



Roger Harold Johnson

July 21, 1933 - September 16, 2022

Mr. Roger Harold Johnson, age 89, of Fairburn, Georgia passed away Friday, September 16, 2022.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Floyce Johnson and brother, Donald Johnson. He is survived by his wife, Marian Jenne Johnson of Fairburn, GA; their children, Julia "Julie" Blake (Jack) of Beaufort, SC, Joel Johnson (Lori) of Myrtle Beach, SC, Jeffrey Johnson of Chevy Chase, MD, Jennifer Little (Chip) of Playa Potrero, Costa Rica; brothers, Dennis Johnson (Dianne), Kenneth Johnson (Burgess); grandchildren, Zachary Johnson, Molly Johnson, Trey Little (Haley), Johnson Little, and nephew, Don Johnson (Alecia) along with many other loved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Roger grew up in Union City, attended Campbell High School in Fairburn where he played basketball and graduated in 1951. His passion for flying started as a teenager which led him to obtain his pilot's license. He served in the Air Force as an instrument instructor and ultimately became an Air Traffic Controller with the Federal Aviation Agency in 1958 where he earned the nickname of "Magic" for his air traffic maneuvers. After retiring in 1989, he and Marian started refurbishing historical buildings in Downtown Fairburn while remaining active at Fairburn United Methodist church and Southside Theatre Guild. He served as the President and "official coffee maker" for the DP Johnston Sunday school class for over 50 years. In the 70s, Roger's theater stage debut landed him the cameo role of delivery man in Barefoot in the Park. It was the beginning of Roger's participation, involvement, leadership

and acting in the theater which earned him many awards and years of accolades. His contributions to STG and the community resulted in very special and lifelong friendships. He loved golf and numerous other hobbies but is best known for “piddly paddling” around. He met his soulmate, Marian, in 1956 on a blind date. They were devoted to each other for 64 years sharing travels and hobbies while raising their children and the “Fairburn village”. “It is what it is” was a classic saying of his. Next time you eat a Moonpie or a Varsity hotdog... do so in memory of him. Cheers to Roger!

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 2 o'clock at Fairburn United Methodist Church with Rev. Alvin Lingenfelter officiating. Interment will follow at Holly Hill Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Tuesday, September 20, evening from 5:00 until 7:00 at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory.

Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. 770-964-4800.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following groups Roger loved: Southside Theatre Guild in Fairburn GA, www.stgplays.com
Fairburn United Methodist Church, 5 Washington Street, Fairburn, GA 30213

Cemetery Details

Holly Hill Memorial Park

359 W. Broad Street
Fairburn, GA 30213

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory
8355 Senoia Road
Fairburn, GA 30213
(770) 964-4800
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<https://www.parrottfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fairburn United Methodist Church
5 Washington St.
Fairburn, GA 30213

Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger Harold Johnson*



Parrott Funeral Home - September 19, 2022 at 01:15 PM

CH

“ *My deepest condolences to all of you. May the memories forever live in your heart. May Peace be with you at this time. Cheney CHS74*

Cheney - September 24, 2022 at 09:03 AM

AM

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss.
I have wonderful memories of hanging out at your house— always a fun adventure,
I'm betting it was Roger who constructed the first zip-line ever —right there in the backyard!
Your family was always warm & welcoming.
Roger will be missed by all & he will always be in your hearts.*



Anita Parrott Marchand - September 21, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roger Harold Johnson.*



September 21, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Roger was one of the friendliest and kindest men we have ever known, and Jane and I will always remember our time with him at the theater and seeing him around Fairburn in that big blue and white suburban. It was an honor to know him and work with him, and while we have lost a great person, heaven has gained an angel for sure. I am sorry we will not be able to attend the funeral today Marian, but please know that we will be there in spirit, and we are sending lots of love and hugs to you, and the entire family. God bless you all, and God bless you Roger until we meet again. We love you! Peter and Jane Morgan*

PETER M. MORGAN - September 21, 2022 at 07:23 AM



“ *Roger, we have to give you one final clearance.
You are cleared present position direct heaven !*

Ferrell Holt - September 20, 2022 at 11:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger Harold Johnson.*



September 20, 2022 at 03:16 PM

TF

“ *The Greenville Auto Auction Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Roger Harold Johnson.*



The Greenville Auto Auction Family - September 20, 2022 at 08:24 AM

RR

“ *Roger was perhaps the kindest man I ever met. He greeted everyone with first a smile and then a hand shake!*

Robert Ray - September 20, 2022 at 02:59 AM

PH

“ *Although we lived far apart you, Roger and Marian were special friends. We cherish the memories of good times we shared together. Jon and Phyllis*

Phyllis - September 19, 2022 at 10:34 PM

WF

“ *Woodside/Davis families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roger Harold Johnson.*



Woodside/Davis families - September 19, 2022 at 10:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Harold Johnson.*



September 19, 2022 at 09:16 PM



“ *Jayne Bennett SSTG Alumni 70's lit a candle in memory of Roger Harold Johnson*



Jayne Bennett SSTG Alumni 70's - September 19, 2022 at 06:59 PM



“ *David and Lori Rill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roger Harold Johnson.*



David and Lori Rill - September 19, 2022 at 06:57 PM



“ *A sweet man and will be missed. We have not seen him much lately, but have fond memories of him. Our prayers are with the family.*

. Danny and Nina

Danny Abercrombie - September 19, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Roger Harold Johnson.



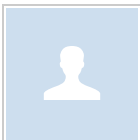
September 19, 2022 at 06:20 PM



“ 24 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Parrott Funeral Home - September 19, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Roger Harold Johnson.



September 19, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Roger Harold Johnson.*



September 19, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ *What a wonderful person. We were all blessed by Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and all they did for the Fairburn community. God bless you all.*

Mark Sayer

Mark Sayer - September 19, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Buckle up, Roger. Your flight plan to Heaven has been approved and you are cleared for takeoff. Bon voyage!*

Tom & Patricia Wilson - September 19, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *Jarma and Tony Khoury purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Roger Harold Johnson.*



Jarma and Tony Khoury - September 19, 2022 at 04:27 AM

KD

“ *Kitty Polston Dopp lit a candle in memory of Roger Harold Johnson*



Kitty Polston Dopp - September 19, 2022 at 01:32 AM

FH

“ *I want to extend my most heartfelt condolences to Marian, Julie, Joel, Jeff and Jennifer. I have several fond memories of Roger during my high school years and I always thought so very highly of him. He embodied what all of us should aspire to be. We are all truly blessed to have known him. I thank him for his service to his country and his community. I have thought of you all since I learned of his passing and will continue to pray for you all. God's grace and mercy will comfort and sustain you in the days ahead.*

Ferrell Holt - September 19, 2022 at 12:42 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roger Harold Johnson.*



September 18, 2022 at 08:52 PM

DG

“ *Denise Whitlock Grove lit a candle in memory of Roger Harold Johnson*



Denise Whitlock Grove - September 18, 2022 at 08:37 PM

DG

Ron & I have Roger's entire family in our thoughts & prayers. We are both grateful for our times together. Sincerest condolences 🌸

Denise Whitlock Grove - September 18, 2022 at 08:39 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Roger Harold Johnson.*



September 18, 2022 at 07:00 PM

ML

“ *How fortunate and lucky we have been to have the Johnsons as part of “our family” for the past 35 years! We have shared many special celebrations and holidays. We are thinking of all of you and sharing your loss. We know you all realize how blessed you have been. We wish we could be there, but are sending you many thoughts and love to each of you.*

marilee and tommie little - September 18, 2022 at 02:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger Harold Johnson.*



September 18, 2022 at 12:47 PM



“ *Mr Johnson was as much of a father to me as my own dad, and I loved him dearly. Nothing can replace groaning up around the Johnson home as a kid. God bless Marion, Julie, Joel, Jeff and Jennifer as they are my extended family.*

Tommy Oswald - September 18, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ *Chuck Waterhouse lit a candle in memory of Roger Harold Johnson*



Chuck Waterhouse - September 18, 2022 at 08:13 AM



“ Being the president of the D. P. Johnston Sunday School class at Fairburn United Methodist Church, Roger was responsible for getting teachers. He stayed on my case to teach for so long that I finally relented. That was 18 years ago. He was persuasive in a good way. Ah, but would ALL presidents have his moral qualities and ways, the world would not be in the trouble it is in today.



Roger unceremoniously slipped into the Sunday school classroom every Sunday morning and made sure we had coffee to drink. He gave his time and talent to construct sets for The Southside Theatre Guild and often participated in some of the plays. If I ever found out that Roger was going to be in a play, I made my plans to attend for I knew there would be laughter and fun to be had.

Roger's and Marian's children grew up with my children. What fun we all had at Wildwood Swimming Pool when the kids were growing up. We hauled kids back and forth for playdates and band practices. We went on Methodist retreats with the church up to Lake Junaluska in the Ashville NC area, and down to Epworth by the Sea at St. Simons, GA. We often met with a group from church to enjoy dinner on a Friday night and solve the world's problems, but more than anything we enjoyed the friendship, laughter, and just being together. I will forever cherish the memories we made.

To Marian, Julie, Joel, Jennifer, and Jeff, I pray that you will find peace in knowing that Roger lived such an exemplary life and that others share in your sadness at this time.

Proverbs 22:1 – “A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold.”

Julie, Joel, Jennifer, and Jeff, your dad passed on a good name of which you all can be proud.

Margaret and Gordon Kilgore

Margaret Kilgore - September 17, 2022 at 06:18 PM

JB

We LOVE your tribute! Thank you so much for your kind words. Your friendship is very appreciated. We love our name and know the depth to which we must measure up.

Julia Johnson Blake - September 17, 2022 at 07:45 PM

JR

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Marian and their family. We have so many cherished memories of time spent with Roger over the past 40+ years and he will forever hold a special place in our hearts. RIP*

JANET REED - September 17, 2022 at 05:14 PM

JB

Thanks so much Janet & Ted!

Julia Johnson Blake - September 17, 2022 at 07:46 PM

SW

*To Marian, Julie, Joel, Jeff & Jennifer,
My deepest sympathy to you. Your husband and Dad was a asset to Fairburn and Fairburn Methodist Church. He ranked high on the spectrum of special men in the church and influences in my life. I will miss seeing him on Sundays and singing in the choir with him. Julie, Joel, Jeff & Jennifer I know how tough this is to lose your dad, remember all the good times and that he was a man devoted to GOD. Trust in God to get you through these times. May he Rest in Peace in the hands of GOD.*

*Love,
Sue Watson*

Sue Watson - September 19, 2022 at 09:50 AM

JE

My sympathy to you Marion and all your family. Although I didn't know him well I did know how friendly and cheerful he was.

Janice Erwin

Janice Erwin - September 20, 2022 at 06:09 AM