



Daniel "Dan" Arthur Johnson

December 11, 1951 - November 15, 2023

A Celebration of Life service will be held in the chapel at Grace Community Church, 3215 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, Texas at 11 a.m. December 22, 2023.

Daniel "Dan" Johnson age 71, was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Dan was born to David and Gerry Johnson on December 11, 1951 in Evergreen Park, Illinois. When he was in high school, he moved with his family to Mission, Texas. He graduated from Sharyland High School in 1969. He received a scholarship from Phillips Petroleum to study Petroleum Engineering at Texas A&M and he was a proud member of the Fighting Texas Aggie class of '73. He was in the Corps of Cadets where he formed many lifelong friendships.

Upon graduation, his job with Phillips led him to work around the world including the North Sea off the coast of Norway and on the Amazon River in the jungles of Peru. After 4 years of working overseas, he took a job with an independent oil company in Dallas. He met Paulette during this time and they married in 1978. They were married for 45 years. In 1979 he took a job in Mobile, AL, where Paulette was from, and they lived there until 1981. His career brought him to East Texas with a job in Tyler. He worked for 2

independent oil companies until he had the opportunity to form his own company, Jacobi Johnson Energy, with a partner.

Dan's relationship with Jesus was reflected in the way he lived his life and treated others. Missions were an important part of his family's life from an early age. He was actively involved in the children's ministry at Grace and The Mentoring Alliance, and supported other ministries. Over 25 years ago, Dan and Paulette, along with other newcomers to Grace, formed a community group. Some of Dan and Paulette's most treasured relationships were formed within this group and many are still a part of this community group today.

No one loved the lake more than Dan. His love of the water led him to build a home on Lake Palestine when he first moved to Tyler. When he retired, he built a home on Lake Tyler where his grandchildren enjoy spending summers. Dan and his family and friends have such fond memories of camping on lakes and hiking in the mountains. Besides his own 3 children, the number of kids who learned to ski behind Dan's boat are too numerous to count. Dan used the lake as a way to bring people together for food, friendship, and of course fun. Besides slalom water skiing, Dan loved to snow ski. In fact, Dan's first time skiing was while working in Norway. His love of skiing lives on in his children and grandchildren.

Later in life, Dan's greatest joy was being Poppa to his 6 grandchildren. Even though they were spread out from Houston to Seattle, Dan was intentional about spending time with them and traveled to see them many times a year. Most recently Dan's whole family spent a week together at Olympic National Park in Washington making new memories.

Dan could do anything, and if he couldn't do something he could figure it out. He could build it, fix it, grow it, climb it, ski it, design it, nurture it, teach it. Dan's most recent project this past summer was installing a new boat lift.

He is remembered by his wife Paulette, daughters, Monica Wheeler (Ben) and Rebecca, and son, Nathan (Mariana); grandchildren, Henry, Simon, and Lucas Wheeler; Miles, Morgan, and Max Johnson. He is also remembered by his Siblings, David (Janice) Johnson, Mark (Bonnie) Johnson, Karen (Randy) Davis and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation can be made to Shoreline Christian School, 2400 NE 147th Street, Shoreline, Washington 98155.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Community Church
3215 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall



“ James G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel "Dan" Arthur Johnson.

James G. - December 22, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel "Dan" Arthur Johnson.



December 20, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ Your friends at Phillips 66 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel "Dan" Arthur Johnson.

Your friends at Phillips 66 - December 20, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ Cheryle P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel "Dan" Arthur Johnson.

Cheryle P. - December 19, 2023 at 08:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel "Dan" Arthur Johnson.*



December 18, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Dan was our neighbor across the street. When we moved to our house Dan befriended as a good neighbor and brought his son to help me with anything I need. Many times I called him to help me with Electric issues. When I purchased a farm he came and suggested to put a lake rather than building a bridge over a large creek. I built a lake and I am ever thankful to Dan for his suggestion. He asked me to go to the lake where he was going to build house. Couple years ago I asked him to help me with my day trade. He came to our house and gave me needed insight. Dan lived a Christian life and reflected it in loving others. I will miss such a good friend on earth but I will join him in my departure from earth to heaven. Elizabeth and I send our condolences to Paulite his dearest wife and the children and grandchildren.*

Philip Chacko - December 15, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories*



Monica Wheeler - November 28, 2023 at 05:14 PM

CB

Thanks for sharing your family photos and memories of a great man and leader in life.

Clay Bates - December 07, 2023 at 08:59 AM

CB

Great Oil man.

Clay Bates - December 07, 2023 at 09:00 AM

LC

Really enjoyed knowing this very fine man. Hugs to the family.

Lynda T Cole - December 22, 2023 at 06:54 PM

TL

“ Dan Johnson is truly one of those rare people that “ upon every remembrance of him” involves very positive, admirable, stimulating thoughts. He was such a dimensional man, so capable, so likable, so faithful. Tom and I are so thankful God allowed our paths in life to cross. We are the better for having known Dan Johnson.

Tom and Gay Luce - November 21, 2023 at 10:00 PM

BB

Dan was such a wonderful friend. Our community group was such a great group and we could always count on Dan to help with anything at anytime! Our trips from Alaskan cruise to a house boat on Lake Quachita riding seadoos and playing pegs & jokers to jumping off whatever into that cold water! Memories that will last our lifetime. Dan was a great mentor to many young men and we all will miss him and that sheepish grin when he had something up his sleeve!! We were blessed to have had Dan for many years sharing this wonderful life God gifted us with....! In Christ, Barbara & Keith Bobo

Barbara Bobo - November 29, 2023 at 09:10 AM

JC

Dan was a most remarkable gift to everyone around him. I only knew him during our few years together as cadets at Texas A&M and then our paths in life parted. But he was always a kind and gentle person and an example to others in every aspect of life. If there are those who can say they didn't admire and love him, that is only because they never had the opportunity to meet him. Dan will be sorely missed by those of us blessed to have walked at least part of life's path with him. Adios my Friend.

*Dave Carlson '73
Fredericksburg, Virginia*

John D Carlson - December 01, 2023 at 03:13 PM

RJ

*I knew Dan as a cadet at A&M; was a great, friendly, easy going person who I always remember as happy, and willing to help anyone. From the video/photos, he lived life to the fullest, was a great family man, and overall great American. He will be missed by so many. November 15 was a great day, Dan got to meet God that day! Will call his name at Muster. Here!
Ron Janak*

Ron Janak - December 11, 2023 at 12:41 PM

HR

Today I say goodbye to my good friend, Dan...for awhile at least. I look forward to seeing him again in heaven. We were cadets in company G-2, The Gladiators, for four years at A&M, from day one of our freshman year till our commissioning and graduation in summer of '73. During my time in the military, Dan would come out to the farm and visit with my parents. Really appreciated him for doing that. Dan was well liked in G-2, and by all those in the Corps who knew him. How could anyone not like Dan? Dan Johnson "did it right". He loved the Lord, and was faithful to Him. He loved his wife, his children, his grandchildren. He loved his neighbor. Dan was a successful oilman, and business man, a great provider for his family. He lived a "purpose driven life"; a great example for all men. It was great to be reunited with Dan at our 50th Class Reunion last April and it was an honor to march with him one last time into Kyle Field in October at the Rally To The Guidons. I will cherish the memories of my old friend.

Harlan Ray

Harlan Ray - December 22, 2023 at 09:49 AM