



Joshua Merritt

July 28, 1986 - March 20, 2010

Joshua Daniel Merritt, age 23 of Boones Mill, Virginia formerly of Tazewell, Virginia passed away, Saturday March 20, 2010. He was born in Richlands, Virginia and was the son of John Lee and Mary Sawyers Merritt, of Tazewell, Virginia. He was of the Christian faith and a bible scholar. He had attended Tazewell High School and was a former band member of the Back Porch Pickers. Joshua was a self taught musician, he sang and played the guitar and the base, but his true love was the banjo. His role models were Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs, he wanted to play music in the same style. Joshua toured for a while, participating in many concerts, people were mesmerized by his talent, he played with his heart and soul and you could feel the love flow into his music. He later moved to Boones Mill and worked in the distribution center for Advance Auto at Warehouse# 11. Those who remain to carry on his spirit in addition to his parents are: His son, Joshua Daniel Merrit, Jr. of Boones Mill, VA His sister, Jonie Leigh Sutherland and husband Jamie Carl of Denton, NC His brother, Larry Brian Sutherland and wife Tina Marie of North Tazewell, VA Paternal Grandfather, John Joe Merritt of Tazewell, VA Several nieces, nephews', family and a host of friends also survive him. Funeral services for Joshua Merritt will be conducted at 2:00 pm on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell, VA with the Rev. David Burgess officiating. Interment will follow at the Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA. Pallbearers will be: Jamie Sutherland, Larry B. Sutherland, Jonathan Sutherland, Isaac Sutherland, Shannon Rose, Jeremy

Dripps, Jessie Akers and Ryan Puckett. An Honorary Pallbearer will be John Miller. Friends may call Wednesday evening from 6 -9 pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joshua Merritt*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Joshua Merritt*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Josh always had a smile. He will be missed very much.*

Carol Quesenberry - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Josh will really be missed. He brought so much happiness to everyone through the love of his music. He will always remain in our hearts. God bless the family in this time of sorrow.*

Rev David Burgess - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Josh was an excellent musician and a great guy I enjoyed hearing him pick a banjo and having general conversation he will be missed he has touched a lot of people in his life that was all to short.*

Arnold L. Dickens Jr. - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I knew josh when we went to middle school together..he was truly a sweet guy and was always nice to everyone. I remember that he asked me to the Christmas formal dance in 6th grade :)I searched for him for years after he moved away. I am truly sorry to hear of his passing.My Condolences and prayers are with your family. RIP Josh you will be missed..

Mandy slone Broomfield - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Your life ended too soon, little brother. We will miss your smile and, of course, the pickin'. We love you.

Larry B. & Tina Sutherland - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ Josh was a very loving father and fiance. We will miss him so very much. I know that he is in heaven waiting for us and we will see him one day. I shared the best three years of my life with Josh. We had a son the last year that we shared together and he is a blessing from God. Josh touched everybody that he has ever meet in a way that they will always cherish in their hearts and memories. We love you so very much Josh.

Love,
Liz N Josh Jr.

Elizabeth M. Overstreet - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ i loved josh with all my heart, i will always have an empty place in my heart.i miss everything about you, i miss hearing you play the bango. i hope you are at peace baby boy.love always your sister, jonie

marcia craighead - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Josh always had a welcoming smile as he arrived at work. He always spoke a kind word as he passed through the hallway to the warehouse. I miss you friend, go in peace.*

Greg Barba - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM