



## Ricky Crews

October 5, 1977 - July 3, 2011

Mr. Ricky Lee Crews, Jr., age 33, of Dadeville, Missouri passed away on Sunday, July 3, 2011 at St. Johns Hospital in Springfield, Missouri.

He was born and raised in the rural area around Nevada, Missouri on October 5, 1977. He graduated from Nevada High School in 1996 and NEO A&M College in 1998.

He married Jennifer Marie Kenney on June 25, 1999 in Stockton, Missouri and became the proud Dad of Austin Kaleb Crews on December 28, 2000.

Ricky was the manager for Gordons Feed & Pet of Greenfield, Missouri since 2007 and a farmer all his life. He loved to bale hay and work with his cattle. He attended the Stockton Christian Church. He enjoyed deer hunting with Austin, working outdoors and helping his son get ready for horse shows.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Bob Pritchett, and his paternal grandfather, Frank Crews, grandmother-in-laws, JoAnn Kenney and Maxine Williams.

Ricky is survived by his wife, Jennifer, his son, Austin, his parents, Ricky L. & Annette Crews of Nevada, Missouri, his sister, Brandi Whitworth and her husband Jake, one niece, Samantha, two nephews, Brandin & Bryce

Whitworth all of Moundville, Missouri, his maternal grandmother, Betty Pritchett, his paternal grandmother, Loretta Crews, his mother & father-in-law, Steve & Kim Kenney, sister-in-law, Melissa Kenney, grandfather-in-law, Gail Williams, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00pm on Friday evening, July 8, 2011 at the Stockton Christian Church. Funeral service will be held at 10:30am, Saturday morning, July 9, 2011 at the church under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar, Missouri. Burial will follow at Stockton Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Park Pritchett, Sheridan Pritchett, Kenneth Ball, Mike Crews, Lincoln Hughes, and Justin Dampier. Honorary pallbearers will be Gene Baker, Brandin Whitworth, Bryce Whitworth, Jake Whitworth and Kermit Pritchett.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or leave private condolences at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ricky Crews*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Ricky Crews*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *To the Crews family:*

*I was so saddened to hear of the loss of Ricky. I grew up with Ricky and his sister on the school bus, as our families both had farms in the Milo area. Ricky was a truly great guy who loved his family immensely and was happiest outside. The obit portion about hunting with his son did not surprise me at all...as someone with a son also his age, I can only encourage you to keep his memory alive whenever possible. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you through what I know is an extremely difficult time. God Bless!*

**Kim (Smith) See** - July 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I can't remember a time when Ricky wasn't smiling... I attended school with him at Nevada until graduating in '96 and can say with 100% confidence that he was the nicest person I've ever met. My deepest heartfelt sympathy to his family.*

*My husband and I send our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sean and Daneta(Herring)Jett*

**Daneta (Herring) Jett** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ We are so sorry to hear about Ricky's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.

*Mark and Trish Fidler Turley, Austen Cherry, Jacob Cherry and Walker Cherry*

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**Trish Fidler Turley** - July 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ My heartfelt sympathies go out to Ricky's family. I frequently worked with Ricky and he was always a pleasure to speak with. Your family will continue to be in our prayers. God Bless You.

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**Ali Duit** - July 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Ricky was such a fine young man. Words seem so inadequate to express condolences for a loss like this. May God bless you with strength in the days ahead.

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**Chuck Edmonds** - July 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ We were deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Mike & Laurie Wolters** - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Ricky was a wonderful classmate, teammate and friend. He was such a hard working and honest person. Our thoughts are with everyone in the family during this very difficult time.

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**Myles & Kristin Miller** - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Ricky was in my class of '96 and I have great memories of him - he was a wonderful man. I often fundraise and complete endurance events (marathon) for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society as a member of Team In Training, and like to honor the memory of people who have battled cancer (regardless of type) each season I complete. I will be adding Ricky to my list. Much love always,  
Jennifer Johnson

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**Jennifer Johnson** - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ I went to school with Ricky, he was a great guy...My prayers go out to Rickys family in their time of loss. God Bless

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**Robbie Knapp** - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Rick & Annette,

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. Rick always talked about baling hay with him when we were in the store.

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**Sherri Fleming** - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Rick and Annette, words cannot express the sadness felt for you and the family of Ricky. Prayers for your strength to continue in these days ahead. Thinking of you and your family. Love, Kim and Tracie

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**Kim Cox** - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Brandi, Rick, Annette and family. My deepest sympathy to you all right now. Words just can't express or begin to heal the pain I know you all must be feeling. When I think back on my childhood, all my fondest memories revolve around being at your house with Brandi and Ricky. So many things I learned while in your basement, pool, and just hanging out. It makes me smile to hear everyone saying what a great man and father he turned out to be. May you find some peace in that. You and your families will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come.

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**Tad and Angie Thomas and family** - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Was very sad to hear about Rick's passing. We graduated together in 96 and he was always such a nice guy. My prayers go out to the family. He will be missed.

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**AMBER (SHUMAKER) HALE** - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My sincere sympathy is extended to you at this time. Ricky was a hard worker and a great family man. He fought a hard battle and will be remembered for all the kindness he did for other.

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**Sue Costley** - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EI

“ Rick and Annette, We were deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your son. Besides having children the same age, we have grandchildren the same age as your grandson. I cannot even imagine the pain your family is experiencing. Our prayers are with you and your family. God bless you.

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**Ed and Debbie illiams** - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ We are so saddened to hear of Rickys passing. Cherish all the good memories that has been left behind. He is now out of pain and gone to a much better place and someday we all will meet again with him.  
Love you guys,  
Larry & Tammy Crews  
Larry & Amanda Crews  
Heather & Chad Marushin & family  
Chris & Heather Crews & family

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**Larry & Tammy Crews** - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathies go out to you and yours. May the Lord give you peace and comfort. We love you guys. Del & Jeannie Osborne

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**Del Osborne** - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God give you strength and peace. John Sam and Barbara Pate

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**BARBARA PATE** - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ To Ricky's family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for God to strengthen you and comfort you during this very difficult time.

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**Debbie and Dean Walker** - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ So very sorry to hear of Rickey's passing. My prayers are with you all at this very difficult time. Make it a celebration of Rickey's life that you shared with him. These memories will last you for a life time. He has been taken to a far better place just a little too soon. My heart goes out to you all.

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**Vicki Caldwell** - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ I hadn't seen Ricky in years -- but, when we were kids he always had a smile on his face and a skip in his step! My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends....May God bless you!

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**Vicki (Cassatt) Wright** - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Rick and Annette, my heart hurts for you at the loss of your son. You are in my prayers.

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**Terri Fallin** - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Bob, Kelly, Clay & Jason Barnhouse** - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Ricky was a great guy. My condolences go out to the entire Crews family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Angie Dungan Newton** - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

A(

“ Jennifer,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. You, Austin & the entire family will  
be in my prayers.  
Love,  
Allison

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**Allison Blamey (Curl)** - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Your family is my thoughts and prayers in this time sadness and  
need. Ricky and I went to high school together and ag classes. He  
was such a nice and caring gentleman. Hold onto all the memories  
and good times you had together.

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**Ranae (Jacks) Luther** - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My thoughts and prayers are daily for you and may the Lord comfort  
you during this difficult time.

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**Debbie Case** - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Ricky was a good guy and a kind  
person. Thinking of your family during this difficult time.

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**Wess Pettibon** - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry for you loss Jennifer. We are praying for you and your  
family.

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**Ashley Asby (Curl)** - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Rick, Annette, Brandi and family,  
Very sorry for your loss in this difficult time. Ricky was a hard worker  
and friendly student to all groups of kids. My prayers will be in his  
honor. In deepest sympathy, Shirley Rainey

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**Shirley Rainey** - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Ricky's passing.

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**Carrie (Jones) Poe** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ So sorry for your loss. Ricky was a great guy and it is so unfair he  
was taken from his family at such a young age. You are all in our  
thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Jody Pryor

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**Jody Underwood-Pryor** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you! Words can not express  
how we feel. All Our Love!!

Yvette & JR

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**Clarence & Yvette Wolf** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Annette, I am so sorry for your loss. The pain of losing a child is a  
hard cross to bare. I will be praying for you and your family. Let me  
know if I can do anything else. Nora

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**Nora Houdyshell** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ Annette and Rick- our deepest sympathies are extended to you as well as our prayers- God be with you in this time of sorrow- Tina and all of the VCAD Staff

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**Vernon County Ambulance** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I became friends with Ricky in High School. We spent countless hours together with a group of our friends until he graduated and left for college. We lost touch with each other, but always thought of him as a great guy. I'm sorry to you and your family for your loss, and continue to pray for you. I had heard that Ricky had lost his battle to cancer while celebrating the 4th, and the weird thing was that was one of my fondest memories. 4th of July that year, we celebrated by shooting fireworks behind his parents home in the pasture. My prayers and thoughts are with your family during this difficult time.

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**Kiia (Diggins) Pettit** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this time. Rick and Annette words cannot express at all at what you are going through. Jennifer and Austin I will always keep you in my prayers. Ricky you were way too young, but God has a purpose for you. I miss you and love you and so happy that you are no longer in pain. You may be gone from our sight but you will always be in all our hearts, and I know that your grandpa Pritchett and grandpa Crews were there with you...

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**Candi Pettibon** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I have so many memories during high school and college that involve Ricky. When I got to NEO a year after Ricky I was very homesick the first few days and spent most of them in my room crying. It was Ricky and Seth who came to my rescue and introduced me to their group of friends. I had lost touch with Ricky after our days at NEO, but got reacquainted through facebook. He was very proud to be a father as he talked about his son often. My prayers are with the family, such a great life lost to a horrible disease.

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**Megan Pitts Byram** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Ricky Crews

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**Lisa Allison** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Ricky was a great guy and just a good person. I hated to hear of his condition a while back and then to hear of his death was a huge shock. He is a great place now with no pain and doing all the things he loves.

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**David Longobardi** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Jennifer, My heart is heavy for you at this time of sorrow. May God bless you and Austin during your time of need. Ricky will no longer struggle. He is your Angel and always will be.

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**Donetta and Andy Remington** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ZL

“ I am sorry for your loss. Zack and I graduated high school with Ricky. We will miss him much.

Zack and Laurie Long - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ My prayers go to Ricky's wife and the entire family.

Pat Chambers - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ It was with a great sense of loss that we learned of Ricky's death. May it comfort you to know that so many people care and are thinking of you and your family at this time. Ricky was such a wonderful person, and so many people will miss him. Love and prayers to you all.

Amy and Kevin Neher - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I am so sorry for your loss of Ricky, he was such a great person and will be dearly missed by all. My families prayers go out to yours in this time of loss. I sit back and remember all those great times we had growing up and riding the bus together. What a great memory!

Michelle Brooks and Family - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Annette, You are in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time. Thinking also of your sons wife and child. I pray that God with strengthen you and your family in the days to come.

Rhonda Dodd - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dear Jennifer, Austin, Rick, Annette, Brandi & Family:

*There are just no words that can adequately express our sympathy for your family during this time of grief.*

*The Crews and Branham families have made many trips to football games during middle school and high school years. Ricky was always such a polite young man and stood for what he believed in. He definitely had great work ethic that no doubt came from example at home. It was obvious when you saw him and visited of his love and dedication to his family. I do not know why such a strong young man was stricken with this horrible disease and then taken from his family. May God wrap His arms around each of you so that you may feel his presence and warmth in the days ahead. Rick & Annette - the Branham family has shared many times with you over the years at school, personal and city events. Ricky's life is a great testament to all of us and he has impacted so many lives. Thank you for sharing with us. Love, Branham Family*

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**Carol & Ron Branham** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Rick and Annette,  
*I cannot imagine what you have gone through and will go through in losing your son. You are both in my prayers and if I can be of any help please let me know.*  
*God Bless*

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**Steve Russ** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Ricky Was a wonderful person who influenced me as a child. He will be missed and remembered. May G\*d's mercy and love ease your pain.*

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**Chris Stewart** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Jim and Jane Otradovecn*

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**jane otradovec** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Rick, Annette, and family, We are so sorry about Ricky. We did not know that he was so ill. Please know we are all thinking of you and your family during this time and may you find comfort and strength, knowing Ricky is at peace and no longer is suffering. God bless all of you,  
Sincerely,  
Jack & Susan Webb and family*

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**Jack & Susan Webb and family** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Ricky was always such a sweet guy....he will be missed. Prayers go out from my family to yours.*

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**Mary Hawkins Elliott** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Rick and Annette,  
I can not imagine your loss and my heart goes out to you & your family. I have to believe there is a greater job for Ricky to do in heaven that God called him home so soon. May you find comfort under God's wings! We send our Love and prayers!  
Sari & Nate McLaren*

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**Sari McLaren** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *Rick and Annette*

*words can not express the loss of loosing a child, Your faith is strong enough you will get through. It always gets worse befor better. God needed a good angel and what better person to choose this amazing man that we have all loved for years. please hold your head up and be proud for having such a gifted son amazing father and most inportant of all loving husband. We love you and will always be here, we may not see each other but we do love you. Rember he has to amazing men up their with him. never say good by but see you in the future.*

*Love Nick and Minon*

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**NICK Crews** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM