



Johnny Ray Johnston

December 24, 1937 - March 15, 2022

Johnny Johnston passed away in his home with his family by his side March 15, 2022. He was a loving husband, father, "Poppa" and friend. Johnny was born to the late Alton and Verna Johnston in Troup, Texas. The family moved to Jacksonville during his adolescence where he became a star basketball player. He led the Indians to the 1956 State Championship and was named MVP. After graduation he attended Tyler Jr. College, where he met his wife, Mary, of 63 years. While there he was named All American, and in 2001 inducted into the Apache Ring of Honor. Following his stellar career at TJC, he was recruited by Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas to continue playing the sport he loved. Again, he had an outstanding career that led him to being named to the Cardinal Hall of Fame. He earned a degree in Business and Education.

Johnny's professional career as a teacher/coach began in Kountze, Texas. He then moved to Huntington and on to Nacogdoches. While in Nacogdoches, he became the high school principal. Following 16 years of dedication to Nacogdoches High School, Johnny was named Superintendent at Chapel Hill Independent School District. He retired with 35 years of service in public education where he impacted many lives. A few years after retirement, he returned to his passion for teaching and coaching at All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler.

Johnny is survived by his loving family, including wife Mary; daughter, Micki Johnston Scoggins; son, Alan Johnston and wife, Leann; son, Kyle Johnston, all of Tyler. Three grandchildren; Kennedy and husband, Andrew May of Tyler; Rachel Johnston of Dallas; Caleb Johnston of Houston. Three great grandchildren; Parker, Preston, and Claire May, all of Tyler. Sister, Maxine Robertson of Jacksonville; countless nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by parents Alton and Verna Johnston of Jacksonville; brother, Alton Johnston of Ft Necessity, Louisiana; brother, Delbert Johnston of Nacogdoches; sister, Sue Wallace of Frankston.

Additionally, sincere gratitude goes to Sandra and Donna of Hospice Plus for their care and friendship.

Graveside services are scheduled for 2:00 pm on March 17, 2022 at Bullard Community Cemetery, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home, with Dr. David O. Dykes officiating. A reception for family and friends will follow graveside services at Stewart Family Funeral Home from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

Pallbearers will be Caleb Johnston, Andrew May, Charlie Johnston, Kevin Johnston, Larry Robertson, Ronnie Lucas, Ray Fore and Tyle Fore.

The family requests memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County (www.alzalliance.org) 211 Winchester Dr., Tyler, TX 75701 or the TJC Foundation (www.tjc.edu/foundation) P.O. Box 9020, Tyler, TX 75711-9020.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bullard Community Cemetery
1855 CR 344
Bullard, TX 75757

Reception following service

MAR 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home Hospitality Room
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler
Tyler, TX 75703
admin@stewartfamilyfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Johnny Ray Johnston



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 16, 2022 at 11:43 AM

RS

“ I just learned about Johnny Johnston's death today.

I didn't play basketball at Nacogdoches High School, but he taught a history class that I was in. He, along with others through the years, encouraged my love for history. To this day I still love history. And Coach Johnston fueled those flames!

May the Lord God of the heavens and the earth, Who sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to be the Savior of sinners, be your comfort and give you His grace and mercy,

Richard Short

During a brief time at Nacogdoches H S

Richard Short - March 23, 2022 at 11:36 AM

MB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I'm certain you all know that this man was loved by SO MANY!!! He helped make my highschool years much more enjoyable as he was extremely caring, fair and loving to all his students. God bless you all.

Missy Evans Barnes - March 18, 2022 at 11:38 AM

TB

“ Micki,
I'm so very sorry for the loss of your father.
My thoughts and prayers have been with you
and your family during this difficult time.



Trish Brown - March 17, 2022 at 10:38 PM

JS

“ Mary Martha, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers and thoughts are with you and the family. Janice Shipp Smith

Jan Smith - March 17, 2022 at 06:23 PM

PP

“ I am so sorry for the loss of this great man! Mr. Johnston was my high school principal. Years later, he was my superintendent in Chapel Hill, where I worked as a teacher. He was a great leader who set a great example for his employees. I remember him prefacing his jokes at our district meetings, “Sorry Penny, I know that you have heard this one before ,...” since I had known him for so many years. Mr. Johnston was a wonderful role model and a positive influence on the many students, staff, friends, and most of all, his family! He will be greatly missed!



I send prayers of comfort to his family during this difficult time!

Penny Peacock

Penny Peacock - March 17, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnny Ray Johnston.



March 17, 2022 at 12:10 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Johnny Ray Johnston.



March 16, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Ray Johnston.*



March 16, 2022 at 04:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Johnny Ray Johnston.*



March 16, 2022 at 04:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Johnny Ray Johnston.*



March 16, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ 125 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 16, 2022 at 11:16 AM