

## John H. Gammon Jr.

January 18, 1939 - October 4, 2021

John H. Gammon, Jr (Johnny), 82, passed away in the early morning hours of October 4, 2021, in Tucson, Arizona, after an extended fight against the COVID-19 virus and its many devastating effects. Johnny was born in Plainview, Texas, to John H. Gammon, Sr. and Grace Jennings Gammon on January 18, 1939. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary Lou Gammon (Bender), his two daughters Marisa Harris and Mariela Grace Gonzales (Bobby), grandchildren Ashlynn Harris Boomer (Joe), Reece Harris, Connor Harris, and Christina Grace Gammon-Gonzales as well as nieces Savannah Gammon McDonald (Thomas), Melissa Briggs Eggers (Lance), and Melinda Briggs Andrews (Fred) and nephew David Briggs (Sue). He was predeceased by sister and brother-in-law Jean Louise Briggs and Joe K. Briggs, and younger sister Marianna Jennings Gammon. He is also fondly remembered by numerous cousins, aunts and uncles, and dear friends he made throughout his life.

Johnny grew up on the plains of West Texas working his family ranching operation of raising Hereford cattle and growing crops to feed them. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Agricultural Engineering which came in handy when the extended family moved to Arizona around 1964 and established their farming and ranching operations in the Bonita area of Graham County. It was there that they decided to plant apple and other fruit trees, eventually turning the apple orchards into u-pick and then commercial apple operations. During these years, he also served in the Army

National Guard of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, and Arizona.

Meeting his teacher wife influenced his career path change when he decided that his true calling was in teaching, particularly teaching mathematics to middle school students. He completed his master's degree in education from Northern Arizona University and taught for many years in the Camp Verde, Vail, and Pearce School District Middle Schools. He loved the cattle, but he really loved his students, and they reciprocated by keeping in touch with him over the years with several getting their degrees to become math teachers just like Mr. Gammon. He was recognized for this dedication to his students with the honor of being the Cochise County Middle School Math Teacher of the Year.

Johnny was laid to rest in the Sunset Cemetery on October 16, 2021, with services at the Willcox Church of Christ and funeral arrangements completed by Mr. Dan Douglas of the Willcox Westlawn Chapel and Mortuary.

Condolences to the family may be posted at [www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com/obituaries](http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com/obituaries). The family wishes to thank those who sent flowers, cards, and good wishes, and to especially give appreciation and love to Jeff Taylor and Ed Curry who conducted the services. Please accept sincere gratitude to those friends who provided help with the services and support for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 16. 2:00 AM (MT)

Church of Christ  
445 W. Maley  
Willcox, AZ 85643

## Viewing

OCT 16. 1:00 PM (MT)

Church of Christ  
445 W. Maley  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Tribute Wall



“ *John H. Gammon Jr.*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Mr. Gammon was a teacher of mine in Camp Verde Middle School. He encouraged me to be my absolute best and proficient when it came to my studies and interpretation of my work. He never left my mind or heart. Seeing his Journey continue onward breaks my heart-there will be so many people who will be missing out on a wonderful teacher! My prayers are to his family and friends, always.*

**Jennifer Arnold** - January 11, 2022 at 03:48 PM



“ *Dear Marisa and Family,  
I never met Mr. John Gammon but I can tell how wonderful He must have been just by knowing His daughter Marisa. I know Y'all will miss Him so much. Sincerest heartfelt condolences for your loss. God's Blessings, peace and comfort in this hard time, much Love, Patricia Hembree*



**Patricia Hembree** - October 15, 2021 at 06:49 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of John H. Gammon Jr..*



October 15, 2021 at 03:16 PM



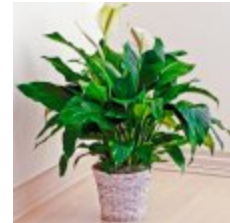
“ *Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of John H. Gammon Jr..*



October 14, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *From :Sutter Coding Quality Team purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of John H. Gammon Jr..*



**From :Sutter Coding Quality Team** - October 13, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ *From your cousins purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of John H. Gammon Jr..*



**From your cousins** - October 13, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of John H. Gammon Jr..*



October 12, 2021 at 02:57 PM

LF

“ Lance & Melissa, Fred & Melinda & Family purchased the Yellow & White Mixed Fireside Basket for the family of John H. Gammon Jr..



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**Lance & Melissa, Fred & Melinda & Family** - October 11, 2021  
at 08:26 PM

RK

“ Even though we are not close by, we will always remember Johnny as a loving father & husband to my dear cousin Mary Lou. My heart goes out to everyone. Even though we can't be there in person, we will be there on spirit. ♡

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**Rudell Kopp** - October 09, 2021 at 01:10 PM

SS

“ My deepest condolences to the family.. RIP John



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**Sherrie (Young) Sohl** - October 08, 2021 at 03:02 PM

BT

“ He lived a good life teaching young students.He will be missed.  
LAZBUDDIE COUSINS BILL AND ZELMA THORN

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**BILLY THORN** - October 08, 2021 at 12:49 PM

SB

“ Sarah Gammon Black lit a candle in memory of John H. Gammon Jr.



Sarah Gammon Black - October 08, 2021 at 09:13 AM

MG

“ Mark Gammon lit a candle in memory of John H. Gammon Jr.



Mark Gammon - October 07, 2021 at 08:21 PM

CD

“ Carol Dunagan lit a candle in memory of John H. Gammon Jr.



Carol Dunagan - October 07, 2021 at 01:05 PM

MV

“ Michael Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of John H. Gammon Jr.



Michael Valenzuela - October 06, 2021 at 12:50 AM

LB

“ *LaDonna Burgess lit a candle in memory of John H. Gammon Jr.*



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**LaDonna Burgess** - October 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *So sorry to hear this. Prayers for all of you. He was a great man and good father. Our prayers are with all of you*

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**Craig and Joan Bull** - October 05, 2021 at 09:46 PM

CB

“ *Craig And Joan Bull sent a virtual gift in memory of John H. Gammon Jr.*



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**Craig and Joan Bull** - October 05, 2021 at 09:44 PM

Jl

“ *Our deepest heart felt sympathies in your loss*

*Jim and Kathy Cook*

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**James B. Cook II** - October 05, 2021 at 06:37 AM