



Dr. James Archie Johnson

October 15, 1933 - October 18, 2015

Dr. James A. Johnson, 82, of Huntsville, passed away peacefully October 18th after a long battle with Alzheimer's. He was born October 15, 1933 in Columbus, Texas to Peter Wilbur Johnson and Lillian Wray Johnson. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Wilbur Wray Johnson. He is survived by his wife Judy Johnson, daughter Debbie and husband Dan Waskow; daughter Lesli and husband Michael Tutt; son Jay Johnson; daughter Julie and husband Paul Picket, and six grandchildren William Johnson, Casey and Courtney Tutt, Chase Johnson, and Greg and Megan Picket; great-granddaughter Ella Rumburg. He is also survived by two sisters Beverly Peters and Carolyn Kruger and sister-in-law Peggy Johnson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jim served in the US Navy in the Korean War. He earned his bachelor's degree at Southwest Texas State University in 1958. He then earned his masters' in counseling and his PhD in Psychology at Texas A&M and began teaching at Sam Houston State University in 1969. He was also the originating director of the Sam Houston Counseling Center. In addition to teaching graduate courses, he is most remembered for his popular Human Sexuality course. In 1997, Jim received the SHSU Excellence in Teaching Award. He retired in 2003 after 34 years of dedicated service at SHSU.

Jim was an avid Aggie and Bearkat and was often seen sporting an A&M or

Bearkat baseball cap. He loved being silly and telling jokes, fishing, gardening and sports of all kinds. He also loved music and loved dancing with his girls. He always looked forward to spending time with his family at the Johnson Family Reunion in ConCan, Texas, and floating the Frio River. His greatest joys were his family and giving back to his community through education.

Above all, Jim was a loving and devoted husband, father and Papa, and friend to many. He will truly be missed by the lives he has touched.

The family would like to express our deepest gratitude to Rena Murray, Jim's caregiver during his final stages of Alzheimer's. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Jim's favorite charity Wounded Warriors Project.org

Services will be Friday, October 30, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home chapel.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. James Archie Johnson*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - October 28, 2015 at 04:18 PM



“ *Dr. James Archie Johnson*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dr. Johnson was there for me as a student at SHSU, when I suffered from anorexia. He was a distinctly calming presence and I will always remember him for that.*



Julia W - November 05, 2015 at 01:05 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. James Archie Johnson.*



October 29, 2015 at 05:15 PM

SR

“ Stephen and Merric Resslering purchased the End uring Grace for the family of Dr. James Archie Johnson.



Stephen and Merric Resslering - October 29, 2015 at 08:59 AM

BI

“ Dearest Julie and all of Dr. Johnson's family members, Please know that God sends His Holy Spirit to comfort you and give you peace. Dr. Johnson was a fine individual, kind and caring. He was so very nice to me when I came to SHSU to work 25 years ago, and he was such a good citizen of the SHSU community. Yesterday, a memorial gift was given to the TAMU Foundation in honor of this fine Aggie. We all praise God for the wonderful memories we all hold of Dr. Johnson. May God grant you tranquility in your days ahead.
Hugs,
Beverly J. Irby

Beverly J. Irby - October 29, 2015 at 05:38 AM

JP

Thank you so much, Beverly. That really means so much to me and our family.

Julie Picket - October 29, 2015 at 01:54 PM

DW

Thank you. That was very kind.

Debbie Johnson Waskow - November 02, 2015 at 06:27 AM

LT

Thank you for your kind words and memorial gift in our Dad's honor.

Lesli Johnson Tutt - November 03, 2015 at 03:13 PM

CG

“ *Cutty Trigg Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Archie Johnson*



Cutty Trigg Gilbert - October 28, 2015 at 03:03 PM

JB

“ *Jim Johnson was a charter member of the Sam Houston State University Psychology Department. His contributions were great and many. We miss him and his caring presence on campus. We hope his family can take comfort in knowing that the pain of his passing is share by many others.*

Jerry Bruce

Jerry Bruce - October 28, 2015 at 07:34 AM

LT

Thank you Dr. Bruce, and thank you for your heartfelt tribute to our Dad at his Memorial Service. We will never forget it or your friendship to our family.

Lesli Johnson Tutt - November 03, 2015 at 03:17 PM

CW

“ *Cheryl McLaughlin Washington lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Archie Johnson*



Cheryl McLaughlin Washington - October 23, 2015 at 06:07 PM

YF

“ Your McNeilus Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. James Archie Johnson.



Your McNeilus Family - October 22, 2015 at 03:48 PM

NG

“ When I registered for class in the early 1970s, all my friends said, "Get Dr. Johnson. He's great ". I did, and he was. He taught his class with humor, love of family, and kindness. Later I knew him outside of the classroom where he lived with humor, love of family, and kindness. I feel fortunate to have known him.

Nancy Gatlin - October 21, 2015 at 06:51 PM

DP

“ Donna Robinson Paschall lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Archie Johnson



Donna Robinson Paschall - October 21, 2015 at 06:26 AM

DP

May God give you comfort and peace during this sad time. Donna Robinson Paschall HHS '74 SHSU '81

Donna Robinson Paschall - October 21, 2015 at 06:30 AM

DH

“ Jim was a great teacher. He and our education/psychology gang often fished together around Huntsville and Lake Sam Rayburn on weekend get-a-ways. He helped and was kind to so many people, never saw him angry. A good friend. RIP

David Henderson - October 20, 2015 at 11:24 PM

TH

“ What can I say about a man that meant so much to me in many of my formative years. I first met Dr. J when he was my professor (and that was when he was still Mr. Johnson). Then, after I graduated from SHSU, he hired me in my first job at the university, in the Counseling Center. What a kind, wonderful role model he was. I worked with Dr. J (as I called him) for many years. I never could call him Jim as others did because of my deep respect for him, so Dr. J was my name for him. I went to visit him about six months ago and he didn't know who I was, but I knew who he was and that was good enough for me. Thanks Dr. J for all the wonderful memories. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. I know you all loved him as much as I did. God Bless You Dr. J and may you rest in peace forever!

Terri Harvey - October 20, 2015 at 09:18 PM

LT

Thank you Terri. Dad loved you too. xo Lesli

Lesli Johnson Tutt - October 21, 2015 at 10:02 AM

MR

My prayers are with you all. Jim was the brother I never had and I loved him dearly.

Marilyn Richarz - October 21, 2015 at 11:20 AM

JZ

Jim was such a gentle, kind and fun loving uncle. He loved to laugh and tell funny stories. He, along with the other 3 original Johnsons, kept our extended family close. I'll forever be grateful for that. I'll miss you, Jim. Thanks for the love, laughter and memories.

Jan Zink - October 21, 2015 at 04:22 PM

DW

Thank you Marilyn and Jan.

Debbie Johnson Waskow - October 23, 2015 at 07:11 AM

BP

My younger brother was a joy for our family of 6. His kind, fun loving personality kept us close together though our growing up years and beyond . So many memories and stories to remember. I miss you my brother. Beverly Johnson Peters

Beverly Johnson Peters - October 23, 2015 at 03:46 PM

GG

So many fine professors at Sam - Dr. J was one i remember with fondness. A truly fine man.

Greg Gathright - October 23, 2015 at 05:04 PM

JT

Though we didn't know your Dad, Craig and I agree that a testament to the man he was is evidenced through his adult children. All reflections of the comments on this page and in the beautifully written obituary. We have seen your faithful, kind and loving hearts. We send you our deepest condolences and wish you strength on this new path. Much love to all of you. Jessi Tutt

Jessi Tutt - October 25, 2015 at 10:58 AM