



Philip "Bird" Johnston

February 10, 1945 - February 13, 2026

Philip Duane "Bird" Johnston, 81, husband of Kathy Dobson Johnston, went to be with the Lord February 13, 2026.

Born February 10, 1945, to the late Rev. Karl Wesley Johnston and Ruth Adams Johnston in Iva, South Carolina, with his sister, Karla Johnston and brother, David Johnston, the family moved to Greer where his father served the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Philip later became a member of Memorial Methodist Church, Greer.

Philip graduated from Clemson University with a degree in financial management. He was a tiger fan win or lose, but when Clemson won, all was right with the world. He enjoyed his employment with several architecture and engineering firms in Greenville and the opportunities that gave him to see this country.

He and his wife Kathy treasured the 57 years they had together and their family; children, Jennifer Johnston (Dereck) and Andy Johnston (Jenny); and grandchildren, Zach Dorn, Tillie Rea Johnston, Agnes Johnston, and Gretchen Johnston. Bird was never happier than when he was taking Zach to the Clock or welcoming his granddaughters from Savannah. Cocoa was his grandpuppy who made him feel better when he was feeling down.

In his later years Philip endured some illness, but he did not let that diminish his joy. He loved his life, his family, and his friends deeply. Love was his strength.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 16, 2026, at

Memorial Methodist Church conducted by Rev. David Smith and Rev. David Johnston. Burial will follow in Wood Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held 12:45-1:45 p.m., Monday, February 16, 2026, at the church.

The family will be at the home.

Memorials may be made to Memorial Methodist Church, 201 North Main Street, Greer, South Carolina 29650.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road
Duncan, SC 29334

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Memorial Methodist Church
201 N Main Street
Greer, SC 29650

Service

FEB 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Sending condolences to the family. We will be praying for y'all. Brent and Amanda*

Amanda Morgan - February 15 at 05:01 PM

JS

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Jeremy Short - February 15 at 05:00 PM

HH

“ *Hal, Diane, Gene Heidt purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Philip "Bird" Johnston.*



Hal, Diane, Gene Heidt - February 15 at 02:10 PM

CM

“ *I'm sending my condolences to the family! I'm so so sorry for your loss. I just waited on him at the clock with Zach. It was his birthday and he wanted to get him a birthday cake! Always remember to live life like it's your last. I will miss him. He was such a beautiful soul! God got him a very special Angel! He will be missed*

Christina Mayfield - February 14 at 10:04 PM

ND

“ Norman and Delane Dukes purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Philip "Bird" Johnston.



Norman and Delane Dukes - February 14 at 04:06 PM

AB

“ Allison Burnett lit a candle in memory of Philip Johnston



Allison Burnett - February 14 at 03:43 PM

KC

A great guy who could make anyone laugh 😊. He and I worked at CRSS at the same time. RIP PHIL 🙏.

Kitt Cureton-Brown - February 15 at 05:39 PM