



John Perry

December 24, 1937 - June 27, 2010

MANSFIELD -- John Perry went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 27, 2010. Funeral: 2 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at Blessing Funeral Home, Mansfield. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Blessing Funeral Home.

John Perry, was born the son of a coal miner in the hills of Stearns, Kentucky at home on December 24, 1937. As a boy he spent his days in the woods hunting and swimming in the cold clear creeks back in the hills. He always talked of jumping from the rocks and beating the snakes back to the banks. He would build his own roller coaster by using logs coated with grease riding them down the side of the hill. It was fun going down, but the end of the ride was a little rough. There were many days spent helping his dad on the farm plowing behind a mule. John went to school until the 9th grade. Then when he was in his 40's, he went to night school with his wife and received his G.E.D. His kids were so proud of them. At the age of 21 he married the love of his life, Imogene Jones. One day while Imogene's dad was down at the hog pen, they made a trip across the border to Jelico, Tennessee. With John's older sister playing the part of the mother of the bride they wed on June 6, 1959. Then, very shortly after on December 13, Tony was born. You do the math.

Within a span of six years they had 4 children. Tony, Sharon, James, and Chris. John spent 22 years mixing chemicals to make fine crystal glass which was known throughout the world as Tiffin Glass in Ohio. Later he settled with his family in Mansfield, Texas. He worked until the age of 63. Finishing his career with GATX. Though he left the hills of Kentucky years earlier, he always

said "you can take the boy out of the hills, but you can't take the hills out of the boy."

He was very proud of where he came from. Everything from the country side to the coal mining heritage he grew up around. John was very much a family man. He loved his Mom and Dad, brothers and sisters. As a father and a husband he had a great unending love. He loved his wife, sons, and daughter more than anything on this earth; until grandchildren came along. He had 10 grandchildren ranging from 7 to 21 years of age. After a family gathering he would speak for days about how much he loved watching the kids play together. Through all of his trials and tribulations, John would say "I'm a tough ole' bird." And indeed he was, all the way to the end. John went to be with his Lord and savior this past Sunday evening on June 27, 2010. John you will be greatly missed. We love you my dear husband. We love you Dad. We love you Papa.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by eight siblings.

Survivors: Wife of 51 years, Imogene Perry; children, Tony Perry and wife, Felicia, Sharon Grogg, James Perry and wife, Tina, and Chris Perry and wife, Jennifer; 10 grandchildren; and eight siblings.

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *JohN WILL ALWAYS BE MISSED.WE WILL TREASURE ALL THE GOOD TIMES AND MEMORIES WHEN WE WERE GROWING UP.LOVING MEMORIES SISTER MARY.*

mary lewis - August 07, 2010 at 12:07 PM

DR

“ *I just wanted to express my condolences on your great loss of a fine man. Yall are always in my thoughts.*

Dave Rogers - July 03, 2010 at 11:35 AM

BJ

“ *Chris, Jennifer and Perry Family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God carry you through these tough times with comfort and peace.*

God Bless, Chris and Beth Jones

Beth Jones - July 02, 2010 at 12:22 AM

KP

“ *Thinking about you guys and the rest of your family today. May the presence of the Holy Spirit be very real and comforting at this time. We love you.*
Kathy

Kathy, Gary and Jeni Porter - July 01, 2010 at 03:33 PM

RD

“ *Our sincere sympathy to you all. We love you and have you in our prayers.*

Ray and Karen Doscocil - July 01, 2010 at 01:49 PM

BT

“ Dear Perry Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. I pray the Lord comforts you with His loving arms during this loss. We love you guys!
Love - Brandon, Stephanie, Brylee and Blaire Tucker

Brandon, Stephanie, Brylee and Blaire Tucker - June 30, 2010 at 06:04 PM

KH

“ My aunt and cousins are in my thoughts and prayers with loving memories of my beloved Uncle John.

Karen Hayden - June 30, 2010 at 05:26 PM

JP

“ Lighting a candle in your honor, Mr. Perry, and saying a prayer for all that love you dearly and are feeling that loss today. May God provide peace and comfort through His loving hand.

Jennifer and Glenn Pittman - June 30, 2010 at 04:00 PM

ML

“ Our hearts go out to the family we will pray that God bless you !
Our Love
Mike&Collette
Lewis &Nicole
Doak

Michael Lewis - June 30, 2010 at 03:20 PM