



Garnette Everette "Slim" Johnson

January 4, 1927 - December 1, 2014

Garnette "Slim" Everette Johnson, Jr., 87, of Mattaponi, VA passed away December 1, 2014.

Slim was a people person, very caring and enjoyed talking to everyone he met. He loved sports, especially coaching the Sandston Jets baseball and football youth teams. Slim was a bowler, who accomplished bowling a 300 game. He was a volunteer fireman for King & Queen Fire Department and served in the Navy during World War II. Slim was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his son Michael Johnson.

Slim is survived by his wife of 66 years, Dolores W. Johnson; his children Virginia Johnson, Catherine Eacho, Robert "Cliff" Johnson, Charlotte Blackwell (Dean), William "Bill" Johnson (Donna), Faith Hooper (Raymond), Garnette "Everette" Johnson, III (Lisa); and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family members.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, December 5th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181.

Tribute Wall



“ *Let It Snow* was purchased for the family of Garnette Everette "Slim" Johnson.



December 04, 2014 at 08:31 AM



“ *Dolores, I was very sorry to read of Garnette's death. Time passes so quickly and I have missed the both of you. Shirley Nixon*

Shirley Nixon - December 04, 2014 at 07:07 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Family Memories*



Virginia Johnson - December 03, 2014 at 05:35 PM



“ *Quiet Expressions* was purchased for the family of Garnette Everette "Slim" Johnson.



December 03, 2014 at 03:10 PM

TH

“ Thanks for the memories Slim and Delores.
I remember having breakfast with them on Saturday mornings at the
old Seven Pines restaurant before our "Jets" football games.
A great couple!

Tom and Linda Hardy

Tom Hardy - December 03, 2014 at 10:41 AM

CE

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Catherine Eacho - December 03, 2014 at 10:39 AM

BH

“ Virginia and family - know that you are
surrounded by the love of friends and His love
- may you have a real sense of God's
presence as you trust Him for gentle comfort
and peace at this sad time - know that
prayers and thoughts are with all of you - may the happy memories
sustain you .



God bless

Betsy Hartz

Betsy Hartz - December 03, 2014 at 09:06 AM

JE

“ My condolences go out to the Johnson family. I hope the Bible brings you comfort during this difficult time. "May the God of all comfort" bring you relief. (2 Cor. 1:3-7)

Josh E. - December 03, 2014 at 06:54 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Garnette Everette "Slim" Johnson.



December 03, 2014 at 06:53 AM

CD

“ Cathy Downs lit a candle in memory of Garnette Everette "Slim" Johnson



Cathy Downs - December 02, 2014 at 07:09 PM

SP

“ Sheree Richmond Purcell sent a virtual gift in memory of Garnette Everette "Slim" Johnson



sheree richmond purcell - December 02, 2014 at 06:04 PM

DR

“Garnette was the best friend of my dad, Lanier Riddell, from the time they were old enough to walk until Dad passed away five years ago. They in fact were on a double date at the Cavalier Skating Rink in Richmond when my parents met. I'd have to be as old as Garnette lived to be to tell all of the stories of the times they shared.

Garnette gave me a nickname that only he and I shared: "Dukie." Not because my name was Doug, and he was saying "Dougie," but because in the early days of live black and white television, in the early 1950s, when he and Delores would faithfully come over each week to watch the Gillette Friday Night Fights with my parents, the first thing "uncle" Garnette would do was to get down in the floor with me, raise his fists, and say "Put up your dukes!." And I did. It wasn't Friday night without them.

In their later years, after Mom passed away, Dad would often visit Garnette and Delores, and following their inevitable trip to a shoe store or outlet mall in Gloucester, Dad would come home with plenty of fish and at least one pair of new shoes--whether he needed them or not. At Dad's funeral, Garnette struggled to express the loss he felt at that moment--the same as my brother and sisters feel at this moment.

I think my sister Lynette put it best when she said that with Garnette Johnson's passing, we lost a little bit more of my dad. I'm sure heaven looks an awful lot like Barton Heights, where Dad and Garnette grew up. And you can rest assured that they're together again, planning something special.

Doug Riddell - December 02, 2014 at 06:01 PM

BD

“ *Betty Deluke lit a candle in memory of Garnette Everette "Slim" Johnson*



betty deluke - December 02, 2014 at 04:11 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Butler lit a candle in memory of Garnette Everette "Slim" Johnson*



Cindy Butler - December 02, 2014 at 03:18 PM

DP

“ *One of the greatest memories for me is for knowing him for 37 years and have my two oldest boys and oldest girl got to hunt with him the last year he was in the woods. Love ya Sonny. David Pollard and family.*

david Pollard - December 02, 2014 at 01:48 PM

KN

My condolences to all of you!! Prayers up!

Kay Nicholas - December 02, 2014 at 03:01 PM

BD

Love and prayers being sent...

betty deluke - December 02, 2014 at 04:10 PM

FS

So sorry for y'all's loss. I used to be your neighbor down Tucker's Beach.

Faith Brooks Silva - December 02, 2014 at 04:47 PM

DW

My sympathies and prayers to the family. I used to bowl with Slim at Eastern Bowl years ago. He was a sweet old soul. Saw him again at my niece's wedding a few years ago and was surprised - didn't know his son Bill was my niece's husband's stepfather.

Dollie Walden - December 03, 2014 at 10:08 AM