



Marion Britnell

September 18, 1949 - December 12, 2020

Marion Junior "Pistol" Britnell, 71, of Russellville, AL, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 12, 2020, at Helen Keller Memorial Hospital in Tuscumbia, AL.

Mr. Britnell spent his life working with equine. He was a well-known, certified farrier and a member of multiple farrier associations. Mr. Britnell was a well-respected and loved horseman and a former member of many rodeo associations.

Mr. Britnell is preceded in death by his parents, Marion Gilbert Britnell and Mary Louise Revod Britnell; and his sister, Wanda Gail Britnell. Pistol is survived by his wife, Janet Brakefield Britnell; his children; grandchildren; brothers, Gene Britnell (Stephanie), Charles Britnell (Sandra) and Stephen Britnell (Rachel); a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 11:00 AM, at Pinkard Funeral Chapel, Russellville, with burial in Cross Road Cemetery, Jasper, AL. Officiating will be Todd Henderson. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday, from 10 AM until service time.

Cemetery Details

Cross Road Cemetery

Jasper, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pinkard Funeral Home
27305 Hwy 24 East
P.O. Box 502
Russellville, AL 35653
(256) 332-7772
<http://www.pinkard fh.com>

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Tribute Wall

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Tricia Brown - January 25, 2021 at 10:45 AM

TB

“ Oh No. Not Pistol. My horse life was tied up in him and Meadow Run Farm . He shoed my horses for years. To me he waswell it seemed there wasn't a horse he couldn't manage. He had a rough life so now I hope he's sitting next to God deciding who gets in heaven or not. I'm so sorry.

Tricia Brown - January 24, 2021 at 09:50 AM

TB

“ Oh No...not Pistol. Pistol was such a big part of my horses lives and my life. We had such a good relationship and I remember how kind he was to my horses. Meadow Run Farm and Pistol will always be entwined in my memory. I'm so sorry. A character so large must leave an immense hole in your lives.

Tricia Brown - January 23, 2021 at 08:59 AM

FH

“ Dear Britnell Family,

Please accept our deepest sympathies at the loss of "Pistol". Pistol helped us with our horses for many years and he was an incredibly skilled farrier. He could always be counted on when we asked for his help and he was deeply respected. His knowledge, judgement and ability working with horses exceeded that of many veterinarians. We always relied on his advice.

In hope of bringing a smile to your face at this time, I would like to share one story. On one occasion we were having what some said was a somewhat serious hoof problem with one of our horses hooves. He arrived on time to our barn in his white truck ready to go to work with his typically serious look on his face. We brought our limping horse into the center aisle of the barn so he could take a look at him. He looked the horse up and down, walked around him a few times, and calmly lifted the horses leg. He spent a few more minutes looking at the horse not saying a word until finally he announced "we'll have to amputate". I of course thought this was very funny and burst out laughing. He then proceeded to tell us what his detailed plan was to solve our horses problem and set about to implement it. Over the course of the next few weeks he continued with his plan and the horse recovered just as he said it would.

Pistol will be missed by many. May God give you peace in your time of loss.

Our Heartfelt Sympathies,

*The Hendrick Family
Harvest, Alabama*

Forrest B. Hendrick - December 15, 2020 at 10:02 AM