



## Mr. Robert H. Crank

June 10, 1945 - April 25, 2015

Foreman, AR - Robert Hughes Crank died in the early morning of April 25th of natural causes while visiting his childhood home and gathering with family.

Robert, a resident of Heber Springs, was born June 10, 1945 in Texarkana, AR. He was the son of Marion and Polly Crank and raised in Foreman, AR. Robert is survived by his wife Nadi Crank of Heber Springs, his son Chad Crank, daughter in law Kim Crank, Grandchildren Oliver, Addison, Hannah and John, step daughter Kim Collins, Kaytie Harley, Amber Russell, grandchildren Taylor, Joey, Olivia and sisters Marianne Maynard (Neil), Margaret Amps and Elisabeth Carter (Dwight). He was preceded in death by his first wife Martha Jackson Crank.

He graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1967 and the University of Arkansas Law School in 1971. He began his legal career in the Arkansas Attorney General's office in 1971 and became Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Pulaski County in 1973. He moved to Walnut Ridge, AR in 1981 and established a successful private legal practice. In 1987 he became Prosecuting Attorney for Lawrence County, where he retired in 2002 after suffering a disabling stroke. He also served as the Walnut Ridge City Attorney.

After working as a US Congressional Aid and participating in the political campaigns of his father, Marion Crank, he was inspired to a lifetime of public

service and was an important aspect of his professional career. Robert served over 15 years in the Arkansas National Guard in the Judge Advocate Generals Office, achieving the rank of Captain after enlisting as a Private in 1968. He was an active leader in the Boy Scouts of America for over a decade after activating the organization in Walnut Ridge. He was also a passionate outdoorsman, fisherman and competitive rifleman.

He was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church and an active member of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Heber Springs. Memorials can be made to St. Francis Episcopal Church at 20 Woodland Cove Dr, Heber Springs, AR 72543.

Funeral Services will be held Monday April 27th at 2:00 in Foreman, AR at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery in Foreman, AR under the direction of Madden Funeral Home.

Visitation will be Sunday April 26, 2015 from 5:00pm to 7:00 pm at Madden Funeral Home in Foreman, AR.

Online Registration is available at [maddenfuneralservice.com](http://maddenfuneralservice.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert H. Crank*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *Mr. Crank was a great man. He was a tough prosecutor here in Walnut Ridge. I remember being told many times to stay out of trouble due to Mr. Crank being so tough. The idea of him prosecuting me was enough to keep me on the straight and narrow. He inspired me to work and to be what I wanted. I met Mr. Crank a couple of times at court with my parents. He showed me that there were other ways to live my life. The way I was raised was not the only option I had. My husband, Billy Blair, also remembers Mr. Crank as a great man. He was in Boy Scouts with Chad. Mr. Crank always had a level head and never got mad at little things. He inspired Billy to rise above his raising and be more. The world lost a great man, but Heaven truly gained a new Angel. Rest in Peace Mr. Crank.*

Michelle & Billy Blair - walnut ridge, AR - May 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *He prosecuted my early cases in Little Rock, and was always available to me for worthy advice in later years on cases elsewhere in the state at all levels. He was a valued friend and a man after my own heart. He was a gun man, and an astute collector. I will truly miss him and his wife, a lady that Robert loved beyond life itself. Thanks to the Almighty for his presence on this earth, and for all the good he did. I shall miss him greatly.*

John Chappelle - Little Rock, AR - Friend - May 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. Crank was a kind and generous man, he was the guest speaker at our sons (Blair Stowers) Eagle Scout Ceremony. Thanks for all the wonderful things he did for Lawrence County.*

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**Harold & Tina Stowers - Hoxie, AR - friends** - April 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I served with Robert in the ARNG JGG office for over 3 years. I considered him a good friend. We also did gun shows. May God bless him and his family.*

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**Joe H. Burnett - NLR, AR - Friend** - April 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Nadi, we were so sorry to hear about Robert. We had so much fun making memories with you two at the British Car Club shows and events. It was also such a treat to visit with him on Petit Jean Mtn last June. A wonderful man that will be missed by many.*

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**Brenda and Charlie Collins - Little Rock, AR - Friend** - April 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Nadi and Family, I am so sorry for the passing of Robert. He was quite a character! We met at UA when he pledged the same fraternity that I did. He was very quiet - until you got to know him that is. We saw each other over the years when I would have business at one of the Prosecutors offices, or at a gun show, which we both enjoyed. We were also members of the same collectors club in Little Rock. He was a good man from a good family and he was a true friend. I will miss him. If I can help in any way contact me.*

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**Sam Probasco - Maumelle, AR - Friend and UA Classmate** - April 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *What a great family!*

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**Wayne Murphy - Elkins, AR - Friend** - April 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sincerest condolences to the family in this time of loss. Prayers for each of you as you go through this difficult time.*

*Tim Jamison*

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**Tim Jamison - Edmond, OK** - April 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Nadi , Our deepest Sympathy, We will always remember the great times that we all had with the British Mortoring Club. We are praying for you at this difficult time.*

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**Judy and Bob Ross - Little Rock, AR - Friends** - April 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Prayers for the Crank Family.*

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**Celeste Bowman Crittenden-Anthony - North Little Rock, AR - Friend** - April 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM