



John "Johnny" Spain

March 1, 1936 - November 12, 2025

John "Johnny" Spain of Wynne, Arkansas, passed away on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, in Jonesboro, Arkansas. He was born on March 1, 1936, in Wynne, to Robert Eugene Spain and Nellie Jane (Searcy) Spain. He grew up in Cross County and in his youth played baseball for the Hamlin Dirty Socks. A proud 1955 graduate of Wynne High School, Johnny married the love of his life, Anita Freshour, in 1958.

Johnny spent his life working the land he loved, farming rice and soybeans in Cross County alongside his son, Keith. When the season's work was done, he could be found in the deer woods, where he felt most at home. He was a hard worker, a loyal friend, and happiest with family nearby and fields under an open Arkansas sky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Richard Spain; and his wife, Anita Spain.

He is survived by his children, William Keith Spain (Lelia) and Karen McKnight (Dan) both of Wynne; grandchildren, Lana Ampueda (Allen), Sara "Lizzie" Organ (Brandon), Rachael McKnight, Lexie Busick (Brian), and Zachary McKnight; and five great-grandchildren.

Johnny's family is grateful for the many friends and neighbors who shared in

his life and his work. Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2025, from 10:30 am until 12:00 pm at Kernodle Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 12 pm with Rev. Dustin Clegg officiating. Burial will be in McElroy Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

McElroy Cemetery

Hwy 350
Wynne, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home
315-325 E. Union Avenue
Wynne, AR 72396
(870) 238-2323
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

Funeral service

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Interment

NOV 15 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Johnny Spain. He was a very goodman. A hard-working man. Prayers for the family.

Rickey Stutts and Lisa Stutts - November 14, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John "Johnny" Spain.



November 14, 2025 at 04:23 PM

PJ

“ Patti & Fred Gresham, Jr. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John "Johnny" Spain.



Patti & Fred Gresham, Jr. - November 14, 2025 at 11:10 AM

LF

“ Love and prayers, Stephanie Fahringer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John "Johnny" Spain.



Love and prayers, Stephanie Fahringer - November 14, 2025 at 08:43 AM

TH

“ *Team Harrisburg purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John "Johnny" Spain.*



Team Harrisburg - November 13, 2025 at 09:04 PM

DJ

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr Johnny. He was one of the kindest soft spoken people I have every met. He always had a smile and stopped to speak wherever I ran into him. Praying for those who will miss his earthly presence*



Deah Jarrett - November 13, 2025 at 07:31 PM