



Joseph Nathan Crittenden

September 17, 1927 - April 27, 2026

Joseph Nathan Crittenden, affectionately known as “Joe”, was born September 17, 1927, to parents Robert Crittenden and Mary Etta Wagner Crittenden in Apopka, Florida.

Though he did not receive a formal high school education, Joe was a hard-working and determined man who built a life rooted in dedication, love, and service to others.

In 1970, Joe met the love of his life, Ivera. Their bond grew strong over the years, and they were united in marriage on January 13, 1984, in Apopka, Florida.

Joe was employed with the Apopka Fruit Company for many years, where he was known for his strong work ethic and reliability. Beyond his career, he gave back generously to his community by volunteering with the Foster Grandparent Program for 27 years. A humble and kind-hearted man, Joe deeply loved and respected his family.

Joe peacefully departed this life on April 27, 2026. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Crittenden; mother, Mary Etta Wagner; sons: Kenny Massey and Robert Massey; brothers: Lester Crittenden, Kenneth Crittenden, Theodore Crittenden, Allen Crittenden, Winfield Crittenden, Wilbert

Crittenden, and Clarence Crittenden; and sisters: Mary Ann Ogletree, Mamie Talley, and Sarah Etta Pollard.

Left to cherish his memory...his loving wife of 42 loving years, Ivera Crittenden of Apopka, Florida; children: Chuck Massey of Winter Garden, Florida, Carl Massey (Carla) of Apopka, Florida, Linda Massey of Atlanta, Georgia, Dexter Hughley (Ruby) of Opelika, Alabama, Stacy Hughley (Jan) of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Michael Hughley (Brenda) of Lake Helen, Florida, Carla Square (Wyndell) of Summerville, South Carolina, and Carl Hughley; special nephews: Reverend Alexander H. Smith, Ricky Talley, and Larry McCurdy; special nieces: Sheila McCurdy, Betty Reese, Janice Brown, Nita Talley, and Henrietta Crittenden; and a host of grandchildren, great- grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
927 South Central Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LF

“ Larry Fraizer lit a candle in memory of Joseph Nathan Crittenden



Larry Fraizer - May 15 at 03:34 PM

MM

“ Messiah Pointe Ministries purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph Nathan Crittenden.



Messiah Pointe Ministries - May 06 at 10:02 PM

MM

“ Messiah Pointe Ministries planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Nathan Crittenden.

Messiah Pointe Ministries - May 06 at 10:02 PM

LA

“ Love, Opelika Housing Authority purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joseph Nathan Crittenden.



Love, Opelika Housing Authority - May 05 at 04:13 PM

DN

“ *Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of Joseph Nathan Crittenden*



Dot Newsome - May 05 at 08:42 AM

MG

“ *Marie-Kathleen G purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Joseph Nathan Crittenden.*



Marie-Kathleen G - May 04 at 09:16 PM

CH

“ *May God be with the family doing this time. Praying for his entire family* 🙏🙏

Connie Harrison - May 04 at 06:57 PM

CH

“ *May God the family comfort and strength* 🙏



Connie Harrison - May 04 at 06:54 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Brown-Rumph lit a candle in memory of Joseph Nathan Crittenden*



Sandra Brown-Rumph - May 04 at 11:55 AM

MS

“ *MONICA SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Joseph Nathan Crittenden*



MONICA SCOTT - May 01 at 06:20 PM

RJ

“ *Rose And Arthur Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Nathan Crittenden*



Rose and Arthur Johnson - May 01 at 08:52 AM