



## Arthur G. 'Art' Crittenden

November 3, 1946 - February 28, 2024

Arthur (Art) Gustiv Crittenden, 77, of Fort Gibson, OK was born November 3, 1946 in Muskogee, OK to Tom and Velma (Scates) Crittenden and entered Heaven's gates on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 with his loving family by his bed side.

After graduating high school, Art proudly served his country in the United States Army in June of 1966 and served until June of 1968, where he was honorably discharged. Art furthered his education at Connors State College, graduating with an associate degree. He married the love of his life, Velma Smith, on June 16, 1967, a marriage that lasted over 56 years. Art worked for the Corps of Engineers for 32 years, retiring as a Power Plant Shift Operator. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Fort Gibson where he served as a Deacon. Art went on many mission trips, spreading the gospel and was instrumental in building many wheelchair ramps in the area. He was also a member of the Frank Gladd American Legion Post #20 in Fort Gibson and a retired Fort Gibson volunteer firefighter. Art had a passion for woodworking and carving. One of his proudest works is the pulpit he built currently used at Fort Gibson First Baptist Church. He also made many beautiful pieces for friends and family. Art worked with Mosteller Construction on many new homes and home remodels in the greater Fort Gibson area. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Art is preceded in death by his parents; and his son, John David Crittenden. Those left to cherish Art's memory are his wife, Velma of the home; daughter,

Suzy Boling of Fort Gibson; son, Tom Crittenden and wife Corie of Locust Grove; daughter-in-law, Stephani; granddaughters, Carly Boling of Tulsa, Cassidy Boling of Fort Gibson, Salani LaFave and husband Phillip of Muskogee; grandson, Tyler Crittenden of Yuma, AZ; sister-in-law; Thelma Harris of Fort Gibson; and sister, Joyce Hammack of Muskogee; extended family and numerous friends.

A celebration of Art's life will be held 11AM, Monday, March 4, 2024 at First Baptist Church in Fort Gibson with Pastors Danny Gandara and Logan Lambert officiating. Daughter Suzy Boling will be eulogizing. Keith Burditt will be providing special music. Tom Panter, Phil Wood, Charles Dortch, Louie Mosteller, Doug Burt, Bret Hammack, and Doug Dortch will serve as honorary urn bearers.

The family would like to give a special 'thank you' to Nurse Linda Milton with Rivercross Hospice and Dr. Riley of the VA Medical Center for their exceptional care.

The family of Arthur Gustiv Crittenden has entrusted his care, cremation, and service to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left for the Crittenden family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
304 E Hickory  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall

AK

“ At Keith Hardware, Art was so much a frequent and valued customer and friend, that he was the only customer I remember that wrote his own tickets. For many years after we had computerized, we continued to have ticket books for frequent customers to minimize the computer generated invoices. Art knew where his ticket book was, and would frequently come in and get what he needed, and write it in his ticket book and leave to get back to what he was working on. As far as I can remember he was the only customer with this special status. He will always have a special place in our memories and we are all better for having known our dear friend Art.

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**Alan Keith** - March 05, 2024 at 08:32 PM

CW

“ Many heartfelt sympathies to family and friends of Art , who must have been deeply loved by many. The Smith family remains in my heart and thoughts along with countless others who enjoyed Velma/Art and the incredible family they created....may the special and beautiful moments shared with Art calm some of the sadness of this time. Much love to Velma and family, Carolyn Cahoon Watts

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**Carolyn Watts** - March 04, 2024 at 03:06 PM

GR

“ It is hard to think of him as Art since I only knew him as Tootie since we were children. He was a good looking little guy and I have no memory of him misbehaving. We were 1st cousins and only with each other at Grandma Crittenden's when I was young.

*It is with sadness for his family to learn of his passing. My heart and prayers for Velma and the rest.*

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**Geneva Reedy Reves** - March 04, 2024 at 10:01 AM

NT

“ *Nancy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Arthur Crittenden*



**Nancy Thomas** - March 03, 2024 at 11:41 PM

BC

“ *bill saundra lit a candle in memory of Arthur Crittenden*



**bill saundra coy** - March 03, 2024 at 09:08 PM

CW

“ *Keeping family in prayers* 🙏🙏

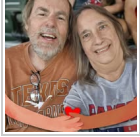


**cindy & tom wade** - March 03, 2024 at 02:09 PM

RT

*All the family are in our prayers. God bless and sustain you.*

**russell and ginger thouvenel** - March 03, 2024 at 05:18 PM



“ *Jeanine Craig West lit a candle in memory of Arthur Crittenden*



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**Jeanine Craig West** - March 03, 2024 at 09:36 AM

EB

“ *Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Arthur Crittenden*



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**Eunice Brown** - March 01, 2024 at 09:28 PM

SH

“ *shelia Haughey lit a candle in memory of Arthur Crittenden*



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**shelia Risenhoover Haughey** - March 01, 2024 at 05:40 PM

DO

“ *Dr.Coy's office lit a candle in memory of Arthur Crittenden*



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**Dr.Coy's office** - March 01, 2024 at 04:04 PM

SK

“ Stephanie Keeton lit a candle in memory of Arthur Crittenden



Stephanie Keeton - March 01, 2024 at 04:03 PM

CL

“ Chris and brandy lewellen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Arthur G. 'Art' Crittenden.



Chris and brandy lewellen - March 01, 2024 at 04:03 PM

CC

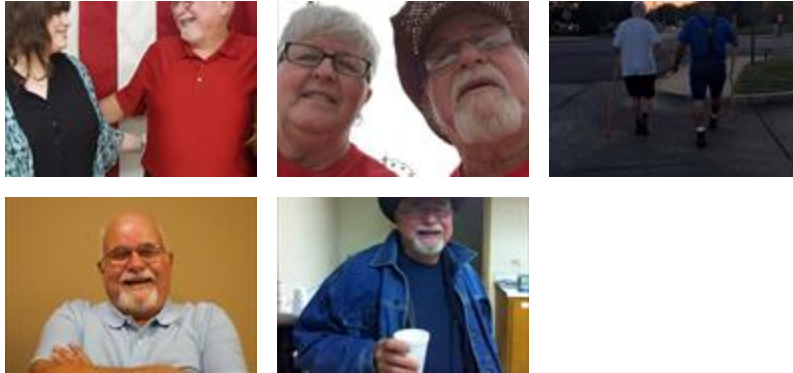
“ I was blessed and will be forever grateful for those moments we had together; I just wish we could've had more time and memories together.



Corie Crittenden - March 01, 2024 at 01:46 PM

CB

“ So many pictures I could share. I miss you Papa.



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**Carly Boling** - March 01, 2024 at 12:12 PM

SJ

“ Shelia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Arthur Crittenden



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**Shelia Johnson** - March 01, 2024 at 09:49 AM

SK

“ Sherry, Trudy, Justin Julie & Kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur G. 'Art' Crittenden.

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**Sherry, Trudy, Justin Julie & Kids** - March 01, 2024 at 07:02 AM

SK

“ Sherry, Trudy, Justin Julie & Kids purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Arthur G. 'Art' Crittenden.



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**Sherry, Trudy, Justin Julie & Kids** - March 01, 2024 at 07:02 AM

JH

“ James Harris lit a candle in memory of Arthur Crittenden



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**James Harris** - February 29, 2024 at 10:32 PM

TC

“ 1 file added to the album Papa



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**Tom Crittenden** - February 29, 2024 at 06:36 PM

TO

“ 11 files added to the album Papa



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**Tom** - February 29, 2024 at 06:31 PM