



John A. Russell

October 31, 1966 - December 24, 2024

John A. Russell, age 58 of Harriman, TN, formerly of Irving, TX, passed away Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center in Knoxville. Preceded in death by his father Tony Russell of Mabank, TX, mother Karen Caldwell of Irving, TX, brother Jackie Russell, stepmother Lee Russell, and grandparents Scottie and Oleta Russell of Irving, TX, Edward and Mary Ellen Caldwell. He was grown but never grew up, with his love of comics, toys and superheroes and he taught everyone he loved to love them too. He loved music with a passion but couldn't carry a tune although he always said he should have been a rock star. Like a rock star he lived fast and hard but loved just as hard. He was funny as could be and always kept the people around him laughing and smiling. He will be greatly missed by his childhood friends, Lazy Days friends, and most of all his family.

Survivors include:

Wife (together over 35 years) Cathy Russell of Harriman, TN,
Daughter Chelsea Gee and husband Ben of Harriman, TN,
Son Cody A. Russell and partner Shay Simmons, her daughter Lyric of
Charleston, SC,
Cherished granddaughter Aliyah Grace,
Sister Nikki Reneau and husband RJ of Ft Worth, TX,
Brothers Gary Russell and wife Heather of Dallas, TX,
Jonus Russell of Irving, TX,

Father-in-law and mother-in-law Terry and Ruth White of Rockwood, TN,
Brother-in-law Jeff Judah and wife Karen of Lawrenceburg, TN.

Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family request memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society. Kyker Funeral Homes of Harriman is serving the Russell Family.

Tribute Wall

CR

“ To a man with many names. To some he was a, "Son of a bit**". For others he was a, "friend".to my mom he was, "John the Antichrist". As for my my sister and I he will be the as*hole we called, "Dad". With as many names as there are winds. He will be missed by the ones he called, "Family".

Cody Russell - January 28, 2025 at 12:47 PM

RC

“ I could share so many memories but will keep it to two. One of the first times I met Johnny he, Cat my now husband David and I are at a club and Johnny asked me to dance so were dancing and he grabs me and lays a passionate kiss on me in front of God and everyone I immediately tense up because I think David is going to flip but he just says "that's Johnny" and we go on like it never happened. The second one Johnny used to steal Nutty Butters out of my kitchen cabinet and David would grip at him so for Christmas I gave him a huge box with a note that said enjoy with no gripping 🤪. You will truly be missed and I'll see ya on the flip side.

Reesa Corley - December 29, 2024 at 02:32 PM

KH

“ We could write memories for days. You always knew how to brighten my mornings with the funny tik toks and a laugh I'll always remember. You always worked very hard no matter what. Coming into my office when you wanted to talk about anything and everything. The hilarious jokes you'd crack. The laughs you spread through the shop will truly be remembered and misses so much. Again, I could go on for hours writing things you did that made my day so much better at work. May the peace be with you and the family 🙌 ✨ 🙏 ❤️ you will always be remembered as you were and very special in our hearts.

Kaycie Zach and Beau Hughes - December 29, 2024 at 11:43 AM

HR

“ He always had a smile on his face. He will be missed so much. Prayers and love to my work family.

Holly Rhodes - December 29, 2024 at 06:43 AM

SA

“ Johnny was my best friend during the elementary school years through the 7th grade. I lived next door. We played "jail break," loved Popeye and Star Wars. We got into trouble together, too. We were around 10 yrs. old. He talked me into taking a neighbors bicycle apart. (I just held the tools, btw lol) He poorly attempted to hide the "evidence. " Only problem is he put some parts in our neighborhood police officers yard. Yep! We got caught. We had to apologize to the father of the bike owner and we had to use our own bicycle parts to put his bicycle back together. That's my memory. Bestie forever, Amen! I'll love you always, Johnny next door.

Susan Anderson - December 29, 2024 at 01:01 AM

LL

“ Me and my girls send our deepest condolences. I'm so so sorry to hear this news.

Early mornings at buddy Greg he would pop through the office and I always enjoyed chatting with him for a few minutes. If he couldn't make you laugh, I don't know who could. Always helped start the day off on a happy note. He had a contagious laugh and I loved hearing about how much he loved his family. He spoke of each of you all the time. He will be missed

Liz Loveall - December 28, 2024 at 07:12 PM

HR

“ We love and will miss you always and forever.

Your brother Gary and Heather

Heather M Russell - December 28, 2024 at 06:57 PM

KS

“ Jonny surely. Will be missed that's for sure , I take it as a sign he was born on Halloween , and left us on Christmas Eve ! I hadn't spoke to him in a few years , but he was still a crazy man! That was my favorite part of him!! His ability to show love and make you smile !!! He's gonna be missed❤️❤️

kim skellern - December 28, 2024 at 06:47 PM

KS

Sorry my brain fog got me I was meaning to say he was a gift!! And he was a rare and I won't forget him, and yes there are certain bands that if I hear them , they take me right back to those days when we hung out!!! Good memorize!!!!

kim skellern - December 28, 2024 at 06:57 PM

SL

“ My work family is now less 1 and for that I am truly saddened. You will be missed my friend. Let this not be good-bye but a simple "see ya later". To Cathy, Chelsea and Cody, my heart is broken. I am so sorry for your loss.

Sheila Lewis - December 28, 2024 at 05:49 PM

KJ

“ You will be missed. I will miss the hugs I get when I see you and the I love you and miss you at family gatherings when I was at work. Your smile and always being happy around family. Your niece Autumn misses and loves you and so does your brother in law.



Karen I Judah - December 28, 2024 at 04:49 PM

NR

“ I miss you bubba!! My favorite memories of my brother is him playing with me when I was still a baby he would push my grocery cart around set all the plastic food up in different places like we were at the grocery store lol it was so much fun he would ring up the cist and say where's your money!!! I love johnny I will miss you so much!!

Nikki Reneau - December 28, 2024 at 04:27 PM

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“ I'll love you forever. Petey and Rogue miss you so much

Catherine L Russell - December 28, 2024 at 03:34 PM