



## Mr. Johnny Max Permenter

October 30, 1944 - May 9, 2026

Johnny Max Permenter, 81, fell asleep in death on May 9, 2026, at his home in Pollard, Arkansas. Born on October 30, 1944, in Piggott, Arkansas, he was the son of the late John Henry Permenter and Belva Edwards Permenter.

As a young man shingling a roof, Johnny's attention was captured when a school bus passed by carrying a beautiful 16-year-old redhead seated by the window. Determined to meet her, he found out what church she attended. After two years of letter writing and even a little school skipping, Johnny and Debbie were united in marriage on February 25, 1970, beginning a loving union that lasted 56 years. To this marriage, two daughters were born, both especially blessed to have him as their father.

Johnny loved animals from an early age and always enjoyed raising cattle, breaking and riding horses, and working outdoors. A true jack of all trades, he was skilled in carpentry, tractor work, and concrete finishing. He retired from Monroe Automotive after 36 years of dedicated employment.

Johnny was also a licensed Arkansas auctioneer. Anyone fortunate enough to attend one of his auctions left impressed by the speed of his chant, his energy, and the fun personality he brought to every event.

Most of all, Johnny loved God's Word and sharing it with others. He was a

faithful Jehovah's Witness who followed Jesus' example by showing love, humility, kindness, and patience to everyone he met. Always positive and blessed with a good sense of humor, Johnny was truly a joy to be around. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather whose life was a testimony to putting faith and family first. He strived to live out 2 Timothy 4 :7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith".

He was preceded in death by his father, John Henry Permenter; his mother, Belva Edwards Permenter; his sister, JoAnn Permenter Satterfield; paternal grandparents, William Jesse Permenter and Luna Johnson Permenter; and maternal grandparents, "Jack" Rolla Spencer Edwards and Virgie Lucinda Edwards.

Johnny is survived by his loving wife, Debbie Permenter of Pollard, Arkansas; two daughters, LaRhonda Briseno of Florence, Alabama, and Kristy Dollins and husband Tony of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; three grandchildren, Kilah Canerday, Ean Briseno, and Junah Briseno, all of Florence, Alabama; two great-grandchildren, Xander Canerday and Fallon Canerday of Florence, Alabama; two brothers, Deloyd Edwards and wife Carolyn of Pollard, Arkansas, and Spencer Permenter and wife Patricia of Pollard, Arkansas; and one sister, Angie Parrish and husband Gary of Piggott, Arkansas.

Visitation will be held at 2:00 p.m., with a memorial service beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, located at 1415 US 49 in Paragould, Arkansas, with Randall Henrichsen officiating.

Tri-City Crematory Funeral Home is honored and privileged to serve the Permenter family. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tri-cityllc.com](http://www.tri-cityllc.com) .



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **23**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses  
1415 US 49  
Paragould, AR 72450

## Memorial

MAY **23**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ GaryandAngie Parrish lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Max Permenter



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**GaryandAngie Parrish** - May 18 at 06:49 PM

VT

“ Johnny was a great brother and friend. He was always friendly and greeted everyone with a smile. He was a family man and showed respect to all. Look forward to seeing him again. Sorry for his loss to his daughters! Love n Hugs, Vivian

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**Vivian Thomson** - May 16 at 08:21 PM

DC

“ Donnie Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Max Permenter



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**Donnie Cooper** - May 15 at 04:11 PM

CD

So sorry, sending prayers for peace, comfort and strength! Cindy Wilson Dugger.

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**Cindy Wilson Dugger** - May 19 at 10:41 PM

ED

“ Elizabeth And Preston Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Max Permenter



Elizabeth and Preston Davis - May 15 at 01:29 PM

DC

Thought a lot of Johnny for sure.He will be dearly missed by many!!!RIP Buddy

Donnie Cooper - May 15 at 04:08 PM

WP

My brother , i will miss you , i wil miss knowing you are not numbered with the living , but i still have a lot of memories of the things we did while we were growing up , we had fights , we hugged and made up then we would fight some more , but we loved each other, we had fun , we cried, we were just 2 country boys hard working country boys , you could always pick more cotton than me , i never could figure that out ,i thought that i worked as hard as you , i always liked the times when you would come by the shop and you always had treats , and you were free hearted with them , a lots i would indulge and have a cup cake with you or a candy bar , or a noon pie , yep ! it was all good. do you remember the time when we ugh oh yeah we will not go there lol any way i could say a lot more but ..... we both know .... thanks for al the good times Johnny Max , i will be praying for your family , love you forever.

william permenter - May 18 at 09:29 PM



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**Tri-City Crematory Funeral Home. ~ Serving for over 10 Years** - May 13 at 10:18 PM

ED

*Loved my cousin. Will not get to attend service. Prayers and love to his family.*

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**Elizabeth and Preston Davis** - May 15 at 01:33 PM