



Billy Allen Johnson

December 28, 1935 - June 8, 2024

Billy Allen Johnson passed away on Saturday, June 8th, 2024. He is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Joyce McWaters Johnson, Alpharetta, GA; his loving children, daughter, Roslyn Giannoni (Rick Giannoni) McKinney, TX, son, Ryan Johnson, Alpharetta, GA, daughter, Ree Gilkenson (Bob Gilkenson), Cumming, GA; and was a wonderful Grandy to his 10 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. He loved his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law as if they were his own siblings. He was preceded in death by his son, Rexford Allen Johnson; father, Rev. Eddie R. Johnson; mother, Essie Eugene Knight Johnson; brothers, Jerry Willis Johnson, James Wallace Johnson, and Eddie Randall Johnson.

He was born at home in Gwinnett County, December 28th, 1935 to Eddie and Essie Johnson. He was the oldest of 4 boys. He enlisted in the Georgia National Guard where he served for 10 years. Joyce and he married on June 3, 1955.

He always had an entrepreneurial spirit and after working for Dealers Supply in Atlanta, GA, he used his many skills to develop various businesses. Among those were owning a gas station and Johnson Heating and Air; however, his true craft was building houses. He built a successful career as a home builder across Metro Atlanta for over 30 years, eventually retiring to the home he built in Blairsville, GA in 2000.

If you knew Bill, you knew Music was the rhythm of his soul. He was a founding Member of the North Georgia School of Gospel Music and served as President as well as executive member of the board for many years. Always a lover of music, he learned to play the guitar at 60 years old and used his gift of singing and playing to minister in various nursing homes and assisted living homes in Blairsville, GA for 15+ years and then again in Cumming, GA for several more. He sang in choir and was ordained as a Deacon in 1976 at Union Grove Baptist Church. He served in that capacity in every church he attended and was a faithful member of Brookwood Baptist Church, Cumming, GA, since he and Joyce moved to Cumming in 2017.

He had a quick wit and a very keen sense of humor. With his character and reputation going before him, he was loved by everyone that came in contact with him. His ability for compassion, serving and giving was extraordinary and he touched many people over the years through the Lions Club, coaching little league baseball at Rock Chapel in Lithonia, church, business, friends and family. Kindness, gratefulness and genuine love for people were easy for him because of his love for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, which he wanted to share with everyone. In his final home at Village Park Assisted Living in Alpharetta, he was cherished and loved by the staff, who ministered to him so faithfully.

We were blessed to call him Husband, Dad and Grandy. While we are sad he is gone, we are thankful that through our hope in Jesus that we will see him again.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 2:00 PM at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel with Minister Cliff Duren officiating; interment will follow at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Wednesday, June 12, 2024 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Tunnels to Towers, an organization that supports the needs of our nation's greatest heroes and their families, including veterans and first responders. To donate, go to T2T.org and click on the DONATE NOW button.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 American Legion Rd NE
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

JUN 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Tribute Wall



“ *Scot Ward Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Billy Allen Johnson*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - June 12, 2024 at 04:25 PM

VS

Beautiful service! ❤️🙏 Love you Cuz!

Vic & Wanda Shumate - June 12, 2024 at 05:00 PM

VS

“ *Bill Johnson! I love you Cuz! Wanda & I Always enjoyed our time with you and Joyce! Go rest high on that mountain, you are there in that land that God promised us! Sit down or stand and walk around till we see you there!*

*Vic & Wanda Shumate
Auburndale, FI 33823*



Vic & Wanda Shumate - June 12, 2024 at 12:57 PM

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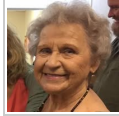
“ Simply stated, I loved and respected Bill Johnson so much! He was a gentle man like my own father and Bill was always wise in his words. I spent time in his home and loved his family of course with Rex, Roslyn, Ryan, and Ree being some of my best friends growing up. Back then we called ourselves "singing friends" as we shared a love for gospel music and singing conventions. Roslyn was my pianist for many years in the 1980s. The accolades I could say about Bill certainly reflect the same in the beautiful person that is Joyce. My love and condolences to the Johnson Family. My heart breaks to be unable to attend the funeral service today for health reasons. I love this family so much. God works in not-so-mysterious ways. In 1990, Bill invited my family to sing at their August Homecoming. I was on the south side of Atlanta as a minister of music. My parents still lived in Alpharetta. That was the last time I would see my dad, James, alive before his passing at that Homecoming service. The spirit moved on our last song. My dad's eyes were filled with tears. I stopped and hugged my father and told him I loved him as I went to my seat. I have always believed it was the hand of God that moved Bill to invite us to sing on that day. Bill Johnson was a man of faith and a humble servant of the Lord in all he did. God bless his memory and God bless the Johnson family and the service today. J. Marlon Nunnally 6/12/24

J. Marlon Nunnally - June 12, 2024 at 11:07 AM

RG

So thankful for that testimony! You are surely loved and missed!

Rick Giannoni - June 14, 2024 at 11:15 AM



Joyce I realize what a full and happy life you and he enjoyed. He had to be awesome, Just reading about Bill and your activities, I know there will be a great emptiness in your immediate days and I'll keep you in my prayers, knowing every minute our God through his Spirit is always comforting you. I didn't get to know him at the Reunions at Bare Bones; the loss is mine. I do remember what a joy your Granddaughter was with her piano playing. You're blessed with such a fine family who, with our Lord, will fulfill these coming days with comfort, peace and love.

Anne Jackson-White

Anne White - June 17, 2024 at 02:17 PM

GA

“ He was one of the finest men I ever met. I enjoyed knowing him, both personally and professionally at Peoples Bank. My sincere condolences.

Garry Anderson



Garry Anderson - June 11, 2024 at 07:30 PM

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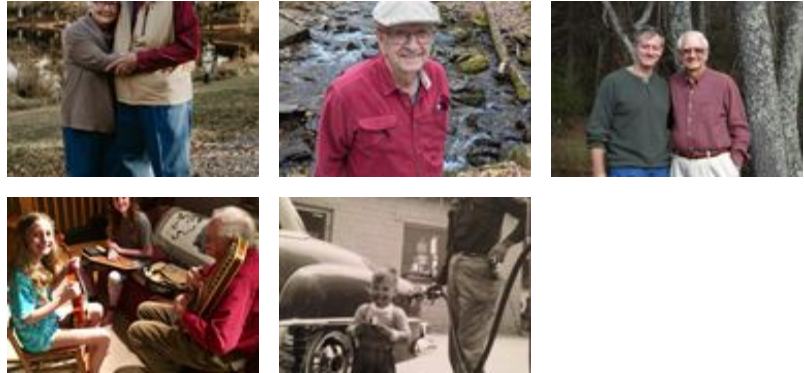
“ Our deepest sympathy as you say goodbye Billy. We have loved watching his singing videos and imagine him praising loudly in heaven!

Bob and Cindy Luvender

Cindy Luvender - June 11, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ 99 files added to the album LifeTributes



Scot Ward Funeral Services - June 11, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ Our prayers and condolences go out to Ms. Joyce and family. Since meeting Mr. Bill and Ms. Joyce in 2017 when they first came to Brookwood they have been a Blessing to me and our family and our lives are forever better for the love they shared each day! All though we will miss you, we know you gained your crown in heaven and will reside with our Savior God forever! May God continue to Bless your family!

Paul Thompson - June 11, 2024 at 11:15 AM



“ Gene and Danita Reeves purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Billy Allen Johnson.



Gene and Danita Reeves - June 11, 2024 at 08:29 AM

PS

“ With deepest heartfelt sympathy and much love,
Peggy B. Sheppard

Peggy Sheppard - June 10, 2024 at 06:05 PM

RC

“ I was two years old, I'm told, when my mother and father, Eddie and Peggy Culver, met Billy and Joyce while serving in the National Guard. They have been good friends ever since. The only thing I truly remember was the laughter. We always had a good time when we were together.

Ricky Culver - June 10, 2024 at 04:28 PM

PC

“ Have known Billy since the 1950's. Our families traveled together. My husband served with him in the National Guard. We had many happy times. Love to the family.

Peggy Culver - June 10, 2024 at 03:37 PM



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



June 10, 2024 at 03:33 PM

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“ Anchor Church Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Allen Johnson.

Anchor Church Family - June 10, 2024 at 03:33 PM

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“ My favorite memory with Grandy was playing with him in the creek up in Blairsville when I was little. He always called me Boo-boo and my cousin Pokey. Even in his 70s he was up early in the morning chopping wood with an axe. I am so proud to have been able to call him my great grandfather for the past 19 and a half years. My Grandy was the most amazing man I knew, and was truly an example of what it means to love others. I love him so much, and I know he’s watching over all of the family now.

Bella Giannoni (Boo-boo) - June 10, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Bill's Love for Music & Family



Scott Johnson - June 10, 2024 at 02:49 PM

AS

“ With sympathy, love and prayers, Alan and Deborah Sullivan

Alan Sullivan - June 10, 2024 at 02:40 PM

KS

“ Kay,Kenny,Mitch and Shelly purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Billy Allen Johnson.



Kay,Kenny,Mitch and Shelly - June 10, 2024 at 02:06 PM