



## John A. Brenner

February 28, 1927 - June 10, 2024

John A. Brenner, 97, born February 28, 1927, died peacefully in his sleep on Monday, June 10, 2024. He was preceded in death (2012) by his loving wife of 62 years, Trilby. He first spotted her in second grade when she moved from Mississippi. She never left his mind for over 90 years. In fact, he always claimed the two greatest women in the world were his wife Trilby and his mother Myrtle. No other woman stood a chance. The greatest town in America, and the world, was Parkin, Arkansas, where he grew up in its heyday in the 1930s and '40s. The University of Arkansas was the only university which really mattered. He was a devoted lifelong Methodist and served for many years as chairman of the Finance committee for Parkin FUMC. His love and loyalty to family, community, and God were the focal points of his life, which he always strove to pass to his three children and subsequent generations. He was a happy man who loved farming. He was one of the first people to grow rice in Arkansas in 1954. He once rebuilt a golf course using mostly farm equipment, and his only stipulation, instead of pay, was that no one tell him what to do. He helped build and establish a wonderful Little League program in his beloved Parkin. He was a former Lions Club president. He was president of L'Anguille Sporting Club for over 40 years, even at his death. He was involved and selfless in all his children's activities, including horse shows, baseball, basketball, tennis, you name it. He was equally supportive of his grandchildren. John A. received his business degree from the University of Arkansas in 1949, where he was a proud member of

Kappa Sigma fraternity. At the time of his death, he was the oldest living member of the Arkansas chapter. He loved duck hunting, quail hunting, golf, fishing, tennis, all Parkin sports, and Razorback anything.

He is survived by his daughters, Debbie Crisler of Yazoo City, Mississippi; Brenda Smith (Mark) of Wynne, and son John Brenner, Jr. (Dawn) of Marion; ten grandchildren and three much loved step-grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Trilby; parents Myrtle and Fred Brenner; sister Mary Harrison; brother Fred Brenner; and son-in-law Bebe Crisler.

John A's family would like to express sincere gratitude to his wonderful caregivers: Weedie Washington, Patsy Hogue, Veronica Lyons, Corinna Lately, and Earline Hawkins.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to the charity of one's choice. Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at Wynne Presbyterian Church, from 9:30 am until 10:30 am with funeral services following at 10:30. Burial will be in Cogbill Cemetery. Kernodle Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Cogbill Cemetery

Wynne, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 15. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Wynne Presbyterian Church  
1735 E Poplar Ave  
Wynne, AR 72396  
(870) 238-3611

## Funeral service

JUN 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Wynne, AR 72396  
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## Interment

JUN 15 (CT)

Cogbill Cemetery  
Wynne, AR



# Tribute Wall

JV

“ Loved this man Dearly, when u think of Parkin,you think of him always and forever.. All our basketball games, football and baseball and tennis, would not have been as memorable without that LOUD VOICE..later on in life after I married whenever I'd see him he would tell me he cried more at my wedding than either daughters. Always blessed my ❤️ praying for this dear family much love to you all that carry on his truth and kindness.

Jan Voyles - June 15, 2024 at 05:39 PM

TF

“ The Bizzell Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of John A. Brenner.



The Bizzell Family - June 14, 2024 at 03:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John A. Brenner.



June 13, 2024 at 06:08 PM

SG

“ Sherry Gillon I was working at the flash mk he would get gas food drinks so this day hot he at the pump card doesn't work outside so cut the pump own he paid and drove off with the pump still in the hold hose came off we 😂 the next day when I told him we laughed he say they need to fix the credit card machine 😂

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**Sherry Gillon** - June 13, 2024 at 05:14 PM

JB

“ I remember John A. always smiling. He had time for those in need, family and his church. Brenda, Debbie, and Johnny you had a remarkable Dad. I know you will miss him. Praying for you at this difficult moment.

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**Judy Bond** - June 13, 2024 at 03:40 PM

SC

“ Mr. Brenner was one of the best men I ever known. Even though Richard and he butted heads a few times Richard always thought the world of him. I cannot imagine anyone being any kinder to us during Richards illness. The world has lost a great man, but I know he passed his kindness and beliefs on to his wonderful children and grandchildren.

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**Sherry Chisem** - June 13, 2024 at 12:15 PM