

Lonnie Bryant "Crip" Crews 1909 – 1983



Lonnie Bryant "Crip" Crews was born on December 02, 1909, in Georgia and died July 09, 1983, in Charlton County, GA. He was the son of Bryant C. Crews (February 01, 1875 - January 08, 1946) and Olive "Ollie" Johns (November 07, 1880 - April 10, 1919). Lonnie married Nancy E "Nance" Sally Crews March 08, 1929, in Brantley County, GA, daughter of M. C. "Mack" Crews and Sarah L "Sallie" Hendrix. Nancy was born June 03, 1906, and died December 23, 1981. Both are buried at Bethlehem Cemetery, Brantley County, GA. (Note: Lonnie got his nickname "Crip" from a railcar accident. A cow walked out in front of the rail car he was riding in and caused the rail car to tip over and it landed on his leg). He was called for the draft, but his leg was broken from the rail car accident, and they would not take him. He had to go before the draft board because he wanted to join the Army and was turned down because of his crippled leg. Besides working as a Rail Inspector, he farmed, made a little moonshine, and was associated with the WPA. They were both members of the Winokur Baptist Church, Winokur, Charlton County, GA. Lonnie and his wife, Nancy met and married while both were working for Lydia Smith Stone Crews, Queen of the Okefenokee Swamp. Nancy was the cook and Lonnie 'marked' (branded) the cattle, hogs, horses, and mules. Ms. Lydia married Lonnie's brother John Melton "Baby Doll" Crews.

Lonnie and Nancy had six children, two of which are still alive. Their children, in birth order are:

Waudell Crews was born on January 01, 1932, in Charlton Co GA, and died February 25, 2011, at his home in Hickox, Brantley County, GA. He is buried with Masonic rites at New Hope Cemetery in Hickox, Brantley County, GA. He married Lovie Walker, born February 21, 1937, Georgia, on August 02, 1952, Folkston, Charlton County, GA.

Mack Crews was born on June 16, 1937, in Charlton Co GA and died on July 27, 2001, at his home in Winokur, Charlton County, GA. He is buried at Bethlehem Cemetery in the Bachlott Community, Brantley County, GA. He married Margie Faye Johns on December 12, 1959, in Charlton County GA. Margie was born on June 06, 1938, at home in the Bachlott Community, Brantley County, GA.

John Melton Crews was born about 1938 in Georgia. He first married Betty, last name unknown, and married second Josephine Palogie. John lives in Jacksonville, FL with his second wife and her children from a previous marriage.

Ethel Crews was born and died in 1940 in Georgia.

Eva Crews was born in 1940 in Georgia. She first married Gerald "Jerry" Peete and married second Glen Horne. Ethel & Eva were twins, only weighed about 3 pounds together when born.

Lonnie C. Crews was born Mar. 13, 1944, in Georgia and died September 17, 1967. He married first Nancy Smith and second Murium Deloris Henderson on July 15, 1966, in Jacksonville, Duval County, FL. Deloris was born Aug. 10, 1949, and died September 15, 1967. Lonnie and Deloris died as the result of a truck/car accident in Charlton County, GA. Deloris died instantly; Lonnie lived 2 days. Both are buried at Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery, Jacksonville, Duval County, FL.

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Family information by Marty Crews, Margie Crews and Ronnie Crews, May 2001

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