



William Earl "Bill" Johnson

September 12, 1950 - August 28, 2020

William Earl "Bill" Johnson, age 69, of Huntington, died at 11:29 a.m. Friday, August 28, 2020 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Saturday, September 5, 2020 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. A memorial service will immediately follow at 12 p.m. Saturday at Bailey-Love Mortuary.

The family requests instead of flower gifts, memorial contributions be made to Doreen Johnson for funeral expenses, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Bill was born on September 12, 1950 in Huntington, the son of Earl A. and Effie M. (Goble) Johnson. He graduated from Huntington High School in 1968 and married Doreen Petersen on January 23, 1988 in Huntington. Bill worked for Good Humor-Breyers Ice Cream in Huntington. Retiring after 30 years and ran his own lawn care business, Johnson Lawn Care. He was a life member of the VFW Post #2689 Auxiliary of Huntington and a member of the Huntington County Sheriff's Disaster Team. He sponsored co-ed softball for many years and enjoyed fishing, watching NASCAR, working on cars, and coloring with his grandchildren. Most of all, he loved his family and his beloved dog named Gracie Mae.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Doreen Johnson of Huntington, three daughters, Kelly (Troy) Weinley of Huntington, Dana (Stephanie) Smart of Lexington Park, Maryland, and Jillian (Brandon) Keister of Plymouth, a son David Smart of Anderson, three grandchildren, Aarika (Matt) Whitesell of Huntington, Arianna Keister of Plymouth, and Emma Smart of Lexington Park, Maryland, two great grandsons Lee Whitesell and William Whitesell, both of Huntington. He is also survived by two sisters, Susan (Roger) Couch and Laura (Larry) Dinius, both of Roanoke. His parents precede him in death.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of William Earl "Bill" Johnson*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - September 04, 2020 at 04:17 PM

TS

“ *To Bill's family and friends our thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Terry and Sue



Terry E Scher - October 16, 2020 at 09:49 PM

KM

“ *What can I say about Bill that everyone hasn't already said? He was a rare soul that filled the last 8 years of my life with happiness. He was the BEST neighbor, that everyone wished they had. I just loved my daily waves from his garage. I catch myself looking down there and waving and then reality hits me...*

Bill would have done anything for anyone, no questions asked. Once you were his friend, he watched out for you. We always said we were the neighborhood watch. He'd watch our home when we went away and we did the same when him and Doreen would leave. To be honest, he was always watching out for me. I felt safe when my husband would have to be out overnight because I knew Bill was right there.

I was terrified of guns but after Bill talked with me and actually taught me about firearms, I felt comfortable and purchased one. He showed me how to tear it apart and gave me tips about shooting.

My husband and I would go down and visit all the time until Covid happened. We decided to stay away due to their health. However, a week before Bill passed, we walked down and Bill came out to the garage and we just talked about life. Doreen, I'll be forever grateful for the both of you. You've never judged us and welcomed us into this neighborhood with open arms. All the visits, stories, food, phone calls, etc. I will hold dear to my heart.

God, please be with Doreen and the rest of their family and friends during this tragic time. Wrap your arms around each and every one of them. Help comfort them.

Rest In Peace Bill, we will sure miss your face.

Kristy & Sam Moore

Kristy Moore - September 04, 2020 at 08:17 PM

BL

“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - September 04, 2020 at 03:54 PM

LA

so sorry for your loss we are parying for you all.larry @pat covey

larrypatcovey - September 05, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ Doreen, So sorry for your loss he was much too young , you were cheated of a lot of years with you and moments with grandchildren.

Barry Cochran - September 04, 2020 at 03:45 PM

MW

“ Michael Winkler lit a candle in memory of William Earl "Bill" Johnson



Michael winkler - September 03, 2020 at 05:12 PM

KH

“ Kirk & Kim Heyde lit a candle in memory of William Earl "Bill" Johnson



Kirk & Kim Heyde - September 02, 2020 at 11:58 PM

RM

“ Richard Morris lit a candle in memory of William Earl "Bill" Johnson



Richard Morris - September 02, 2020 at 03:04 PM

RP

“ Ron & Vicki Pearson lit a candle in memory of William Earl "Bill" Johnson



Ron & Vicki Pearson - September 02, 2020 at 08:19 AM

MC

“ All of our love and prayers for the Johnson/Keister family. May he Rest In Peace. Love, Melanie, Olivia and Brody Collins



Melanie Collins - September 01, 2020 at 10:31 PM

PL

“ Pam Leyman lit a candle in memory of William Earl "Bill" Johnson



Pam Leyman - September 01, 2020 at 09:07 PM

LF

“ Lloyd Fishbaugh lit a candle in memory of William Earl "Bill" Johnson



Lloyd fishbaugh - September 01, 2020 at 07:23 PM



“ Kimberly White sent a virtual gift in memory of William Earl "Bill" Johnson



Kimberly White - September 01, 2020 at 05:53 PM

JT

“ Jenny & Rich Tilden lit a candle in memory of William Earl "Bill" Johnson



Jenny & Rich Tilden - September 01, 2020 at 05:18 PM

NS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Noel Summers - September 01, 2020 at 04:59 PM

NS

“ Noel Summers sent a virtual gift in memory of William Earl "Bill" Johnson



Noel Summers - September 01, 2020 at 04:57 PM

SG

“ Shirley Gardner lit a candle in memory of William Earl "Bill" Johnson



Shirley gardner - August 31, 2020 at 08:38 PM

TG

“ Tina Gressley lit a candle in memory of William Earl "Bill" Johnson



Tina Gressley - August 31, 2020 at 08:29 PM

JB

“ Love and hugs to the family, RIP Bill



Joe and Jane Burkhart - August 31, 2020 at 04:20 PM

JS

There was my best friend from first grade on till God took his last breath

Joel Summers - September 01, 2020 at 04:55 PM

MW

“ Best neighbor anyone could ask for! I saw a cartoon on Facebook a few years ago showing two grown men having a snow fight with snowblowers pointing at each other. Someone made the comment that they could see Bill and I doing that! He agreed!😂 He was a lot of fun and we had each others back! Even my dog Paisley loved him! Anytime the garage door went up she would run and jump on his lap so hard that it would bout knock him out of his chair! A lot of good times, good talks, and good fellowship! Love ya man! Will really miss you! I know I will see you later my brother!❤️

Mark Wagner - August 31, 2020 at 10:56 AM

RD

“ Randy Denton lit a candle in memory of William Earl "Bill" Johnson



Randy Denton - August 31, 2020 at 07:19 AM

SB

“ i would always walk down the road to go in his house a grab some pennies and take some gum balls. he would always drive us on the golf cart he had. i remember having a fire with him and i fell asleep to him telling his stories about shooting the coyotes.. i'll forever miss you 😞- staysha burnworth

staysha burnworth - August 31, 2020 at 02:53 AM