



## John Allen Harris Jr

June 3, 1958 - February 3, 2026

John Allen Harris, Jr. completed his earthly journey on February 3, 2026, entering eternal life with his Lord and Savior. He lived a full and joyful life, rich in family, friendship, hard work, and adventure. His days were lived with intention, energy, and gratitude—and his greatest treasure was always his family. Whether it meant long days of work, quiet sacrifices, or simply being present, he took immense pride in being a devoted husband, father, and the most incredible Papa.

Born on June 3, 1958, in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, Johnny was the son of John Allen and Juanita Carraway Harris. He grew up in the small community of Gallman, where “Little Johnny” was welcomed—and thoroughly spoiled—by his two older sisters, a tradition they lovingly continued throughout life. He loved aggravating his sisters and living the life of a “country boy” with all his dirt bikes, three-wheelers, four-wheelers, and one of his prize possessions, “Fred,” his 4X4 Chevy.

Johnny married the love of his life, Theresa, in March of 1980, and together they built a home filled with laughter, loyalty, and the kind of steady love that anchors a family. He was a proud father to Jessica and Jennifer. His greatest joy came from being “Papa,” where he shared his love of the outdoors with all four grandchildren. He was especially smitten when he finally had “boys” to teach the ways of the farm—how to run tractors, operate heavy equipment,

bale hay, and tend to livestock. Later, he was blessed with two little princesses who stole his heart just as completely. He introduced them to the simple joys of country life—riding through the pastures, looking at cattle, and taking them to their favorite “restaurants”—Sonic, Waffle House, and Burger King.

Johnny spent many years working in the seismic industry while also enjoying his lifelong passion for farming, alongside his father. He eventually retired to the family farm and followed in his father’s footsteps in demolition while passing on the traditions to grandchildren. Whether he was bailing hay at sunrise, mending fences, or checking cattle at dusk, the farm was where he felt most at peace.

Johnny was a hardworking man in every sense of the word. He believed in showing up, doing the right job, and providing for those he loved. Yet, beneath that strong work ethic was a man full of humor, warmth, and a genuine love for people. He brought joy wherever he went. As we reflect on countless memories, the one repeated most often— “he was my role model,” “my hero”—is the greatest honor, a reminder of how many lives he touched in such a positive way. Known by many names—John, Johnny, Bo—he will be remembered by countless people, each carrying a favorite story or cherished memory. He lived a life of service, helping anyone in need and expecting nothing in return.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents, John Allen Harris, Sr. and Juanita Carraway Harris. He leaves behind his loving wife of 45 years, Theresa; his daughters, Jessica Templeton and Jennifer (Avery) Doerle; his four beloved grandchildren, Kaden Templeton, John Everett Templeton, Mary Louise Doerle, and Edie Doerle; sisters, Retha Ann Harris Manning (Lester) and Debbie Runnels-Skinner (Bobby Joe); sister-in-law, June Sharp Richardson; brother-in-law, Vernon Smith (Patricia); and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Many will remember Johnny Harris as a farmer, friend, father, husband, and Papa. Above all, he will be remembered for his love, generosity, humility, and unwavering devotion to his family. Though he will be deeply missed, his family finds comfort in knowing he is at peace, resting in God's promises. His legacy will live on in the fields he tended, the family he cherished, and the many lives he touched with his quiet strength.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church in Crystal Springs, Mississippi with visitation beginning at 1:00 P.M. Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs. Burial to follow at the Gallman Cemetery.

Pall Bearers: Truett Channell, Corey Doucet, James Eckert, Tim Harris, Andy Johns, Randy Johns, Mack Johnson, Hal Whittington

Honorary Pall Bearers: Wayne Jackson, Jackie Lindsey, Keith Taylor, Robbie Taylor, Jerry Thompson, Ricky Warren, Philip VanLandingham

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Hazlehurst

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# Cemetery Details

## Gallman Cemetery

West Gallman Road  
Gallman, MS 39077

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs  
300 S Jackson St  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

## Visitation

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

First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs  
300 S Jackson St  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

## Funeral Service

FEB 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

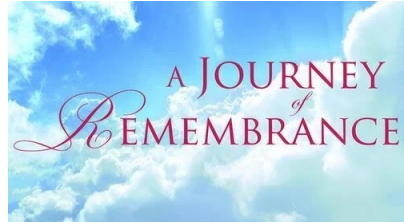
First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs  
300 S Jackson St  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059



# Tribute Wall



“ *Stringer Family Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of John Allen Harris Jr*



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**Stringer Family Funeral Service** - February 06 at 05:47 PM

CM

“ *Rest in peace my friend will miss you never saw Johnny that he did not have a smile on his face he was a good friend from Cindy Middleton mcmanus*

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**cindy middleton mcmanus** - February 07 at 05:10 PM

SJ

“ *Sending prayers for the family.*

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**Sandra Thomas Johnson** - February 07 at 12:59 PM

ZB

“ *Many condolences for your loss. It is an honor to play for Mr. Harris at his graveside service. May God grant you all peace and comfort at this time.*



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**Zoe Brumfield** - February 07 at 10:31 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Allen Harris Jr.*



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February 07 at 08:44 AM



“ *John Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Allen Harris Jr.*

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**John Davis** - February 07 at 08:44 AM



“ *252 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Stringer Family Funeral Service** - February 06 at 04:38 PM

FG

“ Fred and Jean Griggs purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Allen Harris Jr.



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**Fred and Jean Griggs** - February 06 at 12:52 PM

RW

“ Ricky & Gayle Warren purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Allen Harris Jr.



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**Ricky & Gayle Warren** - February 05 at 05:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Allen Harris Jr.



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February 05 at 04:55 PM

DB

“ Johnny was such a wonderful person. I'm saddened to hear of his passing.



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**Dianne R Barber** - February 04 at 04:30 PM

SC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Johnny’s passing. It goes without saying that he was one really good guy . He was teammate and a good friend. Prayers for Theresa and the family during this difficult time

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**Sam Clement** - February 04 at 12:32 PM

RW

Sorry to hear about this. Jonny was a good friend of mine always willing to help or give advice he will be missed by all who knew him

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**Ronald Walters** - February 05 at 04:28 PM