



## John Thomas Little

September 1, 1930 - April 15, 2025

John Little, 94, of Jonesboro, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Born on September 1, 1930, in Hampton, Georgia, John was the son of the late Evelyn Clower Little and Alba Little. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Renea Little Belga, and his brothers, Jimmy Little, Joe Little, and Charles Little. John proudly served in the United States Army. After his service, he felt a strong calling to ministry but ultimately believed God was leading him to serve others through his work. He followed that conviction by opening his own auto service and repair businesses. In the early 1970s, he founded Little's Gulf Service and later built and opened J&M Auto Service in 1980, which he successfully operated until selling to retire. His work was not just a livelihood, but a mission field—he was always eager to share his faith in God, welcoming everyone with a warm smile and embrace.

A faithful member of Jonesboro First United Methodist Church for over 70 years, John lived his life as a testimony of love, service, and integrity. He had a deep passion for tennis and played well into his 80s, remaining active and spirited until the age of 86. John is survived by his devoted wife of 72 years, Betty Little; his children, Debbie Little Bonnell (Tom) of Hampton, Cindy Little Patterson of Hampton, and Mark Little (Donna) of Jonesboro; and his siblings, William Little, Richard Little, Steve Little, and June Little Taylor. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren, Natalie Carlisle and Kayla Haggemaker; great-grandchildren, Emmy Carlisle and Laylin Haggemaker; along with

many cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.  
At this time, no formal services are planned.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of johnnys passing. May memories of him bring some relief to the family.  
Johnny was not just my cousin. He was a friend you could count on. He was my mentor for going to church from a very young age to learn about God.  
He said to me many times “I don’t want to be a Preacher I just want to work for the Lord.”  
I would say he fulfilled that duty.  
May he rest in peace. Job well done.  
Love you all.  
Bobby Clower and Martha

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**Robert (Bobby) Clower** - April 24, 2025 at 07:38 PM

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“ Johnny Little drove the schoolbus my siblings and I rode to school and supplied our family with gas. He carried cold 6.5 Oz Cokes. He never yelled at us on the bus...he just pulled over when we needed to straighten up  
No words needed

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**Pixie Collins** - April 22, 2025 at 06:27 PM

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I didn't know Johnny, but knew his brothers and sister, Charles, Dick, Steve , and June.  
They were and are good folks. My sympathy and prayers to all of them.  
Royce Bridges Gunnels

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**Royce Bridges Gunnels** - April 23, 2025 at 01:27 PM

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“ *My prayers are with Betty and the kids. I met Johnny as a boy when we joined the church. He always had a smile and his hand out to shake hands. I was 8 and tickled at that. As a teenager he invited Debbie's friend over to the house so we could just hang out. He told good and funny stories. I cherish the memories of that time. God bless him and this family.*

*Kerry Rose*

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**Kerry Rose** - April 19, 2025 at 04:25 PM

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*Johnny Little ....I was blessed to know him my whole life. Or...as long as I remember. We visited his gas station in Jonesboro regularly and enjoyed cold 6 Oz cokes. He was my school bus driver for years. We attended the same church and of course, Debbie has been a life long friend. You could not find a more wonderful Christian disciple! He just lived it!!! He is with his Lord and Savior and ecstatic I'm sure! Praying I see you again, Mr. Johnny!!!! My prayers are with your family!*

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**Pixie Collins** - April 22, 2025 at 02:45 PM