



Arlie O'Bryant, Sr.

August 25, 1920 - February 19, 2025

ARLIE "HUN" O'BRYANT, SR.

1920—2025

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which my Lord the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Humble my life began on August 25, 1920 to Cornelius and Janie Carter O'Bryant in the Star Hill Community. My 104 years has been spent in Washington Parish. Many first did my long life see. My children and grandchildren cherish my memories. I have stories about the first car I ever saw, trips in horse drawn wagons, it was a really long trip from Warnerton to Franklinton. From granddaddy and the fish stealing their and maybe a yarn or two. I've seen wars, lived the Great Depression and countless days in between. I have loved and lost many times over.

In 1957 I moved my little family to the Thomas Community and there I stayed. I worked a few jobs from working in the cotton fields to painting houses and a few others in between. In 1965 I found my true vocation with my gift of gab I became an auctioneer. After 58 years of working in the auction business throughout Louisiana and Mississippi I hung up the gavel and decided to rest

a spell.

In 1948 I was honored to become a reserve deputy for the late Sheriff Dorman Crowe and was given the opportunity to serve as honorary deputy for the current Sheriff Jason Smith. For 77 years I have had the privilege to serve and support our sheriff's department and my family cherish my memories of getting a few bad boys.

My greatest gift to my children and grandchildren was my love and faith in Jesus Christ. I have to say, I don't know if I found the Lord or if he found me at that altar I made from that old tree stump but I gave up the World and found my Jesus. Faithful from the beginning, faithful till the end. My dear loved ones remember the Cross and Jesus who shed His blood. No other way will do.

I leave behind my cherished family:

One Son and Daughter in law: AJ and Gloria O'Bryant

One Daughter and Son in law: Barbara and Tracy Schilling

1 Sister: Sally White

7 Grandchildren

30 Great-grandchildren

20 Great-great-grandchildren

Also Special Friends: Bubba Macina, Jason Smith, Johnnie Crain, Sr., Johnnie Crain, Jr., Hilton Holmes, Paul Bailey

I was preceded in death by my wife of 48 years Elsie O'Bryant, 2 daughters and sons in law Jessie Mae and Tommy Cox, Lille Mae O'Bryant, Loroy David Toney, 2 grandsons Dana Earl Cox, James Arlie "Man" O'Bryant, III, 1 great-grandchild, may parents and siblings and many other loved ones.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Sunday February 23rd from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 2:00 pm Sunday with Rev. Jimmy Hill, Eld. Don Jacobs and Bro, Anthony Odom officiating. Burial will follow in the Thomas Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Morgan Cox, Matthew O/Bryant, Christopher O'Bryant, Jerron Hughes, Shane Cox, TJ Cox

Honorary Pallbearers are great-grandsons and great-great-grandsons Wesley, Shane, Jr., Jason, Bodhi, Keaton, Haddox, Logan, Bowen, Wyatt, James, Jr. (Zach), Luke, Brisyn, Payton, Nathan

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Mary Thomas Savoye lit a candle in memory of Arlie O'Bryant, Sr.*



Mary Thomas Savoye - February 23, 2025 at 03:50 PM

DB

“ *Dennis Bates lit a candle in memory of Arlie O'Bryant, Sr.*



Dennis Bates - February 23, 2025 at 11:13 AM

JC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!! We love you all so very much! John thought the world Arlie!! Lots of love and prayers from Tennessee!!*

John and Ashley Coykendall - February 23, 2025 at 10:17 AM

GR

“ *Prayers to Amy and the rest of the O'Bryant family.* 🙏🙏🙏

Geoffrey Rogers - February 21, 2025 at 10:37 PM

SM

“ *My prayers go out to the family.. I was really young when I was going to the auction every weekend.. kinda grew up with them all*

Stephanie Miley - February 21, 2025 at 10:00 PM

PH

“ Pulse Home Health & Hospice purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arlie O'Bryant, Sr..



Pulse Home Health & Hospice - February 21, 2025 at 12:01 PM

PH

“ Pulse Home Health & Hospice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arlie O'Bryant, Sr..

Pulse Home Health & Hospice - February 21, 2025 at 12:01 PM

JM

“ What an amazing 104 years Mr. Arlie lived! I did not know him, but from his obituary and mention of all the 'firsts' he experienced throughout his 104 years, and his legacy he left behind; his children and grands ++, must have seen the world through his eyes. What a blessing! May he rest in sweet peace. Prayers for his family.



Judy McCasland Micelle - February 21, 2025 at 11:41 AM

MA

“ I knew Mr. Arlie O’Bryant from the Auctions and he was a wonderful person and I know his children.

He will be united with his love loves that has gone on before him

My parents will see Mr. O’Bryant and others from the Auctions that have gone on before us here on Earth.

We have the Promise through Our Lord Jesus Christ that we will see our love ones again.

I’m praying for his family and God will guide them through this difficult time

May God give you the strength to keep going on

Knowing that we will see Mr. O’Bryant again when we all get to Heaven.

Mark - February 21, 2025 at 02:26 AM

HC

“ He was an amazing man who will definitely be missed! He had a positive impact on many people, including myself! I was privileged to have known him! Sending prayers and condolences to his family! 💕 Hannah Ladner



Hannah Ladner Crain - February 20, 2025 at 07:36 PM

SB

“ Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Arlie O’Bryant, Sr.



Susan Barber - February 20, 2025 at 07:10 PM

CR

“ I am so sorry for your loss? my prays are with you Aj and Ms. Barber at this time of mourning.

I will remember Mr. Arlie by his smile every time I would see him he would have a smile.

May his soul rest in peace! May the angel welcome him into heaven!



Collin robicheaux - February 20, 2025 at 07:02 PM

CB

“ *Camilla Breland lit a candle in memory of Arlie O'Bryant, Sr.*



Camilla Breland - February 20, 2025 at 05:38 PM

RF

“ *Regina Hill Forbes lit a candle in memory of Arlie O'Bryant, Sr.*



Regina Hill Forbes - February 20, 2025 at 05:32 PM

JW

“ *Barbara, so very sorry for your loss. Your daddy had a long and great life. I remember going to action with my daddy, Hermon Seal many many years ago, you will be in my prayers.*

Janice Wilson - February 20, 2025 at 05:27 PM

JL

“ *Juanita Luper lit a candle in memory of Arlie O'Bryant, Sr.*



juanita luper - February 20, 2025 at 03:49 PM

BB

He was a good man going miss him I love to stop by and visit with him he will be missed dearly prayer for the family and friends 🙏🙏🙏🙏 fly high you deserve your wings

Bobbie barber - February 20, 2025 at 05:21 PM

JB

He was a great man. Met him at his auction. Use to go to all of them. Always smiling and willing to talk about things he had done. Fly high Mr Arlie. We will miss you but you are with family that has gone before you. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Jean & Buddy - February 21, 2025 at 12:13 AM

BK

AJ and Barbara so very sorry to hear of Mr. Arlie passing away. Prayers for all

brenda Kennedy - February 24, 2025 at 12:16 AM

TS

My wife Maureen and I were very sad to learn of the passing of Arlie (The 'Sheriff') on February 19th - during his 105th year as a resident of this earth..

I first met him at his home in the little township of Thomas LA at Christmas time 2004. Our family had all traveled to the USA from our home in Adelaide (the Capital City of South Australia) visiting Jennelle Thomas (Maureen's sister in law from her first marriage) who lives less than two miles from the Thomas township!.

From our first meeting Arlie and I struck up an 'unlikely' friendship (i say unlikely because, lets face it, our accents of the English language were vastly different,. he with the deep Southern accent and me with the Australian accent - I think we did well to carry on a conversation - however we did and there developed an ongoing friendship which lasted for the next more than twenty years.

The 'Sheriff' (which I always called him) was nearly 12 years older than me (born January 1932) and at that time he was 84 and I remember he wanted me and Maureen to visit Thomas again in 2010 to be at his 90th Birthday celebration; I replied that I would not be able to do that - but promised him we would come over to celebrate his 95th. During mid 2024 we heard from his daughter Barbara that Arlie had not been well so we decided to attend his 94th - just in case he did not make it to 95.!! We had a great time at that gathering; meeting many of his family and friends.

I had met up with The 'Sheriff' two other times whilst visiting the U S - May 2007 and lastly in May 2018.

Maureen and I offer our sincere condolences and sympathy to Arlie's family on their sad loss - especially to Barbara and AJ and their families.

With our Love,

Trevor and Maureen Shepherd. 24th Feb, 2025

Trevor Shepherd - February 24, 2025 at 02:00 AM