



## Johnny Dear,

July 21, 1950 - February 7, 2012

Johnny Dear Crystal Springs Tuesday night, February 7th, 2012, a hard fought battle was won. Johnny Dear, of Crystal Springs Mississippi went home to be with our Lord and was met at heavens gates by his loved ones that preceded him. The battle that began at the end of June, according to Johnny, was a battle that he couldn't lose. As he stated on numerous occasions, "It's win win for me. I will either beat the cancer and get more time to be with my family, or I will go home to be with my Lord." Tuesday night, with a peace that could only come from God, he won his battle and is now beginning his life in eternity. Johnny always made sacrifices, putting others before himself. Called Coach by many children, Johnny touched hundreds of young lives, instilling in them the value of hard work, practice, and the importance of reaching their goals. He never met a stranger and was easy to love. His love for God was known by everyone that knew him. Even in his final days, the faith, courage, and love shown by Johnny was an inspiration to all around him. Johnny was born on July 20th, 1950 to Billie Neal Dear and J.R. Dear, both preceding him in death. Johnny leaves behind 2 brothers, Bob Dear of Hopewell Mississippi and Scott Dear of Crystal Springs Mississippi. He was a loving father and leaves behind 3 children. Rena Brent (Garland) of Crystal Springs Mississippi, Kevin Dear (Tasha) of Crystal Springs Mississippi, and Chase Dear of Brookhaven Mississippi. Along with these, Johnny leaves behind 2 grandchildren. Tyler Dear and Tristan Dear. Johnny leaves behind a very faithful companion and friend, his beloved dog Pierre. Johnny also leaves

behind, the mother of his children, Jeanene Dear. Though he is greatly missed, his family and friends find comfort in knowing that he waits for them in eternity and that through the blood of Christ, they will see him again. Visitation will be 5pm-8pm Thursday at Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs and 10am-11am Friday at New Zion Baptist Church. Services will be 11am Friday at New Zion Baptist Church with burial in Crystal Springs Cemetery. Stringer Family Funeral Services in Crystal Springs is handling arrangements. ,

# Tribute Wall



“ Johnny Dear,

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ Thinking of you, Rena and Garland, your brothers and thier families and those grandchildren. My Daddy went to be with the Lord 24 years ago,(after 8 months of fighting cancer, I would not want to think of him having to have fought that battle any longer than he did). It is hard to give them up and we miss them dearly, but as you stated, to KNOW we will see them with our heavenly Father and (they are no longer in pain), is the Greatest FAITH we can show to family and friends. God is with you and you are blessed with such a wonderful husband. Love you.,

Mary Jo Mullins - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ so sorry to hear of your loss. keeping you in our prayers. i lost my mom to cancer back in 1976. god bless you and keep you.,

florria broocks - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Rena, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. But I know there is peace and comfort in knowing where he is right now. I will be praying for you and Garland and your brothers and Tasha and the children. I know how very much you loved your dad. You have been a wonderful daughter to him. He was so lucky to have you and I know that he knew just how true that was. Love you. God be with all of you.,

Connie Thrash - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am so sorry of your lost. We are praying for all of you. Johnny will be missed, but you have to remember the good times.,*

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**Marie LeBlanc** - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM