



John Clay "JC" Prater Sr.

July 8, 1934 - November 19, 2023

John Clay Prater, Sr. (J.C.), was born on July 8th, 1934, in Athens, AL, to his parents Georgie Crouch Prater and James Bunard Prater. He passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family, Sunday, November 19th, 2023, at the age of 89.

He is survived by his loving wife, Janet S. Prater; his three sons, John Clay Prater, Jr. (the late Brenda Harbin Prater), David Ross Prater (Regina Prater), and William Don Prater (Tank); his grandchildren, John Bernard Prater (JP) April, Alisa Marie Prater, Lucretia Prater Dormont (Taylor), and Taylor Smith; great-grandchildren Camdyn and Presley Prater; Brooklyn and Tiana, and Connor and Owen Dormont. He is also survived by his brother Rueben Prater, and his sister Sylvia Robison.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Georgie and Bunard Prater; and his daughter-in-law, Brenda Harbin Prater.

He had a bonus daughter/nurse, precious care caregiver, and wonderful neighbor he loved dearly, Beth Brazier. We are forever grateful for all you have done for our family.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Wednesday,

November 22nd, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., with Bill Stone and Mike Banks officiating. Pallbearers will be John Prater, Matt Prater, Byron Brazier, Jerry Naylor, Dewayne Scott, and Tony Jerrett. Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Schimpf, Mark Stanford, and Thad Prater.

Mr. Prater retired from General Motors (Saginaw) as a millwright. He was a lifelong farmer, member of the Cattlemen's Association, a collector of prize-winning Farmall international harvester tractors which he restored with his oldest son, Clay, and with the help of loving wife, Janet Prater, of sixty-eight years. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren fishing in his pond, riding on his tractors alongside him, and all of them visiting him in his house while he was in his recliner. He was happiest taking care of his cattle farm and operating his tractor on the farm. He was a member of Isom's United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Athens City Cemetery

598 Washington St E
Athens, AL 35611

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

AP

“ So sorry for your loss.

Ann Elmore Priddy - November 24, 2023 at 11:51 AM

SF

“ We are so sorry. We just heard about JC. He will be missed riding his UTV up and down Mooresville Road. Janet, Clay, Ross, and Don, our prayers are with you all.
Steve and Sharon Ferguson

Steve Ferguson - November 22, 2023 at 01:51 PM

AP

“ Those of you that know me truly know that this man (pawpaw) meant everything to me and practically raised me. ❤️
My love of everything nature my love of Jesus his love of cars/truck/tractor show is why I'm into those sorts of things also where Me being real particular came from and the need to always have a good dog by myside. But you better make them mind (obey) 🐾 He is the reason I love to fish and always be in the woods or running through a creek somewhere.
He taught me work ethic and to never give up. He even made me a seat beside him on his tractor and we spent every summer bailing hay in the 90 degree heat. From cattlemen pancake breakfast to loading up calves to take to the sell. He had three boys and me being first born girl in 22 Years I was definitely shown the ropes
THIS MAN WAS GOLDEN
Now he is my angel 🙏
Rest on high paw paw you deserve it
I love you so much

Alisa prater - November 21, 2023 at 08:29 PM

CP

“ Carolyn sue P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Clay "JC" Prater Sr..

Carolyn sue P. - November 20, 2023 at 06:35 PM

CH

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Prater our condolences to the family.

Chris Higginbotham - November 20, 2023 at 03:50 PM

JM

“ Jim, Brenda,Beth, Win, Terry, MaryJo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Clay "JC" Prater Sr..

Jim, Brenda,Beth, Win, Terry, MaryJo - November 20, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Clay "JC" Prater Sr..



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