



Preston B. Johnson

July 1, 1945 - January 27, 2016

Preston Boyd Johnson, 70, died January 27, 2016 at his home.

A native of Greenville County, he was a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran, a retired employee of AAA Cooper and a member of Washington Baptist Church. Mr. Johnson was Vice President of D.A.V. of South Carolina, a mason and Past Master of Mt. Horeb Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Lou McGowan Johnson of the home; a daughter, Anissa Rene Johnson of Greer; a son, Gregory Brandon Johnson (Stacie) of Florence; a grandson, Tallon Johnson; a sister, Rebecca Galloway of Alpharetta, Georgia; and adopted son, Dave Taylor of Taylors.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Washington Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. Drew Hines. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memory Gardens with full military honors.

Honorary escorts will be members of the D.A.V. Chapter 39, members of Greer High School Class of 1963 and Faith Riders.

Visitation will be held 6:00-8:00 p.m. Friday at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to D.A.V. Chapter 39, 210 Pelham Street, Greer, SC 29651 or Shriner's Hospital for Children, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

JAN 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Washington Baptist Church
3500 North Highway14
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ I only had the privilege to work with Preston briefly for Freedom Blast weekend this past year but enjoyed every minute. His kind demeanor and loving spirit will definitely be missed and live on in my memory as this world deals with the loss of a Army brother in arms. Thanks for the laughs, war stories and your service Preston.

Chris Jones

Chris Jones - February 03, 2016 at 12:21 PM

TR

“ We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Preston. He was a great friend to the veterans, and especially to the POWs. We extend our sympathy to the family and pray that their grief might be lightened.

Treva Raby and family.

Treva E. Raby - January 31, 2016 at 12:03 PM



“ Preston was well known and respected in the Veteran community here in the Greenville area. I enjoyed working with him in the DAV and other Veteran activities. He was a good friend, and he will be sorely missed by all of us in the DAV. My condolences to his loving family. Bill Pray - Disabled American Veterans Chapter 1 - Greenville, South Carolina

William Pray - January 30, 2016 at 10:24 AM

CG

“ Preston exemplified through out his life, his caring and loving ways that showed each and everyday of his Love for Our Lord and his fellow Veterans. The Disabled American Veterans will miss Preston, for his leadership, caring and loving ways, and his quick smile. Mary Lou and Family, Love and Prayers with you at this time and always. You have been Blessed by Our Lord for a wonderful husband and family man.

Charlotte Gillespie
SC DAV Departament Commander

Charlotte Gillsespie - January 30, 2016 at 08:04 AM

MD

“ Mrs. Mary Lou Johnson,
We are saddened by the passing of a true leader, who not only served his country with distinction but assisted his comrades to ensure they received a quality of life that they fought so hard for. The life of Commander Johnson will be remembered as someone who truly cared.

His dedication to assist others will be forever remembered through the lives he touched. The God of all comfort will be near to you in your deepest grief. Please extend our sympathy to your entire family.

In Friendship and care,

Michael P. Dover
Disabled American Veterans
National Chaplain

Michael Dover - January 29, 2016 at 07:07 PM

SW

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Preston was a wonderful man and was so kind and helpful to our family. He always had a smile and a hug for us each time we saw him. Everyone should be the type of person Preston was and this world would be a better place! He will always be in our hearts! Such a gracious, kind, loving and giving man!!!

Sally and Ken Wise - January 29, 2016 at 10:32 AM

GL

“ GW and Evelyn Lankford and Wayne and Diane Lankford purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Preston B. Johnson.



GW and Evelyn Lankford and Wayne and Diane Lankford -
January 29, 2016 at 10:29 AM

AJ

“ Preston was a great man, father, husband, and mentor. He felt like a father to a lot of us in the band program and even until the end was full of spirit and love. His calm demeanor and infectious laugh was a blessing to anyone who met him. Preston Johnson was the epitome of a gentleman and a man to emulate. I will miss him and all of our conversations about helicopters. He's the only Army guy that I would ever let tease me about being a Jarhead! We love you all and our prayers are with you.

Adam and Jenny James

Adam James - January 29, 2016 at 09:37 AM

DJ

“ So sorry for your loss. We did not know Preston was ill just knew we hadn't seen him in a while. He will be missed greatly. He always had a smile and a hug for me everytime Rudy and I saw him. We will miss those good times and pray for comfort for you and your family.
Love, Rudy and Deb Jordan

Deb Jordan - January 29, 2016 at 09:18 AM

PT

“ With deepest sympathy to the family.
Past Department Commander of DAVAux., S.C.
Patricia W. Thackston

Patricia Thackston - January 29, 2016 at 07:55 AM

WP

“ Preston was a Great person. I was always glad to see that DAV trailer. I always made a point to walk over to see if he was there. Preston called me several years ago wanting to sponsor my Greer REC baseball team. We developed a good friendship and I will miss him.

Wayne Pearson

wayne pearson - January 29, 2016 at 06:13 AM

MA

“ Prayers for Mary Lou and Brandon in the loss of Preston. We remember him fondly at BRHS corps of cadet competitions. God bless you and your family. The Hearnese

Mary - January 28, 2016 at 08:59 PM

JS

“ *Mary Lou and Family, We are so sorry for the loss of Preston. He was a friend to all and his love for Jesus showed in the life that he lived. He loved his family, served his Country, and helped many Veterans and Disabled Veteran in our State. He will be missed. We are and will be praying for peace and comfort for you and your family.*

Janice and Pat Sudduth

Janice Sudduth - January 28, 2016 at 08:35 PM



“ *Sorry to hear one more great Veteran has passed.*

Disabled American Veterans of Indiana.



Terry Sanders - January 28, 2016 at 07:59 PM

BG

“ *Preston was my best friend. I'll miss him greatly. Love Bob & Teresa Galloway*

Bob & Teresa Galloway - January 28, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ *In high school i was like brothers with Brandon Johnson his son and i'll always see Preston as a 2nd dad because the time i spent with their family was like my own. Mary Lou , Brandon, and A.J. you are all in our prayers along with the rest of your family. Heaven just welcomed a very good hard working honorable man into its gates. Love all of you. Call if you need anything.*

Brent,David,and Renee Robison

Brent Robison - January 28, 2016 at 04:57 PM

DM

“ *Doodle May*

Doodle May - January 28, 2016 at 04:50 PM

NB

“ *I spent a lot of time with Preston as we picked up vehicles for different car dealerships and I found that this man was a real hero. He had a distinguished career as a helicopter pilot for the Air Force and after retiring served as an officer for the D.A.V. He helped countless vet with his services. He loved his family, his country and his God. He was always full of life and I never saw him down even after learning of his illness. I have known many people in my life and Preston is at the top of people that I was glad to have as a friend. I will miss him and want the family to know that you are in our prayers. Rest in Peace Preston.*

Nate and Pat Burton - January 28, 2016 at 03:00 PM

JC

“ *James and I are so very sorry to learn of Preston's passing. His smile and laughter will always be in our hearts. We will be praying for peace and comfort for the upcoming days. You all are very special to our family.*

James & Brenda Center - January 28, 2016 at 02:54 PM

SM

“ *We are sorry to hear about Preston. He was a very nice person a good friend. We was glad to get to know him & be friends with him.*



Sam & Sandra McCall - January 28, 2016 at 02:49 PM

SG

“ Preston was loved by many and will be missed by many. Mary Lou we love you and will be praying for you all.

Jeff & Susan Green

Susan Green - January 28, 2016 at 02:42 PM

DH

“ So very sorry for your loss. Preston was a wonderful man and friend.

Dan and Debbie Holtel

DHoltel - January 28, 2016 at 02:34 PM