



Elgin Johnson

February 16, 1975 - August 25, 2019

A memorial service for Elgin Johnson, 44, of Bullard will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Colonial Hills Baptist Church with Rev. Robert Carter officiating. A private family burial will take place following the memorial service.

Mr. Johnson passed away Sunday, August 25, 2019 in Bullard. He was born February 16, 1975 in Jacksonville to T.J. Johnson and Bertha Cantley Johnson.

Elgin was a life-long member of Corinth Missionary Baptist Church in Bullard, and attended and served at Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Tyler. He graduated from Bullard High School and Texas A&M University. He held the position of teacher, coach, and assistant principal at Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler for 19 years, and assistant principal at Nichols Intermediate in Jacksonville for 2 years.

Elgin was preceded in death by his mother, Bertha Johnson of Bullard. He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Penny Johnson; son, Spenser Johnson; son, Beau Johnson of Bullard; father, TJ Johnson of Bullard; sister, Darlene Marshall of Tyler; brother, Tony Johnson and wife Ester of Bullard; brother, Kevin Johnson and wife Tamma of Bullard; brother, Tim Johnson and wife Kim of Bullard; sister, Tammy Johnson of Bullard; brother, Keith Johnson

and wife Guerda of Bullard; sister, Teresa Marion and husband Dimitri of Bullard; nephew, Chris Marshall and wife Irma of Austin; niece, Holly Chitundu and husband Brian of Pennsylvania; nephew, Matthew Johnson of Bullard; niece, Ashley Johnson of Washington, DC; nephew, Donovan Johnson and wife Nicole of Troup; nephew, TJ Johnson of Bullard; nephew, Aaron Johnson of Denton; nephew, Trevor Johnson of Bullard; nephew, Alex Johnson of Bullard; niece, Lauren Johnson of Bullard, niece Darla Hibbler of Bullard, nephew Austin Hibbler of Bullard; niece Madison Hibbler of Bullard; great-nephew, Ke'Shaun of Troup; great-nephew, Kameron of Troup; great-niece, Micah of Austin; great-nephew, Jay of Austin; and great-nephew, Malachi of Troup.

Honorary pallbearers will be TJ Johnson, Tony Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Tim Johnson, and Keith Johnson.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 30, 2019 at Corinth Missionary Baptist Church in Bullard.

If desired, memorials may be made to a college fund set up for Elgin's boys at Texas National Bank in Bullard.

Cemetery Details

Private Burial

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **30**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Corinth Missionary Baptist Church
FM 346
Bullard, TX 75757

Memorial Service

AUG **31**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Colonial Hills Baptist Church
7330 South Broadway
Tyler, TX 75703

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elgin Johnson



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 06, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elgin Johnson



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 29, 2019 at 12:22 PM

LM

“ Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Elgin Johnson



Loretta Martinez - September 08, 2019 at 01:30 AM

TH

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Johnson family today and forever.. the Holley Family, the Fears Family, the Baker Family, and The Tompkins Family!!!! God Bless y'all!!!!



The Fears & The Baker Family & Holley's - August 30, 2019 at 06:54 PM

TF

“ Thoughts and prayers to the entire Johnson family during this hrs time. May god be with you all... from the Fears's family and the Baker family.... and all of Bullard Texas....



The Fears Family & The Baker Family - August 30, 2019 at 06:48 PM

KH

“ I am so sad for the Johnson family. The 'baby' star is now with Bertha. I was one of his oldest sister- Darlene's- best friends at Bullard High School. She had lots of brothers and sisters but I remember Elgin as the little one. I knew Tony and Tammy but the others were just the little ones. I came home from college one weekend and that Sunday evening I could not get ahold of Darlene (*no cell phones back then). So I decided to drive over to see her before going back. It was almost dusk when I pulled up and all these kids came running to my car in a panic--they couldn't start the truck and Elgin had been bitten by a baby snake on his arm. I think the oldest one was about 9 or 10--trying to start the truck!!! Darlene wasn't there and Bertha was down the road. I saw the arm swelling and bite and immediately had everyone get in my car. I drove into Bullard with my heart racing--the doctor was not open on a Sunday--so we drove with flashing lights into Tyler. The cops stopped me -- and looked at me kind of funny with the crew I had with me. But I explained what happened and they escorted me to the hospital. I waited until his mother got there and left to get back to school. Later I heard that he was in the hospital for several days, but he made it!

I didn't get to meet Elgin as an adult until later in life. I was visiting Darlene at her mother's and she took me to his house in Bullard. Here I see this big guy--like a big teddy bear--with a huge smile. We talked about that day so many years ago. Both of us were terrified -- I wasn't even sure he remembered what happened, but I was so happy he was healthy and happy and doing so well. He was a coach by then and you could just tell he loved life.

And, now, I got the call that he is gone. My heart is heavy for the family and all that knew this wonderful man. I can see Bertha with her big smile and big hug, welcoming him home in heaven but I feel the emptiness of the big hole he leaves down here.

Kathy (Murphy) Hansen

Kathy Hansen - August 30, 2019 at 06:20 PM

DA

“ *All my love and prayers to the Johnson family.*
Deborah Arnwine



Deborah Arnwine - August 30, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elgin Johnson.*



August 29, 2019 at 11:12 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elgin Johnson.*



August 29, 2019 at 10:29 PM

MF

“ *I was a student at Tyler Lee from 07-11 and knew coach johnson from being my football coach to also being my freshman biology teacher . Even participated in his fast camp. Great person , always smiling , and very motivational and even willing to help during homework during those boring offseason football class study sessions. love u coach j may u rest in peace.*

marquel ford - August 29, 2019 at 08:42 PM



“ We love you all! Mimi and the Carey Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elgin Johnson.



We love you all! Mimi and the Carey Family - August 29, 2019 at 05:10 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Elgin Johnson.



August 29, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 29, 2019 at 12:21 PM

TT

“ Tyler Lee Softball TEam purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elgin Johnson.



Tyler Lee Softball TEam - August 29, 2019 at 11:59 AM

RA

“ Elgin Johnson was one of those kind of people you could never forget. I met Elgin when I was 7, we were on the same soccer team, both trying to play goalie. From that chance encounter, a lifelong friendship would begin. From soccer to baseball, to track and football, all the way to being parents. Last time I saw the boys they were both riding in a buggy at Walmart. As I write this, I remember our plans were that our kids were going to get married, and we were going to sit around on the porch swing as two gray haired old men. Elgin was the kind of man, that you remember the very first time you met him, and the last. We love the Johnson family, and our prayers are with Penny and the boys, and “Mr. Johnson” as I knew him growing up. We love y’all. Kelly, Lori, Maria, Belle, Josh, Joe, and Justus Adams

Rev. Kelly Adams - August 28, 2019 at 07:08 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Elgin Johnson.



August 28, 2019 at 06:35 PM

TR

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Tracey Rounsavall - August 28, 2019 at 11:21 AM

“Elgin became a champion of Senior Stories. When I pitched the idea to him, he immediately understood the importance of this rite of passage, as seniors approached graduation. After waiting over a year for administrative approval to record and showcase seniors telling their true, personal stories, Elgin's response was swift and helpful. He immediately looked at the school calendars, shared phone numbers with me and made sure I had what I needed to put the project into motion. He had an underlying calm, as though he could go directly to the heart of the matter when we were in conversation.

I have Elgin to thank, too, for sharing some stories with me for Senior Stories 2016. He recalled being bitten by a snake as a five year old in vivid detail. The events that transpired immediately afterward would shape his life and calling thereafter. He also told me about his siblings and parents. I have only met a few people who spoke about their parents with the reverence and respect that Elgin did.

He knew how to be real and relational with everyone. There was no feeling of power struggle or hubris, just hospitality. He was there to serve, and genuinely enjoyed seeing others succeed. For me as a teacher with a dream in need of support, it meant the world.

During one of the last sit-down conversations I had with him in the East Cafeteria in 2017, he confided to me that he had made a shift in his life. He was resolved to leave work at work, and to be home to spend time with his wife and sons in the evenings. I remember chuckling when he said, “I make it home in time to have my boys bathed and lotioned up.”

Having an administrator explicitly state that he believed in a work-life balance was remarkable to me, a singular event in my eight years of teaching. How refreshing. I am so thankful for the thoughtful care he invested in me and others around him.

Much love, Jane Neal

Jane Neal - August 28, 2019 at 10:43 AM

LB

“ *Lillian Brooks lit a candle in memory of Elgin Johnson*



Lillian Brooks - August 28, 2019 at 10:05 AM

BE

“ *Bullard Early Education purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elgin Johnson.*



Bullard Early Education - August 28, 2019 at 08:52 AM

KS

“ *Karen Sanford lit a candle in memory of Elgin Johnson*



Karen Sanford - August 28, 2019 at 12:21 AM

TP

“ *Todd And Lana Parker lit a candle in memory of Elgin Johnson*



Todd and Lana Parker - August 28, 2019 at 12:05 AM

TP

“ *Todd, Lana, Mason & Rhett Parker lit a candle in memory of Elgin Johnson*



Todd, Lana, Mason & Rhett Parker - August 28, 2019 at 12:03 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elgin Johnson.*



August 27, 2019 at 11:28 PM

NW

“ *Elgin was MY student when he went to Bullard High school. He was gone to soon.*

Nancy Waits - August 27, 2019 at 10:20 PM

KU

“ Kelley And Lonny Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Elgin Johnson



Kelley and Lonny Uzzell - August 27, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Elgin Johnson.



August 27, 2019 at 03:38 PM

CB

“ Carla Branham lit a candle in memory of Elgin Johnson



Carla Branham - August 27, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Elgin Johnson.



August 27, 2019 at 12:32 PM

CD

“ *Elgin will always be one of the best friends I've ever had, and will always be remembered as one of the best men I've ever known. I have, and always will, try to emulate the values he taught me. He made everyone around him want to be better people, to treat each other with more respect and kindness, never failing to employ a gentle honesty and directness only he could deliver. I will forever be indebted to him for who I am and who I strive to be.*

Carlo DeSanto - August 26, 2019 at 10:02 PM

BA

“ *I was honored the day I met Elgin Johnson when he came to JISD. He had a way with his students which was intended to teach them a life's lesson. When he was talking to them and I was present, I often found myself taking something away from the lesson. His smile and laughter was contagious and will be missed. Blessings on his wife and sons. May they know that their loved on will always be with them in their hearts. R.I.P. Elgin, you've fought the good fight and your race is won. Now you can rest in the eternal presence of Jesus.*

Bill & Heather Avera

Bill & Heather Avera - August 26, 2019 at 09:10 PM

MM

“ *Mr. Johnson took my son under his wing and made a life long impact in his life. I will be forever grateful to him. He went on to later help me navigate through school issues with my daughter. His heart was always for kids and helping them. My condolences to his wife children and extended family.*

Martha Munroe

Martha Munroe - August 26, 2019 at 01:18 PM

KV

“ Elgin always had a smile and comforting voice for all his students. He cared for every child's success. No matter the intensity of a school problem, his first thoughts were about taking care of his kids. He was indeed a "Life Coach" for everyone that came in contact with his welcoming smile. Mine and Sara's heart are saddened by this moment and we send our love to the family.

Ken and Sara Vaughn

Ken Vaughn - August 26, 2019 at 01:15 PM

RB

“ Elgin always had a song on his lips. Any conversation led to some song or another. I had the privilege of working with Johnson at Nichols for the last two years. He always had an open door and would listen intently to anything I rambled on about. You will deeply be missed. My condolences and prayers go out to your family.
Ronda Bizzell and family

Ronda Bizzell - August 25, 2019 at 07:59 PM

TR

“ Elgin was one of the nicest guys I have ever known. He was always up for a laugh and a good joke. Levi thought he was the best soccer coach. Deepest sympathies to Penny, Beau, and Spencer.

TJ and Melody Rucker

TJ Rucker - August 25, 2019 at 04:44 PM