



## Steven Lafond Criddle

December 24, 1976 - November 13, 2019

Mr. Steven Lafond Criddle was born on December 24, 1976 in Gladewater, Texas to Larry and Gerry Mae Thompson Criddle. He was called to his Heavenly home, November 13, 2019. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm, Tuesday, November 19, 2019, in the Chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home with Pastor David Venters officiating. Interment to follow at Neal Cemetery. Visitation will be held 11:00 am until 1:00 pm prior to the service.

Mr. Criddle was raised in Gilmer where he attended Gilmer schools and graduated from Gilmer High School in 1996. At the age of eleven years old Steven was baptized and united with the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church.

He leaves to cherish his memories; his father, Larry Criddle; three daughters, Taylor Criddle, Tyler Criddle and Troi Criddle; son, Brennon Criddle; grandmother, Silvia Mae Mathis; aunts, Linda Ruth Walker and Rosezena Thompson; uncle, Randal Mathis; two special cousins, Joseph Blane Thompson, Sr., and Joseph Blane Washington IV; and a host of loving cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Gerry Mae Criddle in 2009; grandmother, Mrs. Doris Collins Criddle; aunt, Belinda Thompson; and three uncles, Joseph Blane Thompson (Slick), Willie Lee Wright (Tootie) and Randal Mathis.

Pallbearers will be Columbus Moore, Donterio Moore, Timothy Buchanan, Terrance Hobbs, Johnny Hall, Benny Walker, Jr., John Buchanan, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers will be Randal Mathis, Tommy Hall, Keylon Mathis, Terrance Hobbs, Jr., Rodney Hobbs, Joe Tillery, Raymond Dashun and Scottie Roberts.

On behalf of the Criddle, Thompson and Mathis family, McWhorter Funeral Home expresses immense gratitude to Brent Goudarzi and Marty Young for graciously providing the funeral services for Steven Criddle. Their generosity has lifted a burden from the family during their time of grief. The family would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for the love and support shown to Steven throughout the years.

Please visit Steven's on-line registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **19**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Steven Lafond Criddle*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - November 18, 2019 at 01:16 PM



*God bless him and his family. Steven was a good man.*

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**Byron Bryant** - November 18, 2019 at 04:15 PM

CG

*Sincerest condolences to Steven's family.. Prayers for peace and strength.. May his soul find rest...*

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**Carrie Gunter** - November 18, 2019 at 08:21 PM



*Steven was a wonderful man and I will miss him and our talks Rih my friend prayers for your kids and family*

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**Krystle Bolton** - November 18, 2019 at 09:45 PM

AT

*Steven was a giant among men kind, compassionate, freindly, generous, respectful and humble. He will be greatly missed this Noble son of Gilmer, May he rest in the Arms of the Angels. God's peace and comfort to the Family*

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**Atty. Ray Charles Thomason** - November 19, 2019 at 12:33 AM

JB

*Prayin Strength & Comfort for his family.*

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**Jacquelin Bryant** - November 19, 2019 at 03:00 AM



*My prayers are with the family and everyone who loved Steven ❤️🙏*

**Sherry Stephenson-Lacy** - November 19, 2019 at 07:48 AM

LC

*My prayers are with the family Steven was a good person I will miss seeing him until we meet again Rest In Peace my good friend*

**leslie caffey** - November 19, 2019 at 08:26 AM

KM

*Always greating you with a big beautiful smile and showing his gratitude for the friendship so many of us had with him...we will miss the son of Gilmer and wish for well being of his children and family....RIH my friend.*

**Kristy and Brian Maxfield** - November 19, 2019 at 09:46 AM

LW

*My condolences to the FAMILY!!!!*

**Linda Webb** - November 19, 2019 at 11:27 AM

SC

*From me and my niece Chanda, we send our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family. He was a good person,rest my friend.*

**Satanda and Chanda** - November 19, 2019 at 01:43 PM

MD

*I will miss seeing him and our talks. Very kind and loving man. Bless your children & family! I know you are in your mothers arms! Rest in peace brother.*

**Matthew Denton** - November 19, 2019 at 09:03 PM

TC

*I will miss seeing him. He was a sweet man! Rest in peace my friend.*

**Tina Caffey** - November 22, 2019 at 08:36 PM

TH

“ Wow! It's been 5 years now and I haven't come to grips with you being gone. I still wonder if the last time I saw you if I would have done things differently that day at the Dollar store would you still be here. All I could think about that day was keeping you out of trouble that neither one of us needed. Every time now when I come home to Gilmer I still go to the DQ and sit by the window waiting for you to walk by. In our last years together God always made sure that when I would go there to eat it would always guide you that way for us to see each other. I know that when he is ready we will meet again at the DQ in Heaven.

Love you and Miss you

Terrence Hobbs

And

Family.

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**TERRENCE L HOBBS** - December 28, 2024 at 11:25 PM

LM

“ I am so saddened by this loss. I was the manager at the rentacenter in gilmer. And he would keep me company by coming n the store. We would have great conversations. I remember one day I forgot my wallet and was trying to figure out what I was going to do. When steven came in told me he had went to Burger King and got two whoppers. He gave me one. God is always on time. He will truly be missed

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**Louise merchant** - November 21, 2019 at 04:26 PM

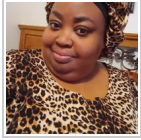
SN

“ I will miss seeing and talking with you. God rest your soul and give comfort to the family and friends left behind



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**Sherry niell** - November 19, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ Steven I remember when we first move to Gilmer and the first church we went was Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church and your mom played the piano and we song in the choir and you will truly be miss



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**LaKisha Haynes** - November 19, 2019 at 07:13 PM

AT

“ What though the radiance that was once so bright, Is now forever taken from thy sight, Thou nothing can bring back the hour of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower, we will grieve not rather find strength in what remains behind. May this dear son of Gilmer rest in the arms of the Angels, far far away from the troubles and burdens of this World. I've been in Gilmer by way of Selma, Alabama about three years. This man Crittle showed me some qualities that many lack in today's world namely: Humility, kindness, respect, civility, gratitude, generous of heart and spirit, and displayed a compassion for his fellow man. Regardless of his lot in life or in so called society he was a giant among men. Christ teachings urge us to remember the poor, read I Corinthians chap. 13. Those that many consider the least in our so called society may hold the highest standings in the eyes of God. I would see him off times around Joe's Place and he displayed a humble quiet pleasant spirit as he paced the city streets. Many days he would come by Joe's and say Mr. Joe or Mr Ray I brought you some fruit, a piece of candy or ice cream ect. I am proud how the citizens of Gilmer cared for him and he is eternally grateful. He no longer has to carry the heavy burdens of this world and has found peace. The last thing he said to me on the Square is Ray you're a good man, you're a good man, I replied Mr. Crittle so are you. Yes our world needs more of Mr. Crittle qualities of humbly caring and sharing and being respectful ,civil,compassionate, and generous. I will never forget his quiet kind ways. My prayers and condolences to his family and many friends. Atty. Ray Charles Thomason (Ala.)

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Atty. Ray Charles Thomason - November 19, 2019 at 12:21 AM



“ Steven was my classmate from Union Hill. He always had a good heart, very competitive and blessed with so many talents. He would race you, then sing, dance and crack a joke while flashing that smile. I haven't seen Steven since HS but I know life hit really hard after his mother passed. Steven grew up in church and he knew Jesus so I know he has peace and comfort. I'm sure his mom is playing the piano and he is singing his heart out. Rest easy classmate you finished your race and earned your crown.

Lucinda Johnson-Lee - November 18, 2019 at 11:40 PM



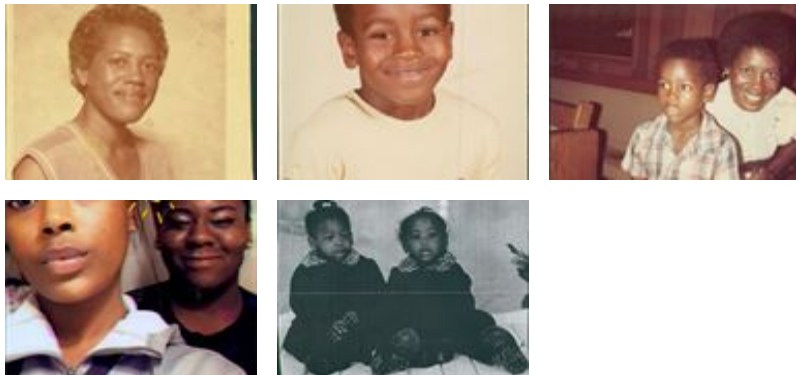
“ Vickie Berry lit a candle in memory of Steven Lafond Criddle



Vickie Berry - November 18, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - November 18, 2019 at 01:08 PM

CW

“ I could definitely know every time I saw Steven or he stopped by he was ALWAYS the same sweet Steven and knowing he’s no longer here hurts my ❤️ Praying that you rest peacefully and sending condolences to the family.

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**carmen white** - November 18, 2019 at 09:14 AM

PD

“ Steven Criddle was my classmate, teammate and friend. We spent hundreds of hours practicing sports and playing sports together. He was a good person. Last time I saw him was at the Yamboree in 2016, it was our 20 year reunion and unfurtantely he didn't come to the reunion but I did see him. I haven't lived in Texas since 1997, but when I came back to visit it was good to see friends like Steven. I am sorry he struggled so hard, we all have struggles, some worse than others and different struggles. But your struggles don't define you as a person. He can now rest from those pains and struggles, I'll will miss you Steven.  
Paul Dodd

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**Paul Dodd** - November 17, 2019 at 11:55 PM

LS

“ To my former classmate from Union Hill Elementary. I pray that you are at peace. Rest easy old classmate. You fought a good fight. Now you can reunite with your mother in heaven.

Peace & Love,  
LaToya (Johnson) Shanks

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**LaToya Shanks** - November 17, 2019 at 11:26 PM

RW

“ Steven, you will always be in my memories. We shared some good laughs. May you Rest In Peace. My condolences go out to the family.

Remona Wayne - November 17, 2019 at 09:48 PM

ES

“ Criddle was a good guy ,despite the hardships, he was an overcomer. I believe that he is resting in the bosom of Abraham, welcomed home to sweet rest!!! My condolences to his children and family. May God give you strength and comfort.

Evangelist Charna Sutton - November 17, 2019 at 09:29 PM

  
Rumour  
Green

“ My condolences goes to the family , I'm so sorry for the loss... Steven was my friend and I loved him dearly.

Rumour Green - November 17, 2019 at 08:24 PM

HH

I just want to say he was a good man and it sadden me to hear this and may GOD bless his kids and family

Harold Hagler - November 17, 2019 at 09:02 PM

BS

I am so very sorry to the Family. I lived down from his many years I seen him almost daily it breaks my heart that he is gone.RIP see you on the other side my Friend

Beth Skipper - November 18, 2019 at 10:20 AM