



## J.B. Wagner

October 12, 1938 - September 12, 2013

John B. (JB) Wagner of Gravelly, Arkansas went to be with his Lord and Savior, Thursday, September 12, 2013 in Little Rock, Arkansas surrounded by his loving family. JB was born on October 12th, 1938 on Mulberry cut-off in Scott County to Lester B. Wagner and Ala Mae (Jones) Wagner. JB was 74 years, and 11 months old. JB was a member of the Church of Christ in Nola, Arkansas.

Raised in the Fourche River Valley and at Mountain Pine, he married the love of his life, Margaret Ann Pounds on December 25th, 1956. JB was a dedicated and loving son, husband and father. He was also a true and loyal friend who touched many lives and never met a stranger. He was a retired Assistant Foreman for the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. JB worked his whole life to provide his family a better life. He was a farmer, mechanic, heavy equipment operator, self-taught carpenter and auctioneer who could accomplish anything that he wanted to do when he set his mind to the task. He was a hardworking common man who was totally uncommon, especially in his care & compassion toward others. One of his greatest loves, other than family, was to help those in need. He was a member of the Harvey/Nola volunteer fire department, and also was a great supporter of the youth of the river valley, who lovingly referred to him as "Pa". JB's favorite thing to do was go to deer camp and be with his children and grandchildren. In

"the valley" JB was always known to sit on his front porch and wave at everyone that went by and he loved it when someone had time to stop and visit.

JB leaves behind to cherish his memory, his loving wife Margaret, of the home, one daughter Tammie Sparks & husband Roger of Waldron, Arkansas; three sons: Robert Wagner of Glenwood, Arkansas, John Wagner & wife Shelley of Scranton, Arkansas and Bruce Wagner & wife Mickey of Maumelle, Arkansas. JB was blessed with a host of grandchildren; Brent, Kayla, Brandi, Colt, Miranda, Tyler, Brittany, Zack, Cort, Lauren, Buck, Steve, and Burt; as well as great grandchildren , Alex, Ashley, Jacobi, Zach, Drew, Lilly , Tate, Cayman, Peyton, Landric, Adelyn, Adalee, Havana, Shiloh, Anna, and Easton. JB is also survived by one cousin, who was more like a brother, Lonnie Wagner of Hot Springs, Arkansas. JB will missed by all who knew him and the many whose lives he impacted including numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, friends and loved ones.

JB is preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Ala Wagner, one son, Mark, two sisters: Robbie Fickle & Mamie Glover, and two brothers in law Roy Fickle and Bill Glover.

JB's life celebration will be at 1:00 p.m. Monday, September 16, 2013 at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Waldron, Arkansas with Rev. Jay Hunnicutt and Dr. Leonard Fuson officiating. Interment will follow in the Parks Cemetery in Nola, Arkansas. Arrangements are being entrusted to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas.

JB's pallbearers will be grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers will be Harvey-Nola Fire Dept. and Arkansas Highway and Transportation Dept.

JB's visitation will be Sunday, September 15, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas where JB's family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

In keeping with JB's giving spirit, the family asks donations in his memory be made to any of the following charities or non-profit organizations in lieu of flowers: Arkansas Children's Hospital, 501-364-4000, [www.archildrens.org](http://www.archildrens.org); St. Jude's Children's Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org); Heifer International, [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org); Southern Christian Children's Home, [www.schome.org](http://www.schome.org); Harvey/Nola Volunteer Fire Department; Parks Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 36, Gravelley, AR 72838, Or the children's support charity of your choice. Also, to honor one of JB's wishes, respectful casual dress is requested, but please, no suits or ties.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of J.B. Wagner*



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**Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory** - September 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of J.B. Wagner*



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“ *Tammie, thoughts and prayers with you and your family. I have memories of J.B. "coming to town" on Saturdays when I was working at the News.*

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**Larry Jones** - September 25, 2013 at 11:22 AM

KH

“ Keith Holleman lit a candle in memory of J.B. Wagner



Keith Holleman - September 19, 2013 at 04:46 PM

HS

“ John was a very special guy, and will be missed for a long time. Hershal & Atha Sims

Hershal Sims - September 18, 2013 at 07:20 PM

RH

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Roger & Jana Holcomb - September 17, 2013 at 01:09 PM

JD

“ Thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Jonette Ray Duke - September 17, 2013 at 11:24 AM

TC

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Teresa Houston Culpepper - September 16, 2013 at 03:41 PM

BC

“ We are sorry for your loss. J.B. will be missed. Bill & Kathy Cabe

Bill & Kathy Cabe - September 16, 2013 at 01:48 PM

MB

“ Margaret, you know that JB and I friends for many years, through ice and snow and rain and shine, and now he is where there will always be sun shine, love ya, take care

Margaret Marker Byers - September 16, 2013 at 10:59 AM

MJ

“ Margaret, JB was a great man. He will be missed by so many people of the valley. We will be praying for your family.

MARSHA JONES - September 16, 2013 at 08:29 AM

GP

“ Margaret, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless, Glynda



Glynda Patton - September 16, 2013 at 07:25 AM

SH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Margaret -- and with all your family.  
Shelby Frost



Shelby - September 16, 2013 at 12:02 AM

CS

“ JB was truly a joy to know. Remember the good times and his great smile.  
Clyde and Martha Simmons

clyde simmons - September 15, 2013 at 11:00 AM

TT

“ Your family will be in our prayers.



Thurston Tinder - September 14, 2013 at 10:14 PM

SH

“ Shelba Harris lit a candle in memory of J.B. Wagner



Shelba Harris - September 14, 2013 at 10:03 PM

BN

“ Margaret our thoughts and prayers are with you and all the family on the loss of JB..He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.....



*Bill and Carolyn Needham*

Bill and Carolyn Needham - September 14, 2013 at 02:27 PM

JR

“ So Sorry! May God Bless the Family.James and Lottie Richmond



James and Lottie Richmond - September 14, 2013 at 09:24 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of J.B. Wagner.*



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September 14, 2013 at 07:19 AM



“ *The great memories of times spent with J.B. while fishing, hunting, basketball, baseball, and our lives together as cousins are cherished and they will be with me for as long as I live. Thanks J.B. for being my "Brother". I love you and every member of your family very much. Lonnie Wagner*

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**Lonnie Wagner** - September 14, 2013 at 07:01 AM




“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of J.B. Wagner.*



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September 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



Brittany  
Herron

“ He was such a sweet inspiration to so many people. I don't remember a ballgame I played in that he wasn't cheering me on and afterwards giving me the rundown of what to do better, lol. He and his equally amazing wife always treated me respect and love and they loved me and showed that love in a very difficult part of my life when I wasn't sure how many people did. Grace loved him and he always had a moment to spare to talk to her and give her a hug. JB Wagner was an amazing person and a role model for us all. RIP JB, our prayers are with Margaret, your family, and your many many friends.

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**Brittany Herron** - September 13, 2013 at 11:48 PM

JS

“ JB will be missed by all he touched soapy lives our thoughts are with you Margret, Bruce, Tammy, Johnny, Robert and your families Will miss the waves when going by your house or meeting you on the road. Kenneth and Judy

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**judy spears** - September 13, 2013 at 09:16 PM

AB

“ I so hated to hear of J.B.'s passing. What a special person he was and how many lives he has touched. I know he will be dearly missed by his family and all those that knew him and loved him. Sharing in your grief at this time.

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**Ann Bingham** - September 13, 2013 at 05:58 PM

BL

“ What a blessing it was to be JB's neighbor and friend. Our hearts break for the family, but we take comfort knowing that today he is with God.  
Bruce, Marti, Sarah and Jeff Lee

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**Bruce K. Lee** - September 13, 2013 at 04:39 PM

CH

“ We love you JB, you and Margaret are such great friends. You will be missed so much by Daddy and Mom. Fourth of July will not be the same without you there to cheer the little ones on. Charley Kay will miss you so much, you were her second grandpa to her. Margaret, Tammie, Bruce, Johnny, and Robert we love you all. You are in my and Charley Kay prayers.

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**Carolyn Hollingsworth** - September 13, 2013 at 04:26 PM

DT

“ JB - Thank you for your years of support to the Fourche Valley Indians! It meant a lot to so many of us. I can still see you and Margaret in the stands, especially for all our road games, cheering us on. The Valley has lost a great man & community supporter, and the Wagner family has lost their patriarch. I know they will miss you terribly. God Bless you & your family.

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**Danny Tarkinton** - September 13, 2013 at 02:41 PM

MM

Tammie, Margaret, & family you will be in my prayers as you go through this very difficult time. God bless each of you with His peace.

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**Mary Moody-Pendergraft** - September 13, 2013 at 04:43 PM

MM

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of J.B.s family and friends at this time. So sorry for the lost. I have heard the way to keep the memory going is to share his stories and his life with others as you go along life's way.

Thoughts and prayers from  
Floella Barnett, Marcia and Lonnie McDurmond

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**Marcia McDurmond** - September 16, 2013 at 09:05 AM