



John Lee Mantooth

July 25, 1947 - July 30, 2017

John Lee Mantooth, age 70, of Adams, passed away Sunday, July 30, 2017 at his home. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 2pm in the chapel of the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Brother Tyler Estep, Billy Vogle and Joe Elliott officiating. Burial will follow in the Bellwood Cemetery with Jamie Mantooth, Bo Mantooth, Grady Enriques, Todd Patterson, Tyson Patterson and Tyler Patterson serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Jack Mantooth, Knox Mantooth, Gerald Coomes, Eddie Coomes, Mike Coomes, Ricky Coomes, Raymond Coomes, Burt Castleman, Bruce Head, Mikel Patterson, Kenneth Stanley, Cody Stanley and the Jo Byrns Family.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 2-8pm and again on Wednesday from 10am until the hour of service at 2pm.

Mr. Mantooth was born July 25, 1947 in Cleveland, Tennessee, to the late Donald and Loretta Wattenbarger Mantooth. He was a teacher, coach and principal at Jo Byrns School during his 32 years of service there. Mr. Mantooth was a member of the Red River Masonic Lodge, member of the Adams Community Club, member of Community Spirit and member of the Red River Baptist Church, member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and 83rd Infantry Division Dixie Chapter.

Mr. Mantooth is survived by his wife, Mary McCroy Mantooth; sons, James (Katie) Mantooth of Martin, TN and Bo (Loni) Mantooth of Terre Haute, IN; daughters, Lori Jean Mantooth of Atlanta, GA and Hunter Mantooth of Ridgetop, TN; sisters, Diana (Kenneth) Stanley and Pam (Mikel) Patterson, both of Old Fort, TN; sister-in-law, Margaret Ann McCroy of Springfield; grandchildren, Porter Mantooth, Betsy Mantooth, Jack Mantooth, Knox Mantooth and Harper Mantooth. Mr. Mantooth is also survived by numerous loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

If so desired memorial contributions may be made to God's Grocery at Red River Baptist Church or to the Fishermen Club of Adams. Any donations may be sent in *c/o* Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-
509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

Cemetery Details

Bellwood Cemetery

Adams, TN 37010

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
509 Walnut St.
Springfield, TN 37172
(615) 384-1000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
509 Walnut St.
Springfield, TN 37172
(615) 384-1000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
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Springfield, TN 37172
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Tribute Wall

MG

“ Prayers for the family- Mary Evelyn (Miller) Green



mary Green - August 05, 2017 at 06:15 AM



“ Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of John Lee Mantooth.



August 03, 2017 at 09:37 AM

AT

“ Amy & Kyle Todd lit a candle in memory of John Lee Mantooth



Amy & Kyle Todd - August 02, 2017 at 05:43 AM

AT

So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts prayers are you all. He was a good man . Jackie, Ashley and myself were fortunate enough to have had him @ JBHS..

Amy & Kyle Todd - August 02, 2017 at 05:50 AM



“ 12 files added to the album Life Tributes



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - August 01, 2017 at 10:02 PM

BA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. John was a great man and a special friend to me. Sincerely, Bettye R. Alley*

Bettye R Alley - August 01, 2017 at 08:33 PM

PM

“ *Dear Mary, I am so sorry about Johnny's death. I remember the 2 of you at our 50th last year. He was the same Johnny as from high school and both of you looked great! Reading the obituary, it looks like he had an accomplished life--as have you. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. May God bless you!*

Sincerely,

Phyllis Miller

Phyllis Miller - August 01, 2017 at 07:41 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Lee Mantooth.*



August 01, 2017 at 04:55 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Lee Mantooth.*



August 01, 2017 at 04:24 PM



“ *Sorry I could be there with the family. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone.*



Amiee Lillard - August 01, 2017 at 03:07 PM



“ *JESSICA "CRENSHAW" RICHARDSON lit a candle in memory of John Lee Mantooth*



JESSICA "CRENSHAW" RICHARDSON - August 01, 2017 at 01:30 PM

JP

“ *Mr. Mantooth was such a wonderful person and the best principal Jo Byrns has ever had! He touched so many lives and will always be remembered! Love and prayers to the entire Mantooth family! May the good Lord give you peace and comfort during this difficult time! We love you!*
Jessica (Riley) and Troy Pearson



Jessica Riley Pearson - August 01, 2017 at 10:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Lee Mantooth.*



August 01, 2017 at 09:29 AM



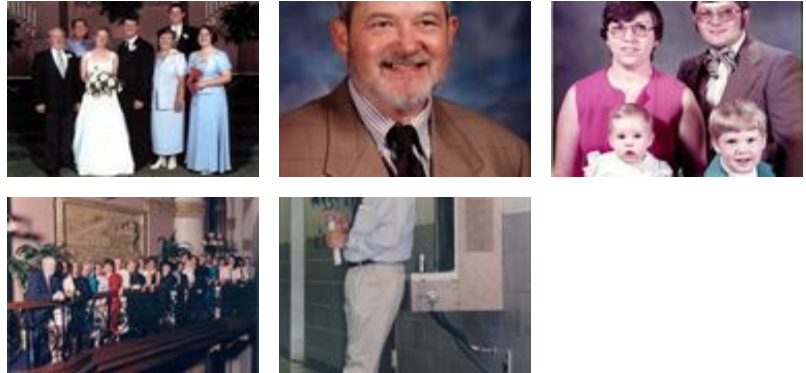
“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Lee Mantooth.*



July 31, 2017 at 11:55 PM



“ 233 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - July 31, 2017 at 11:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John Lee Mantooh.



July 31, 2017 at 07:04 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John Lee Mantooh.



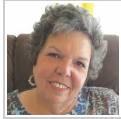
July 31, 2017 at 06:16 PM



“ *Nancy Lewis lit a candle in memory of John Lee Mantooth*



Nancy Lewis - July 31, 2017 at 03:35 PM



Mr. Mantooth played a fair game as a Principal. He showed no favoritism to students nor teachers as some do. He treated us all with respect. He taught us never to assume anything! Describing the attributes he had would be an essay so I will say that he was trustworthy, kind, compassionate and stood for what he believed in without hesitation. Family was important to him and he expected us to hold ours close to our hearts. He ran a tight ship but one that never squeaked. All of the students and teachers loved him. I went through two tornadoes with him as Principal and there was no panic but an organization plan of action put into place in handling the dismissal of students. He thought quick on his feet! He will be missed but he is imprinted on many of our hearts. His sweet family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Nancy Lewis - July 31, 2017 at 06:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Lee Mantooth.*



July 31, 2017 at 03:29 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of John Lee Mantooth.*



July 31, 2017 at 02:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Lee Mantooth.*



July 31, 2017 at 02:33 PM



“ *John Mantooth was a wonderful History teacher to me and made me love it as he did. One of my favorite memories is the time a group of my classmates and I went down to the Bell Witch Cave with Mr. Mantooth to interview and get information. We all enjoyed being with our teacher who loved us and what he did for a living. Ms. Mary taught Buddy and I First grade at Bell School and from that moment on I knew I wanted to be a teacher just like her. After graduating APSU Mr. Mantooth hired me into my dream job teaching First grade just like Ms. Mary . I will forever cherish the impact this wonderful man and his sweet wife had on my life as well as countless others. God bless you all.
Love,
Joanna Bryant Riley*

Joanna Bryant Riley - July 31, 2017 at 02:10 PM

CC

“ *Cathy Carter,Lowe lit a candle in memory of John Lee Mantooth*



Cathy Carter,Lowe - July 31, 2017 at 01:40 PM

CC

Mr. John will be greatly missed by all. He was a great history teacher as well as a true historian of the Adams area. Mary, Jamie, Lori Jean, Honey Bee, and Bo, we hve you all in our thoughts and prayers. Love to All,

Cathy Carter,Lowe - July 31, 2017 at 01:47 PM

SA

John will certainly be missed by many. He touched the hearts of both children and parents while serving as both educator and principal. He was such a good person. Mary and family, we are thinking of you all. John Paul and Susan Anthony

Susan Anthony - July 31, 2017 at 02:03 PM

RB

Mr. Mantooth was a great American History teacher as well just great example of a human being. We need more in the world like him. Randy Brooksher

Randy Brooksher - July 31, 2017 at 07:49 PM