



John Kemmel Crossland

February 28, 1931 - January 15, 2012

John Kemmel Crossland son of John Jefferson Crossland and Lillie Mae (Blalock) Crossland was born on February 28, 1931 near Bloodland, MO.

John attended school at Bloodland his first five years, then two years at Rocky Branch Rural School, finished eighth grade at Pleasant Grove School near Buckhorn, MO and almost finished his tenth grade at Waynesville High School.

At the age of 17 John got a job at Caterpillar Tractor Company in Peoria, IL where he worked for 30 years retiring in 1978. Most of the time there he worked in the machine shop where he ran all types of machines.

John professed his faith in the Lord as a teenager and was baptized. He joined the New Friendship Baptist Church on Turkey Ridge near Waynesville, MO and later in August of 1985 John became a deacon of the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church near Richland

John was united in marriage to the love of his life Ella Mae Stewart, on December 24, 1949 in the Waynesville courthouse by Judge Brown (who we called Uncle Dick Brown). Other witnesses included John's mother and W.O. Stewart, Ella's grandfather, her father and mother Glen and Ada Stewart. John and Ella were blessed with three children: Donald Keith on September 7,

1950, Larry Lee on May 21, 1954 and Diana Lynn on September 7, 1957.

After retiring he and his wife moved to rural Richland where he volunteered for years at the Warren Center delivering meals to seniors and shut ins. John enjoyed going to auctions and sales collecting vehicles and tinkering with them in his spare time. He also liked to raise various animals. John treasured time spent with his family and especially enjoyed giving tractor rides to his grandkids.

John was musically talented and used this gift to praise his Lord and Savior at his church and throughout several area nursing homes and gospel sings. He loved singing and playing his guitar with the New Hope Gospel Singers as well as entertaining everyone from his great grandkids, family, friends and many area seniors he met along life's journey. John was a blessing to all who knew him.

John will be sadly missed by his loving wife of 62 years Ella Mae of the home; two sons: Donald K. (Marilyn) Crossland of Peoria, IL; Larry (Brenda) Crossland of Forest City, IL, one daughter: Diana L. (Tim) Richey of Peoria, IL; 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren nieces, nephews several relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M., Friday, January 20, 2012 in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Rev. Merrell Jefferies officiating. Soloist/Pianist Stacy Green sang "And Now My Life Song Sings". Serving as escorts were Jesse Crossland, Travis Crossland, Zach Ritzheimer, Jake Brasher, Teton Crossland and Jason Biggs. Honorary escorts were Will Mowder, Collin Stewart Jr., Jimmy Bench and Michael Walters. Burial followed in the Buckhorn Cemetery, Buckhorn, Missouri.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of John Kemmel Crossland*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *John Kemmel Crossland*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *grampa i miss u so much i love u so much its hard to go to your house because u are usually there to say something to me i wish i could of said goodbye but il stay strong and il see u someday i promise that###imported-begin###kemmel crossland###imported-end###*

February 19, 2012 at 06:17 PM



“ *In my deepest thoughts and prayers. Thank you Uncle Kimmle for put the love for playing the guitar in my life.###imported-begin###Bill J. Knowles II (BJ)###imported-end###*

January 20, 2012 at 10:47 PM



“ So sorry to hear of John's passing, he will be missed....God bless & keep you & your family through this time of sorrow...##imported-begin##DAVID & SUSAN HALL##imported-end##

January 20, 2012 at 11:20 AM



“ Ella Mae I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. Kemmel was a great man. You will be in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Sharon (Green) Baer##imported-end##

January 20, 2012 at 08:26 AM



“ That's not even 10 mniutes well spent!##imported-begin##Fanni##imported-end##

January 20, 2012 at 08:22 AM



“ I am gonna miss you grandpa but I know one day I will see you in heaven along with the rest of the family who is up there with you my only wish is I wish I could have spent more time with you but save a place at the table for me when I get there you know that I will be hungry Ella##imported-begin##Ella Sluss##imported-end##

January 20, 2012 at 07:30 AM



“ Aunt Ella Mae, I so wish I could be there with everyone this weekend. I can proudly say Uncle Kimmel was one of my favorite uncles. I will cherish the memories. Please know that everyone is in my thoughts and prayers this weekend. All my love,
Sharlena###imported-begin##Sharlena Nofsinger###imported-end##

January 18, 2012 at 09:45 PM



“ Kimmel. Served the lord so well. I'm pleased to say this man a close friend of mine. And JESUS well take good care of HIM. Praise GOD.###imported-begin##Lloyd green.###imported-end##

January 18, 2012 at 03:09 PM



“ *Im sorry for your loss you have our deepest sympathy.Remember meeting him at the reunion one time.*

After They Are Gone

*When someone we love passes away,
We ache, but we go on;
Our dear departed would want us to heal,
After they are gone.*

*Grief is a normal way to mend
The anguish and pain in our hearts;
We need time to remember and time to mourn,
Before the recovery starts.*

*Let's draw together to recuperate,
As we go through this period of sorrow;
Let's help each other, with tender care
To find a brighter tomorrow.##imported-begin## John and Lora
Adkison Martin##imported-end##*

January 17, 2012 at 11:56 AM



“ *May GOD Bless you,strengthen and comfort you during this difficult time. I always enjoyed our visits at The Old Friendship Cementary on Fort Wood.*

May GOD Bless you all.

F.R.O.G.

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*Y Marlin[Gan] Stevens##imported-begin##Marlin [Gan]
Stevens##imported-end##*

January 17, 2012 at 11:53 AM



“ ella and family, so sorry for your loss.kemmel was a wonderful man and i always enjoyed when you came and sang for us ,he will be sorely missed by all whio knew him, my the lord be with you and i will say a prayer for you all. but know he is with god now .please take care of your self.norma smith###imported-begin###norma smith[new friendship church]###imported-end##

January 17, 2012 at 08:53 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Kimmel's passing. Granny Millie & I had fun at many many gospel singings with Kimmel playing guitar for us. This is a great loss to the church community. Much love & prayers###imported-begin###Terri Rivers###imported-end##

January 17, 2012 at 05:39 AM



“ Ella Mae & Family-I am so sorry about the loss of your loving husband, father & grandfather. John was a wonderful man. I had such good times playing and singing all of the good gosple music with all of you. I have such good memories. John enjoyed singing and praising his Lord, now he is singing with all of his friends and family that were waiting for him to join them in their Fathers House. My thoughts & prayers are with you in your time of sorrow, but KNOW that John is rejoicing.###imported-begin###Jerri (Williams) Shreve###imported-end##

January 16, 2012 at 09:02 PM



“ *Ela Mae and family.*
I have known you and Kemel since we were kids in grade school. I remember so many wonderful times together at grade school at Pleasant Grove. I remember Haloween times together, I remember gospel sings together. I don't think I ever got to get acquainted with any of your children. I do remember your mother and dad, May God give you comfort in this time of sorrow. I know Kemel knew my Jesus. I will see him again one day. Norman and Marjorie Stoll.##imported-begin##*Norman & Marjorie Stoll*##imported-end##

January 16, 2012 at 08:53 PM



“ *Our love and prayers to all the family and friends. I have never known anyone with a bigger heart than John.*##imported-begin##*David and Faye Noe*##imported-end##

January 16, 2012 at 05:12 PM



“ *In our thoughts and prayers. He will be missed.*##imported-begin##*Dorothy and Dean Krowlek*##imported-end##

January 16, 2012 at 04:26 PM



“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. May you find peace and comfort in the arms of God during this difficult time.*##imported-begin##*Jonathan & Melissa Stradt and family*##imported-end##

January 16, 2012 at 03:22 PM