

Palbearers
Family and Friends

Floral Bearers
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I Am Free

Don't grieve for me now, I am free,
I am following the path God laid out for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it now with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
These things I too shall miss.
Be not burdened with time of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has been full, I have savored much,
Good friends, good things, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't spend it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Expression of Gratitude

The Cromer Family graciously thanks those who ministered to Johnny at Lexington Medical Center, the Oncologist and Radiation Units, the staff and caretakers of Brian's Center Nursing Care of Columbia, SC, A1 Transport, Crescent Hospice Caretaker, who made sure that all of his needs were met, until the Lord called him home. Abundant praises to his daughter, Robin, who was diligent and impeccable in meeting the desires of his heart. We sincerely thank the Pratt Funeral Home for their caring services. We would like to give special thanks to the American Legion, members and staff for their wonderful acts of kindness. May God bless each of you with His everlasting love.

— The Cromer Family

Services Entrusted To:

F.B. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME
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"A New Beginning"
Celebration of Life Services
for
Mr. Johnny Cromer
"One Of A Kind"

*"You are not forgotten loved one, nor will you ever be;
As long as life and memory last, we will remember thee."*



Sunrise
July 24, 1948

Sunset
August 10, 2018

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, "It is well, it is well, with my soul."*

Thursday, August 16, 2018 · Ten O'clock A.M.

Round Top Baptist Church
Blythewood, South Carolina

Life Reflections

A Journey Begins...

“Faith was meant for times like these and if we take God’s hand,
With loving wisdom, He will help our hearts to understand.”

Mr. Johnny Cromer was born in Newberry, South Carolina, on July 24, 1948, to the late Mr. John Albert Cromer and Mrs. Beaulah Cromer. Johnny surrendered his soul to the Lord and peacefully entered eternal rest on August 10, 2018, at Brian’s Center Nursing Care in Columbia, South Carolina.

He attended Round Top Baptist Church, Blythewood, South Carolina.

Mr. Cromer attended the public schools of Newberry County, South Carolina. He served in the United States Army during the Viet Nam Era and was stationed in Germany. He earned a National Defense Service Medal and the Expert M14/M16 Medal. After serving his country, he earned an honorable discharge. Johnny was an accomplished musician and singer, establishing his own bands, EXIT and Krystal Klear, played guitar for Bobby Womack, Gap Band, Isaac Hayes, Peabo Bryson, etc... to name a few. He was lead guitarist and band leader for several groups which included Bill Pinkney and the Original Drifters. He decided to become a solo artist known to all as “One of a Kind”. As stated by Mr. Bill Pinkney, “Like fine art, great music stays with us through the years to enjoy and to share.” Johnny Cromer’s music and musical talent will be with us until the end of time!

Mr. Cromer was predeceased by two brothers, Mr. Ezell Cromer and Mr. Bennie Lee Mitchell; one sister, Mrs. Marcia Denise Caughman; mother-in-law, Mrs. Marian A. Cook; and father-in-law, Mr. Freddie Cook.

Rejoicing his memory and cherishing his legacy are his wife, Elaine A. Cromer of the home; his devoted and loving stepmother, Mrs. Mattie Pearl Cromer; three sons, Michael (Michelle) Chavis and Jeffrey Cromer both of Columbia, SC, and Anthony Sheppard of Newberry, SC; one adopted son, Marques Walker of Columbia, SC; three daughters, Robin Chavis, Sharlene Chavis-Slater and Takisha Webb all of Columbia, SC; six sisters, Marcia Lindsey, Judy (Bobby) Sanders, Alberta (Boyd) Saddler and Betty Sims all of Newberry, SC, Le’Tanje (Patrick) Ford of Ridgeway, SC, and JoEllen (Douglas) Sweeny of Simpsonville, SC; four brothers, Willie (Carrie) Cromer and John B. Mitchell of Newberry, SC, Patrick Wadsworth of Chapin, SC, and Charlie Wadsworth of Pomaria, SC; three aunts, Gladys Jeter of Chester, SC, Essie Curry of Pomaria, SC, and Nettie Emerson of New York, NY; ten grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and other loving relatives and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

A Journey Ends...

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; He who believes in me shall live, even if he dies, And everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.” — John 11:25-26

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional Musician

Opening Hymn Congregation
“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Scripture Reading Minister
Old Testament 121 Psalm
New Testament I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer Minister

Reflections Ms. Jennifer Gary

Selection Choir
“Precious Lord”

Words of Comfort Pastor

Final Farewell Pratt Funeral Home Staff

Recessional

Postlude

Committal, Benediction, Interment Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina