

Memorial Service for Joel Ray Sprowls this Sunday

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A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. this Sunday, May 2 at the Joel Ray's Lincoln Jamboree to fulfill the wishes of its longtime owner and emcee, Joel Ray Sprowls.

Sprowls passed away on December 5, 2020 due to complications from COVID-19. At the time, family, friends and general manager Jay Henderson and longtime employee and companion Mary Lois Morris, were unable to carry out Sprowl's wishes of his pre-planned celebration of life ceremony due to the pandemic.

So this Sunday, that celebration will happen just as Joel Ray had requested in the auditorium of his beloved Jamboree.

The public is invited to attend. Doors open at the Jamboree at 2:30 p.m. and seating is



Joel Ray Sprowls

available on a first come first serve basis.

There will be a private Masonic funeral held at 2 p.m. in the auditorium, as all Masons are invited to attend.

Jarrad Mattingly (former regular member of the band) will officiate the service along with the help of Cale Tharp who will kick off and end the service.

According to Henderson, "Joel Ray had a list of songs by en-

ertainers he wanted by different guests or members of the show and any current Jamboree Gang will pick the songs they want to sing as a tribute. It will be a mix of country and gospel music and be a Jamboree type service."

There will also be a time that certain individuals will share memories of Joel Ray.

"Joel Ray lived for his Jamboree and he wanted it to go on in his name. And that's what we are doing one Saturday at a time. The only changes that have been made are cosmetically. The show still maintains the same format as Joel Ray started in 1954. Joel Ray's jokes are still being told. And

that won't change. If it's changed it'll be after I'm dead and gone. Joel Ray wanted it to stay the same and as long as I'm alive I can guarantee it will. Whoever's the manager after I die they will have rules to follow just as I do. If they don't, they'll have to live with their conscious." Henderson stated.

"But I am already working on the 100th anniversary show. It's only 33 years away. I've got to think ahead," said Jay Henderson manager of Joel Ray's Lincoln Jamboree LLC and co-owner of Kentucky's Finest Family Style Restaurant and Gift Shop located inside Joel Ray's Lincoln Jamboree which is located at 2579

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The rain couldn't wash away the wonder and excitement families experienced at Plow Day at Homeplace on Green River. Above, The Foster Family performed.



Attendees got a chance to learn about some traditional food processing practices on Saturday during Plow Day at Homeplace on Green River. Kent Penick renders lard in a cast iron kettle over a propane flame.



Despite the rain, attendees still had a rockin' good time at Plow Day at Homeplace on Green River.



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Sunday, May 2

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
All Inclusive Sunday Luncheon
(see menu in classifieds)

2 p.m. Private Masonic Services inside the Auditorium



3 p.m. Memorial for Everyone to Attend in the Auditorium Celebrating the Life of Joel Ray Sprowls

Join us for the full Jamboree - styled service Joel Ray had pre-planned, but due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to hold at the time of his death on December 5, 2020 from complications of COVID-19. Everyone is invited to attend. Seats are first come, first serve. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.



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