



John Budgie Little Jr.

April 2, 1931 - September 27, 2016

Budgie Little, 85 of Hoxie; passed away September 27, 2016 at the St. Bernard's Medical Center.

Born April 2, 1931 in Minturn; son of the late John Budgie and Laura Ingram Little. Budgie was united in marriage to Julia Fay Lee on May 13, 1951. He was the owner and operator of the Little's Service Station and Bait Shop in Hoxie for over 60 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents and eight brothers and sisters, Woodrow, Bill, Rudy & Pete Little, Bernice Roth, Lorraine Dobbs, Irene Lawson and Lucille Erwin.

Survivors include his wife, Julia of Hoxie; his son, James (Debbie) Little of Burleson, TX; three grandchildren, Kimberly Little of Crowley, TX, Christopher Little of Burleson and Julie (Jay) Potts of Little Elm, TX; two great grandchildren, Grayson and Braelyn Potts; two sisters, Ruby Massey of Paducah, KY and Faitha Little of Las Vegas, NV; and many other relatives and friends.

Graveside service will be Friday, September 30, 2016 at 2 P.M. in the Lawrence Memorial Park.

<http://www.kait8.com/story/10254649/offbeat-littles-station-and-bait-shop>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lawrence Memorial Park
Colonial Dr.
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

Memorial Service

SEP 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bryan Funeral Home
415 NW Texas St.
Hoxie, AR 72433

Tribute Wall



“ *John Budgie Little Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *My memories of Budgie go way back to my childhood when visiting family in Hoxie, Walnut Ridge, and Powhatan. My late dad, Stroud Griffith, always stopped to gas up before the long trip back north. On reaching adulthood, I returned twice a year (even more if I could squeeze it in) to fish with my late uncle, Ernest Vinson, who lived on Lake Charles. And we regularly popped in to see Budgie for bait, get gas, or just to talk a while. My uncle passed in 2009, and now with Budgie gone, things just won't seem the same. But I'm thankful for the time we had, and for the great blessing Budgie was to all of us. If I could, I'd keep the station open and keep the memories alive. Prayers for the family always.*

Joel Griffith - November 15, 2016 at 11:06 AM



“ *I have know Mr Little all my life, that is where my father went to get hunting and fishing licenses and buy worms for me to put on the hooks. Also Mr Baker worked and lived there, he was my uncle Jim Baker father and they stayed upstairs every year during the 4th and visit. I remember the metal stairs and only 1 bathroom for men and 1 for women and it was tubs not showers. I walked a lot by Budgies and we met several times when he was on his way to work taking his paper and lunch, we would discuss the day and be on our way. Hoxie has lost a good man.*

Gayla Warden - October 01, 2016 at 12:37 PM



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Greg Cotovsky - October 01, 2016 at 09:12 AM



*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Greg Cotovsky - October 01, 2016 at 10:01 AM



“ *I only lived in Walnut Ridge & Hoxie from 1973 to 1977, but I enjoyed going to Budgie's Station. I bought gas, cigarettes & cold sodies from him.*

Steve Holsten - September 30, 2016 at 07:01 PM



“ *As a big city boy, I always treasured my trips to Hoxie. Hoxie was to me another world compared to Chicago. One of the highlights of each trip was my visit to the Littles' Service Station. Uncle Budgie was almost always there as the host. His good natured kidding always made me laugh, I also enjoyed listening to Uncle Budgie conversing with one or two of the locals, who always seemed to be at the Station. The small, Southern town atmosphere of Uncle Budgie's Station will always be one of my fondest memories of Arkansas.*

Rich Roth, Green Bay, Wis - September 30, 2016 at 02:21 PM

AF

“ I was raised in Hoxie, and knew Budgie all my life. I worked in the same office with Judy, in the late 70's. They were two special people. May God bless his family.

Ardell (Smith) Flanagan - September 30, 2016 at 12:46 AM

BW

“ I remember many, many times getting an ice cold Coke, and maybe some candy. My Pops and I would also get bait and ice for the cooler to go fishing. As I grew up, Mr. Little was the only place I got gas. He ALWAYS had a smile and wanted to know how the family was doing. I will miss Mr. Little as well as his gas station. May God Bless the family, and I will say a prayer for them. Rest In Peace Mr. Little! Save me a fishing spot up there brother.
#RIP@BudgieLittle.....

Billy Walton - September 30, 2016 at 12:42 AM

JE

“ Uncle Budgie, my woes Uncle
A quick smile
A gentle disposition
A contagious laugh
A large Heart
A cold soda
A welcoming handshake
Live Bait
Interesting conversation
Sparkle in his eyes
A FULL SERVICE FRIEND
We'll miss you greatly, You will rest in peace

Jae Ernst - September 29, 2016 at 09:34 PM

SC

“ When I was a child I used to go down to Arkansas to spend the summer with grandma Little! The highlight of my day would be to walk over to the service station to see Uncle Budgie! He would always treat me to a cold soda from the cooler! He always had a kind smile and a story to tell! I also have fond memories of spending time with family in the apartment above the station and exploring the many rooms that are up there. Uncle Budgie will surely be missed.

Sandra Cotovsky - September 29, 2016 at 08:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Budgie Little Jr..



September 29, 2016 at 08:17 PM

SG

“ My mother (Edith Passalacqua) always used mr little full service gas station. Long long before I was born she and my father (hank) lived in one of the apts above the station.

shaunda passalacqua goodson - September 29, 2016 at 07:58 PM

MC

“ Uncle Sonny was always warm and loving as he welcomed us on those Arkansas visits. That love meant the world to me.

Mike Cotovsky - September 29, 2016 at 07:20 PM

HB

“ Oh my, Budgie taught me work ethics. Being in the motel and car business, my family worked weekends and holidays and it was a given, even at the age of ten to twelve. It was either my dad, or my uncle Charles who took me fishing on this particular story. We were fishing in the Black River bottom oxbow lakes. The Crappie were in full spawn ... enough so we had to hide to bait our hooks in the boat or the fish would have jumped on board for the bait. About the third days trip, I asked Budgie if he would go with us, while we were buying minnows. I explained how well the fish were biting, but others must have experienced the same results because ... He looked me in the eye and told me: "Young man, when the fish are biting, I have to sell minnows, so I can afford to fish later." That's a true story and his comment changed my life. That's why I don't mind working weekends and holidays 😊 He is one of a handful of men, who helped form my life.
~Charles E. Snapp (as shared with Heidi Bell)

Heidi Bell - September 29, 2016 at 06:49 PM

JW

“ Budgie was my gas man he always made sure I had gas even when he was sick He was a good friend and always telling stories . I learned a lot from those stories. Sorry I can't be there now for the family he loved.

Jimmie Wilson - September 29, 2016 at 06:48 PM



“ Uncle Sonny was what I always knew him as. Growing up and visiting it was always a fond memory of the station and getting a bottle of grape soda out of his soda machine. Then Denny , my sister and I would like to look at the minnows. Uncle Sonny was always there to talk to someone who was a local sitting around the station. He will be missed.

Debbie Massey-Krause - September 29, 2016 at 12:13 PM

 Vicki
Augustine

“ *I always enjoyed our visits and long talks. He always shared a smile and a story about the past and how things changed. He leaves a great hole in the community. He was the best of landlords.*

Vicki Augustine - September 29, 2016 at 11:50 AM

HB

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Heidi Bell - September 29, 2016 at 11:45 AM



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June Ernst - September 29, 2016 at 11:26 AM



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June Ernst - September 29, 2016 at 11:15 AM



“ *Budgie Little was my uncle. Whenever my family came down from Chicago to visit, Little's service station was always our first stop. My brother and I would get a bottle of coke from the old Coca Cola cooler. Uncle Budgie always had a place for us to stay in one of the rooms above the station. I remember sitting at the window at night and counting the cars on the freight trains as they went by. He will be missed by many.*

June Ernst - September 29, 2016 at 10:57 AM



And when I had kids, they also remember going to uncle Budgies for a cold Coca Cola.

June Ernst - September 29, 2016 at 11:02 AM

HB

“ *As a child, I spent a lot of time playing at Little's Service Station. It was owned by my great grandfather and then by my Uncle Sonny (Budgie Little). Uncle Sonny would let me play with the minnows by lifting the net and watching them flop around. He would tell me not to drop any because they were hard to catch. He also saved bottle tops from that big old soda chest for my brother and me to use to go to the Saturday morning movie in Jonesboro, admission was 10 bottle caps and he always made sure we had enough. He was my grandmothers younger brother and they were very close, even though she beat the devil out of him as kids. I love you, Uncle Sonny. Godspeed.*

Heidi Bell - September 29, 2016 at 10:52 AM

PT

“ *Phyllis , Tom, Janette & Randy, and Cheryl & Tony purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Budgie Little Jr..*



Phyllis , Tom, Janette & Randy, and Cheryl & Tony -
September 28, 2016 at 06:31 PM

SM

“ *Mr. Little worked with my grandfather, James Baker, for many years. He was a kind and caring man who treated my grandfather like a member of his own family. I will always remember him as a compassion Christian man. I wish to send my condolences to the entire Little family. May God be with you in this time of grief.*
Sheila Baker Murphy
Cary, Il

Sheila Muphy - September 28, 2016 at 04:21 PM

LB

I shall always love this family. for this beautiful family the family as sonny brother was my sister husband. our families always were close i shall always miss him. i will now pray for his family.

Leon Blackshear - September 29, 2016 at 10:27 AM