



John R. Stipe

October 14, 1930 - February 7, 2018

John R. Stipe, age 87, of Forrest City, Arkansas, died Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at the Regional One Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

John was born October 14, 1930, in Moorefield, Independence County, Arkansas, to R. I. and Ethel L. Martin Stipe. After first attending Arkansas College (now Lyon College) in Batesville, he went on to complete an agriculture degree at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. In 1954, John moved to Forrest City to work with the St. Francis County Cooperative Extension Service, and then joined Forrest City Production Credit Association where he retired as President in 1985. He then accepted the position of President and CEO of Forrest City Savings and Loan, later Forrest City Bank, where he served in that role until his retirement.

John served twenty years in the Arkansas Army National Guard. He was an active member and deacon at the First Baptist Church in Forrest City, and also a member of Gideons International. He was a former member of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and was a former member and former chairman of the Board of Trustees of East Arkansas Community College.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Mary Ann Cato, originally of Walnut Ridge; two sons, Richard (Becca) Stipe of Wynne, and Roger

(Kymber) Stipe of Little Rock; four granddaughters, Mary Elisabeth (Jacob) Richerson, Chynna Stipe, Emily Stipe, and Lily Stipe; and one great-grandson, Tyler Richerson.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M., Friday 9th at the First Baptist Church in Forrest City, with visitation to follow in the church Fellowship Hall. The family requests that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, 507 N. Rosser, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335, Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, Tennessee, 37214, or the Scholarship Fund of the East Arkansas Community College Foundation, 1700 Newcastle Road, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
507 N. Rosser
Forrest City, AR 72335

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John was one of the nicest and witty people I ever had the opportunity to work for. I enjoyed my tenure with him at Forrest City bank. He was a great boss and cared about what you had to say. All conversations were interesting and intriguing. He was a great boss and friend whom I will miss .. Debbie Stevens Webb*



Debbie Webb - March 12, 2018 at 10:27 PM

DM

“ *Hi Friends:*

All of my memories of John are good, from revivals in the church, to Board Meetings at OBU--he was a good, smart, devoted man! We have all been blessed by his life and service. God bless you all as you adjust to life without him. Nita and I will remember you all in our prayers. Sorry that health issues will not allow us to travel for his service.

*Don Moore, Retired Ex. Dir.
Arkansas Baptist State Convention*

Don Moore - February 09, 2018 at 11:08 AM

SY

“ *Mr. Stipe was a wonderful man. Our parents greatly respected him and appreciated all of his efforts. Please know we are praying for peace at his loss. The family of John and Betty Parsley*



Sheila Parsley Young - February 09, 2018 at 10:46 AM

RM

“ Mary Ann so sorry to hear about John. We saw it in the paper today and was unaware of his passing. John was always so thoughtful to be in touch with our family and attend funerals for our loved ones. All of our family ties will be cherished.

Rickey Medlock (son of Nina Morgan Medlock)

Rickey Medlock - February 09, 2018 at 10:21 AM

JM

“ I will always remember the man who gave me my first job out of college with Farm Credit, fka Forrest City PCA. James McJunkins, Jonesboro.

James McJunkins - February 09, 2018 at 08:36 AM

MS

“ John was always a hero to many, he will be greatly missed. Our hearts are hurting now, but John is in his Heavenly home. Mike and I send our deepest sympathies to all the Stipe family. Love to All, Mike and Mary (Martin) Savery



Mary Savery - February 08, 2018 at 07:45 PM

RR

“ Praise God for the assurance that John is in the presence of the Lord God Almighty. John and Mary Ann were great friends of Roger and Muriel Reynolds who are both with our Lord now, also. Mary Ann, may the Holy Spirit comfort you during this time. Blessings, Rick Reynolds

RICK REYNOLDS - February 08, 2018 at 02:07 PM

MM

“ *Sorry for your loss.*



Margo McElroy - February 08, 2018 at 12:03 PM

JH

“ *In my dealings with Mr. Stipe, he was always such a gentleman!*

Jane Hartley - February 08, 2018 at 11:48 AM

BP

This is unbelievable! I am So sorry Mary Ann for all of you! I will be in touch!

Bonita Poe - February 09, 2018 at 06:08 PM