



Julian Riley Johnston

August 15, 1944 - December 15, 2012

JULIAN R. "JJ" JOHNSTON

JOHNSTON, Julian R. "JJ", 68, resident of Elmore, AL passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2012. Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 17, 2012, 11:00 a.m. from the Chapel of Prattville Memorial with Chaplain Larry Layne officiating. Burial will follow in Prattville Memory Gardens with Prattville Memorial Chapel directing. Mr. Johnston was a long time employee at Union Camp for many years and a long time member of the Prattville Country Club. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Sandy Johnston; one daughter, Angela (Kenny) Sayers; one son, Kelly (Jennifer) Johnston; four grandchildren, Emily Johnston, Dexter "Shimmy" Sayers, Wesley Johnston, and Dylan Sayers; two brothers, Jerry (Patricia) Johnston and Charles (Margaret) Johnston; and many extended family members and friends. The family will receive friends at Prattville Memorial Chapel on Monday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Baptist Hospice, 301 Interstate Park Drive, Montgomery, AL 36109 or one's favorite charity in c/o Julian "JJ" Johnston.

To send an online condolence, please visit www.prattvillememorial.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel and Memory Gardens
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Service

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ *What a good memory Fred & I have of J.J. having lived next door to him for nearly 13 years. He was a soft spoken man who loved and cared for his wife and family. He was a wonderful neighbor to us! Our last time to see him was March 18, 2011, the day before we left Alabama to move to Texas. We laughed and had the best conversation together, especially about grand kids and about being ready to meet Jesus. Fred talked with him just a couple of months before his departing and enjoyed so much their conversation. Fred told him about his little garden patch and how the gophers and rats ate all the tomatoes and we got very few from our efforts. This brought back memories of the squirrels doing the same thing to our tomatoes when we lived next door to J.J. and Sandy. The squirrels carried our tomatoes up in their trees and when they had some trees removed, well there were our green tomatoes in the trees. We are thankful for the memories we have of good times and are blessed to have known him. Shirley & Fred Irvin*

shirley - February 13, 2013 at 03:17 PM

KJ

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Kelly Johnston - December 26, 2012 at 10:14 PM

KJ

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Kelly Johnston - December 26, 2012 at 10:07 PM

EJ

“ JJ was a such a wonderful grandfather to me. I was very blessed 6 weeks ago to be able to spend the weekend with JJ and Nana before going to watch Texas A&M beat Auburn. Also, in June my Dad and I were able to plan visit to Alabama to surprise Nana on her birthday with careful plotting and planning with JJ. I will never forget how many times JJ teased my brother about about have to leave fishing early because he wanted to go to McDonalds (this happened at least 10 years ago) or who he could beat in basketball or strike out at baseball. When I would call JJ to talk we would talk about how my school was going and how the Texas A&M Aggie football team was doing. He always knew the score and would discuss the game with me. He knew how much I loved my school and how important it was to me. Both JJ and Nana helped get me my Aggie Ring. He also encouraged me to try my best in school I am so heartbroken I could not be in Alabama to celebrate JJ's life with my family and friends of JJ's. My grandfather was an amazing, hard-working, caring man who always put his family first. JJ, I love you SOO much and miss you tons.

Love always,
Your granddaughter

Emily Johnston

Emily Johnston - December 22, 2012 at 12:20 PM

EJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Emily Johnston - December 22, 2012 at 12:19 PM

AF

“ *Johnston Family,*
I am very sorry for your loss. I know how difficult this time may be for you. May you remember God's promise found at Revelation 21:4, where he promises that "death will be no more". I hope this scripture can help you to find comfort during this grieving period.

Adrian F. - December 22, 2012 at 05:41 AM

BA

“ *To Mrs Johnston and the entire family,*
I can't tell you how saddened Megan and I are for your loss. As a close friend of Kelly's I have the opportunity to hear many funny stories of when he was growing up. Then after finally meeting Mr. Johnston a few years back I saw where Kelly gets his "unique" sense of humor. It's just a shame he never inherited his golf handicap!
Please know that all of y'all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. He will be missed here in Texas as well as Alabama.
Sincerely,
Brad & Megan Apostolo
Seabrook, Tx

Brad Apostolo - December 18, 2012 at 08:37 PM

LC

“ *Sandy, Kelly and Angela, I was so very sorry and saddened to hear of the passing of JJ, I have so many wonderful (and funny) memories of Sandy and JJ! Such a wonderful family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Lisa Strength Clark*

Lisa Strength Clark - December 18, 2012 at 07:31 PM

JO

“ *When our son Kenny married Angela, we gained not only a wonderful daughter but two wonderful grandsons and two very amazing friends in JJ and Sandy. Being around them was always fun. JJ always had a joke to tell and Sandy, a true Southern Bell, always makes you feel welcome. We will truly miss JJ but today he is freely breathing the very freshest air in heaven.*

Judy and Frank Oglesby

Judy Oglesby - December 18, 2012 at 06:46 PM

DS

“ My Grandfather was truly a remarkable man. He taught me many important things. JJ was a very intelligent man. He was such a kind and loving person and I'm proud to be his grandson. JJ taught me things like maintenance and putting your all into the job. Being clean, organized, and punctual was very important to him. It's really sad to lose such a caring and loving man. He could always make you smile and loved a good joke. JJ always had something helpful to say and he loved us all so much. He was such a great man and we had so many great and memorable times together. I'd like to share just a few here today.

I really appreciate the way JJ taught me to maintain and keep-up a yard and house, from mowing and edging a yard, to cleaning baseboards, to Windexing windows. And you would know if you missed a spot. He would point it out to you. He'd say you missed a spot there, a spot here. Maybe if we had Windexed his glasses, those spots would disappear.

I had a lot of fun when Nunu and JJ would take my brother and I to Emerald Falls, where we would play putt-putt golf together.

JJ also inspired me to play instruments, rather than just listen to them. He gave me my first guitar. He was a country music star.

Record companies were just afraid to give him a deal.

JJ taught my brother and me a lot as we were growing up, and he has been a really big part of my life. JJ loved Nunu so much. He loved his family. He loved his friends. He loved his neighbors. He would do anything for us.

To wrap things up, I am thankful that I was able to have JJ in my life, and in my heart, he will remain.

I am honored that I am his Grandson. JJ was a great man, and he loved each of us. He is no longer short of breath, and let it be known: JJ had a GOOD Life.

Dexter Sayers - December 18, 2012 at 03:23 PM

DW

“ *Angela & Kenny,
I am so sorry. I never heard what the arrangements were. People kept asking me all day what the arrangements were and I didn't know your maiden name.
Please understand there were many many people from work who wanted to come to the funeral.*

My wife and I have known Angela since she was 18. We know that the passing of her father is a terrible thing. Her family has had many challenges to deal with and this must be a great burden. Angela and Kenny are the strongest people I know. They never complain about anything and always seem upbeat. It is people like them that keep this country going. Family is always first in their life. Our prayers will be with them.

Dennis & Marlene

Dennis Word - December 18, 2012 at 05:32 AM

KJ

“Hi, this is a condensed history of JJ's life. The family wanted to share it with his friends. I may add to it as days pass. Thank you so much for caring about JJ and Sandy.

"Julian met Sandy on a blind date when she was about to graduate from X-Ray school in Little Rock. After meeting Sandy, JJ seemed to show up every weekend in Little Rock. Apparently he knew a good thing when he saw it. Fortunately, her first job was in his hometown, Crossett, AR.

They got married shortly thereafter and moved A LOT. One time they found a new place, JJ went to work, and when he returned home, Sandy had moved back to the old place. He paid the utility companies to disconnect the utilities and reconnect them at the same place on the same day!

Soon 2 kids show up and they move to Alabama. For Kelly, JJ spent his time flying remote control airplanes and later responding to his multiple car wrecks. Angela was an athlete, like her dad, and JJ spent a lot of time at her softball games, both high school and college.

Finally the grandkids show up. JJ helped Dylan with his homework and took him around the Southeast doing karate. JJ taught Dexter and Brittany how to edge a yard EXACTLY 5/8 of an inch from the curb and how to make a bed perfectly. JJ tried to convince Wesley that he was a better ballplayer back in his day. Wes didn't buy it. Emily is in her 1st year of medical school and wanted to practice on JJ.

JJ was fortunate enough to retire early from Union Camp and he and Sandy were able to travel to play golf for nearly 7 years. When they weren't golfing, JJ was flying his model airplanes and doing projects around the house. In these last few years, JJ's health confined him to the home more and more and he was able to take full advantage of the outstanding decision he made 48 years ago

when he married Miss Sandy."

Thanks for reading. The family of Julian R. Johnston, "JJ"

Kelly Johnston - December 17, 2012 at 10:42 PM

FE

“ *Sandy we are so sorry to hear about Julian and our thoughts are with you Floyd and Jean Evans*

Floyd K Evans - December 17, 2012 at 10:07 AM

JS

“ *Julia Szkrybalo lit a candle in memory of Julian Riley Johnston*



Julia Szkrybalo - December 17, 2012 at 10:01 AM

JS

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. JJ was one of the most generous and loving people we know. Having his light in our lives for even the short time we did made it so much brighter. He will be dearly missed.

Julia Szkrybalo - December 17, 2012 at 10:03 AM

FR

I just found out about your lost.we will keep you in ours prayers.i though a lot off jj he got me in this job i am in now.love fred & pam reese

fred reese - December 17, 2012 at 10:12 AM



Hello Angela, I am sadden to hear about the loss of your father. Whenever you spoke of him it was always with love and laughs. I pray that you find strength in yourself and your family to help you all pull through this time. My prayers go out to all of your family. And remember we are here!

-Your friend, Leasa Franklin

Leasa Franklin - December 18, 2012 at 03:42 PM



Sandy,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband, Julian. You may not remember me. I bowled on the Union Camp league with you and Julian. He will be missed. Praying for you and your family.

Joyce Spear - December 18, 2012 at 04:09 PM