



## Johnny Lee Kibby

May 22, 1927 - September 19, 2012

Johnny Lee Kibby Johnny Lee Kibby was born May 22, 1927 in Latexo, Texas to George Washington Kibby and Lou Ella Kibby. He left this earth for his heavenly home on Sunday, September 16, 2012 at the age of 85. Johnny is survived by his life-time love and wife, Lorene Kibby of Riverside, TX; sister, Florence Johnson of Magnolia, TX; daughter Betty Gorrell and husband JT of Huntsville, TX; son Johnny Wayne Kibby and wife Lunette of Huntsville, TX; son George Kenneth Kibby of Riverside, Texas; son Roy Neal Kibby and wife Debbie of Riverside, Texas; daughter Joyce Ellington and husband Steve of Huntsville, Texas, 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and numerous other family members and treasured friends. Johnny was predeceased by his parents, four sisters, three brothers and grandson, Jeremy Ellington. As a young man, Johnny served in the U.S. Army. He worked very hard at various jobs to support his family of seven. He worked for Holly Mining Company in Riverside for many years. He retired from TDCJ after 20 years of service there. He loved his Lord and served as a deacon of Riverside Baptist Church and Northside Baptist Church. During his years at Riverside Baptist, he served as song leader, Training Union Director, Sunday School Director, teacher and youth leader. While at Northside, he served as teacher. Johnny was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also loved to play games such as 42, Mexican Train, Wahoo, Yahtzee and Solitaire. He could compete with the best! But, his greatest love was his family. There was nothing that he would not have done to help every member of the family as well as every friend he

had. He was so very proud of each of his five children and made sure each of them knew that. He was a real "Daddy" in every sense of the word. He will be missed very much by everyone who was privileged to know him and love him. Johnny's family will receive friends Tuesday evening, September 18, 2012, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, Texas. A celebration of Johnny's life will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home with Rev. Reagan Cooksey officiating. Interment will follow at Ebenezer Memorial Cemetery, in Huntsville, Texas. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Johnny Lee Kibby*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *We are sorry for your loss.*

**Mellicent Wiley @ Family** - October 12, 2012 at 01:14 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. May it help you to know that  
"Death will be swallowed up forever" 1 Corinthians 15:54.*

**mary miller** - October 04, 2012 at 07:20 PM



“ *Johnny was enjoyable to work with and I will always have those  
memories of our time at Goree. You are in our thoughts and  
prayers.*

**John H. Barksdale** - October 02, 2012 at 03:17 PM



“ *Mr. Kibby was a big help to us when we lived next door to ya'll at  
Goree. Condolences to the family from the McKee family.*

**David McKee** - September 21, 2012 at 09:27 AM

BV

“ Johnny & Lunnette, Bobby and I were saddened to hear about Mr Kibby's passing. We have fond memories of him. Our prayers are with you and your family. May God comfort you during this difficult time.

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**Bob & Lee Ann Victery** - September 21, 2012 at 08:16 AM

BJ

“ We were so sad to hear of Mr. Kibby's passing. He was a wonderful, wonderful man. We'll never forget him or the kindness he always showed us and our families. Please know that our prayers are with your family.

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**Billy and Janice Jordan** - September 20, 2012 at 05:46 PM

NS

“ Condolences to the Kibby family, you are in my thoughts and prayers, at this difficult time. I pray God gives you strength and peace in the days to come.. Nikki Schoenemann

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**nikki schoenemann** - September 19, 2012 at 05:36 PM

JM

“ To each family member, to every one, Johnny Lee Kibby was one of the finest men I've ever known. Remembering the happy times will help ease your sadness. God bless.

*James W Martin*

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**James Martin** - September 19, 2012 at 02:45 PM

CH

“ Mrs. Kibbey I am so sorry for your loss. Gonna miss seeing you guys at the grocery store. May God bless you all.  
He was a great man.

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**Carolyn cooksey Hanselman** - September 19, 2012 at 02:24 PM

RG

“ Paw Kibby to some, including "The Ginsel Girls" -Ricky and I know the love this family has shown to many including our own. I thank you for the love of Christ you showed and taught to many including my children. Without a doubt our Father awaits you - His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Matthew 25:21 - love ya!

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**Ricky and Michaela Ginsel** - September 19, 2012 at 01:12 PM

MW

“ Uncle Johnlee will be greatly missed. He was the sweetest man that would do anything for anybody. He had a way of lighting up the room when he walked in. The love that him and Aunt Lorene shared was so precious and strong. He will be greatly missed. God has a very special angel with him now. I am praying that God watches over his family and friends as they grieve the loss of such a wonderful man.

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**Misty Williams** - September 19, 2012 at 09:17 AM

LB

“ Condolences and prayers to the Kibby family. May God give you all strength and peace of heart and mind during this difficult time. I never had the privilege of meeting Mr. Kibby but I can see that he was very loved and respected by his family and friends.

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**Lynne Benavides** - September 18, 2012 at 09:48 PM

SM

“ Prayers for the Kibby and Ellington Families on the loss of their loved one. Difficult to say goodbye to a Father, Granfather, Brother, Cousin, or Uncle. However, so very blessed to have been a part of their lives. Sending prayers for peace and comfort.

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**Sandy Murphy** - September 18, 2012 at 08:35 PM

EK

“ Our Uncle Johnlee, Our special Uncle that helped make great childhood memories for my brothers Steve, Paul and myself. The many weekends fishing, hunting, or just being together and having our Uncle Johnlee tell us stories, always having us laugh and the great times of him and our Daddy and us kids playing in pool WOW!! those memories will forever be with me and I am proud to say what an AWESOME Uncle Johnlee, who I will miss. Thank You Uncle Johnlee for all the love and care that you gave to each and everyone of us your nieces and nephews. This is not good-bye, it's, " we will see you later", I love you xoxo. My prayers are with you Aunt Lorene and family, My love to all of you xoxo Sis

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**Elizabeth Kibby** - September 18, 2012 at 01:41 PM

TP

“ I'm sorry to hear about Mr. Johnny's passing. I spent most of the night reflecting on our families and all the good times we had so many years ago. What a wonderful man he was. I know dad has a pinochle partner today. I love all of you guys so much. I am praying for God to help you find peace and grace today.

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**Tom Pierce** - September 18, 2012 at 01:20 PM

BK

“ We're so sorry to hear about Johnny's passing. He was such a wonderful person and always showed such kindness and love for everyone he knew. We know you are going to miss him greatly and we're keeping you all in our prayers. What warm and wonderful memories you will have of him and I know there are some great stories to tell too. Love you all, Phyllis & Bobby Kennedy

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**Bob & Phyllis Kennedy** - September 18, 2012 at 12:18 PM

PL

“ Dear Kibby Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you go through this difficult time. Mr. Kibby was one of the sweetest men I have ever had the pleasure to know. He and Lorene always had hugs for me anytime we happened to run into each other. Just know that your sorrow will turn into fond memories and those will never be taken away from you.

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**Peggy Linville** - September 18, 2012 at 09:52 AM

DP

“ May God wrap His loving arms around the entire family at this sad time and always. Mr Johnny was a sweetheart and will be missed. It was my pleasure to be called his friend. The entire Robinson family sends our prayers. Love, Donna (Robinson) Paschall

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**Donna Robinson Paschall** - September 17, 2012 at 09:48 PM

PK

“ Dear Aunt Lorraine,

*I love you more than words can say. Please feel my arms around you. I am so sorry for your pain but happy that my Uncle Johnny Lee is happy, healthy and with my Daddy again. Heaven will never be the same with them two up there.*

*Your pain is great, but I pray that God eases all that pain so that you will be able to enjoy and reflect that beautiful Journey of life that God allowed Uncle Johnny Lee to have.*

*I pray for your family and all the rest of our families that we all have peace with our great loss.*

*Love you and peace be with you,  
Your nephew,  
Paul Kibby*

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**Paul Kibby** - September 17, 2012 at 07:25 PM

MM

“ Dear Kibby Family,

*Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this time. I always looked up to Mr Kibby. He was a great man and a good role model to many of us.*

*Mike & Nelda Mangham*

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**Mike Mangham** - September 17, 2012 at 04:20 PM

ML

“ Johnny was one of the nicest people in the world. I enjoyed knowing him. I'm sure that he is sitting up in Heaven enjoying the rewards of a life well lived. My condolences go out to his family and friends. May his memory live on in our hearts forever! Mae Sue Davis Leslie

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**Mae Sue Davis Leslie** - September 17, 2012 at 03:09 PM



“ I heard about your Dad's passing in church yesterday. I'm so sorry for your loss, but you know where he is. He was a good man, and he set a good example for all of you to follow, family first! I do remember the good times at Ferguson Unit neighbors! You're in our thoughts and prayers. Lydia Martinez (Horsley) Schraeder

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September 17, 2012 at 10:13 AM