

Johnny Westbrook



John Westbrook, 68, passed away at his home in Sonora, Kentucky, Tuesday, November 28, 2017. "Johnny" as he was best known to his friends was born in Bakersville, California, to Andrew and Iva Westbrook along with one brother and four sisters.

As soon as he was old enough to enlist, Johnny joined the US Army. He served four years with his last deployment in Vietnam. He returned from overseas and was stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, in 1969 proudly wearing the rank of Sergeant.

Not three months later he met Wanda Nunn while she was working at Jerry's Diner. She was just 16 and he was only 19. The next year they were married. Johnny's career took him on the road as a truck driver. He even owned his own trucking company for a while, but he never let it take him too far from his family including daughter Tammy and son Derrick and then of course their families. When Johnny was not busy with work, family or

the farm you would find him in the shop working on his Harley.

After retirement from the road Johnny was the self-proclaimed PR man at DeVore Stables and daughter Tammy will tell you, "he was good at his job and he helped keep DeVore Stables always looking sharp!"

Anyone that knew Johnny knows what a quick wit he had. When he teased you that meant he liked you. He was the kind of friend that would tell you things you might not want to hear but he was also the one that always showed up when you needed him most.

Ali DeGray maybe described him best as the "funniest, most loyal and authentic man" she knew and remembers the day she was riding Ultimate Choice all over the Fairgrounds. Johnny walked with them the entire time cracking jokes about whether or not she could handle UC. Ali knew though Johnny was really just looking out

for her, just as he did for everyone from his family, extended barn family to everyone special in his life.

Johnny is survived by his loving wife, Wanda Nunn Westbrook of Sonora; a son, John Derrick Westbrook of Sonora; a daughter, Tammy (Mitchell) DeVore of Sonora; four sisters, Alice Carr of Brawley, California, Marty Espinoza of Imperial, California, Jessie Hattkett of Castalian Springs, Tennessee, and Deanna Shaw of San Bernardino, California; a brother, Bill Elkins of Ventura, California; and three grandchildren, Tyler DeVore, Ethan DeVore and Cole Westbrook.

The funeral was held Friday, Dec. 1, at First Baptist Church in Sonora with the Rev. Tommy Adams officiating with the burial that followed in Three Forks Bacon Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

