



## Mr. John Bivins

April 11, 1950 - October 4, 2025

John Lee Bivins Sr., affectionately known as "Big Country," aged 75 of Johnson City, Tennessee, passed away on October 4, 2025, at Franklin Woods Hospital in Johnson City, Tennessee, after a brief illness. John Bivins was born in Emanuel County, Swainsboro, Georgia, on April 11, 1950, to Ben L. Bivins and Ruby Lanier Bivins. He was the eldest of all his siblings.

John attended the Swainsboro Emanuel County Schools. Later, he moved to numerous states and cities. He engaged in a variety of small-scale repairs, maintenance, landscaping, and painting. After traveling to different states, he met and married his beloved wife, Karen Eve Brady Bivins.

He had a passion for fishing, reading the Bible, and helping those in need. John had a big heart and a humorous spirit. He often encouraged others, "You better read that Bible." His loving presence will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ben L. and Ruby Bivins; his baby sister, Lizzie Mae Bivins Copeland; his brother, Curtis Lee Bivins; one daughter, Sherry Bivins Johnson; and a grandchild, Shaniqua Johnson.

John leaves to mourn his precious better half, Karen Eve Brady Bivins; his devoted children, three daughters: Tiffani Bivins, Augusta, Georgia, Stephanie Ann Fann, Jonesboro, Georgia, and Nikki Fann, Orlando, Florida; three sons:

Carlton Lee (Nicolette) Bivins, Wadley, Georgia, John Bivins Jr., and Nathaniel Badie, both Swainsboro, Georgia; one sister, Mary Bivins Stuckey, Swainsboro; six brothers, Leroy (Mae) Bivins Sr. Swainsboro, David (Clarice) Bivins, Macon, Georgia, Jerry (Shelia) Allen, Tampa, Florida; Laverne Allen, Ricky Allen, and Richard Allen, all West Palm Beach, Florida; brother-in-law, Richard L. Morris; sister-in-law, Carol (Anthony) McLaughlin; special friends, Patria Rhea and Shirley Keller; and 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grands, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Birchette Mortuary & Cremation Service, Inc.  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

VR

“ *Van Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Bivins* ”



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**Van Rollins** - November 07, 2025 at 10:56 AM

ML

“ *Mary Latham sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Bivins* ”



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**Mary Latham** - November 06, 2025 at 06:39 PM

AJ

“ *Angelo B.. Newman Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Bivins* ”



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**Angelo B.. Newman Jr** - November 06, 2025 at 09:26 AM

BB

“ *Babby Barner lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Bivins* ”



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**Babby Barner** - November 06, 2025 at 07:22 AM

SK

“ John was my neighbor he was such a good hearted person to me John and Karen were not my neighbors to me they was my family john we are watching over Karen for you we miss you



Shirley keller - November 05, 2025 at 12:28 PM

PA

“ Phyllis Askew lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Bivins



Phyllis Askew - October 25, 2025 at 11:50 PM

BW

“ John bivins was my best friend I feel sad that he's not here with me but I know he's here movie missed as his working buddy when he needed help I was there to help you



Brittany Whitson - October 14, 2025 at 02:21 PM

BW

“ John bivins was like a father figure to me and was my old man's best friend and his work partner nothing will ever be the same without him but we know that he is always in our hearts



Brittany Whitson - October 14, 2025 at 02:18 PM

VR

“ *Van Rollins lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Bivins*



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**Van Rollins** - October 14, 2025 at 11:35 AM

EV

“ *Estelle Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Bivins*



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**Estelle Vaughan** - October 14, 2025 at 10:40 AM

PR

“ *Praying for you Eve and family*



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**Patria Rhea** - October 13, 2025 at 05:10 PM

JA

“ *Jaymon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Bivins*



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**Jaymon** - October 11, 2025 at 08:17 PM

MF

“ *Mary (Cissy) Rollins And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Bivins*



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**Mary (Cissy) Rollins and family** - October 11, 2025 at 05:45 PM