE TO LIVE!IWISH WE HAD A GOOD PRESIDENT LIKE HIM .IWOULD HAVE VOTED FOR HIM &ANYONE THAT KNEW HIM WOULD!RIP MR BEN WE ALL LOVED YOU!

David Miller - March 16, 2018 at 12:47 PM



RIP BEN I THINK I STILL OWE YOU FOR A STARTER! WILL PAY YOU IF I EVER MAKE IT UP TO SEE YOU!

David Miller - March 16, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ *Zula Chandler lit a candle in memory of John Ben Burse Sr.*



Zula Chandler - February 10, 2018 at 02:03 PM