



Tommy Keith Courtney Sr.

November 8, 1947 - December 26, 2022

Tommy Keith Courtney, Sr., 75, of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, went home to be with the Lord peacefully in the early hours of December 26, 2022, after being admitted to Baptist Hospital. His passing followed a long life of miraculous healings. We rejoice for him that he gets to leave his damaged body behind and is now completely healed.

He is survived by his children Kimberly Courtney King and Rebecca Courtney, grandchildren Shelby Courtney, Jason Courtney, Memphis King, and Ryder Val King, sister, Patricia Courtney Thomason, and many other family members and friends.

Tommy was born on November 8, 1947, at St. Dominic Memorial Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi, to Wessie Lavera (Drew) Courtney and Henry Simpson Courtney, Jr. He lived in Crystal Springs his entire life, first with his parents then with his young bride and love of his life, Linda Carol (Johnson) Courtney.

Tommy graduated from Crystal Springs High School in 1965 then attended Copiah Lincoln Community College. In the following months married his high-school sweetheart. He was well loved by and remains friends with many of his high school graduating class. He was the sax player in a band called The Haints and played in the Co-Lin marching band, who had the opportunity to march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. After college, Tommy joined

the workforce and for most of his life was a tool and die tradesman and machinist.

Tommy believed in working hard and put great effort into providing for his family. He did whatever it took to make sure they were well taken care of. He was a quiet and steady man, strong and determined. Some may say even a little bit stubborn.

At the young age of nine months, Tommy underwent radiation for what was believed to be, at the time, a cancerous tumor on his left shoulder. The everlasting results of that radiation took a toll on his body through the years, but he battled through. Because of some of his health challenges, Tommy learned early on to be industrious. He modified many tools “McGyver” style so they worked for him. He was continually inventing improvements. He worked with his hands and was never without a project, whether that was working on a car, building a teardrop trailer, or rebuilding his home after a fire. He kept his yard meticulously and more often than not, got the mower stuck in the ditch trying to cut those last few blades of grass at the road. One could most often find him in the shop he built behind his house working on cars with his son.

After high school, Tommy purchased his 1966 Mustang fastback, which he named Banshee. He may or may not have attempted to evade law enforcement a time or two, sometimes succeeding and sometimes failing. Tommy and his friends spent many hours on Six Mile Road and other places seeing just how good Banshee was in an ¼ mile drag. He made sure all three of his children owned Mustang muscle cars, and still owned his fastback when he died. Tommy owned numerous motorcycles throughout the years, and made many Thanksgiving Runs and other trips on his Honda Goldwing with friends.

Tommy was a long-standing member of Highland Baptist Church, where he

faithfully served as a Deacon. After the passing of his son, he moved his letter to New Zion Baptist Church where he was a member when he died. He was a quiet presence at the church and a rule follower.

Tommy was preceded in death by his wife of almost 50 years, Linda Carol (Johnson) Courtney, his son, Tommy Keith (T.K.) Courtney, Jr., his father and mother, Henry Simpson Courtney, Jr. and Wessie Lavera (Drew) Courtney.

Visitation will be held at Stringer Funeral Home Wednesday, December 28th from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with an additional viewing on Thursday, December 29th from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. before the funeral service. The service will be held at Stringer Funeral Home Thursday at 11:00 a.m. followed by burial at Johnson Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Johnson Cemetery

1084 Blocker Road
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs
PO Box 431
26141 Hwy 27
Crystal Springs, MS 39059
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Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stringer Family Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Tommy Keith Courtney Sr.*



Stringer Family Funeral Service - December 28, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ *Tommy Keith Courtney Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Tommy was/is a lifelong friend, classmate and bandmate, in the CSCS class of 1965. He was as steady as a rock...always there when needed, never raising his voice, helping wherever/whenever. Rest in peace, my Friend. You will be missed.*

Denny Hydrick - December 30, 2022 at 07:03 AM



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Stringer Family Funeral Service - December 28, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Tommy Keith Courtney Sr..



December 28, 2022 at 11:27 AM

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“ Although the passing of my friend Tommy Courtney saddens me, at the same time I am extremely joyful that he is experiencing the fullness of his salvation through Jesus. Tommy was, indeed, a man of deep Christian faith, and from that faith sprang the great courage with which he faced the adversities of life, including several serious health challenges. None of that slowed Tommy down much. He was a hard-working, industrious man, who loved and provided for his family. I'm pretty sure that he and my younger brother, Lloyd (now deceased), finished high school in the same class. I know they grew up together. Our mother played either the organ or the piano at the wedding of Linda and Tommy. All who knew them will attest that they were deeply devoted to each other and to their children and grandchildren. They had a positive, wholesome influence on innumerable people, young and old, and will be remembered fondly by all whose lives they touched.

Jim Kitchens - December 27, 2022 at 01:51 PM