



Jerry Vonderlehr Johnson

July 1, 1952 - August 15, 2022

Jerry Vonderlehr Johnson, 70, of Richmond passed away peacefully Monday, August 15, 2022 surrounded by loved ones. He was born on July 1st, 1952 to Thomas O'Connor Johnson Jr. and Marie Dominica Bonini Johnson in Richmond, VA.

Jerry is survived by his wife and best friend, Deborah Vaughan Johnson, daughter, Katherine Upshaw (Willie), son, David Johnson (Catarina), grandchildren Carter, Tatum, Isabel, and James, brothers Thomas O'Connor Johnson III (Jenny) and Richard Boehling Johnson (Sheila), nephew Stephen Johnson and nieces Christine Cooper, Karen Meier and Jenny Johnson, brother-in-law James Vaughan Jr.

A graduate of Benedictine High School, Jerry served in the United States Air Force and Virginia Air National Guard, retiring as Chief Master Sergeant in 2003 with 29 years of total service. He retired from the Henrico County Police Department in 2004.

Known for his sense of humor, Jerry loved spending time with friends and family. He was incredibly proud of his children and adored his grandchildren. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, brother, and uncle.

A funeral mass will be held 11 AM Friday September 9th at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 3570 King William Avenue, West Point VA. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Thursday September 8th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th street, West Point VA.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

SEP 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Funeral Mass

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
3570 King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

DG

“ I worked with Jerry during the 70's,80's and 90's at HPD. Jerry was one of the best. His sense of humor was second to none. He was always there if you needed him. Jerry proudly served his country and his community. Rest Easy Jerry we have the watch. Doug Goodman. HPD Ret.

Doug goodman - September 08, 2022 at 05:00 PM

WE

“ Debbie so sorry to hear about Jerry. Lots of great memories on Sunnyside Dr. Praying for you and your family. Love Wayne

Wayne Estis - August 24, 2022 at 10:23 AM

PH

“ Herbert and I are so sorry to learn of Jerry's passing. May he now RIP. Our prayers 🙏 go out to you Debbie and your family. He was a great guy and you a very devoted wife. We love you.
Pat and Herbert Hudgins

Pat Hudgins - August 22, 2022 at 09:55 PM

RE

“ Thoughts and prayers 🙏 to everyone! Jerry was part of a GREAT GROUP OF GUYS that worked together on C Platoon in the East End of Henrico County. We all had fun but also had each other's back during tough situations. Everyone had their own personality and Jerry was no different. Thanks to you Deb and your daughter and son for putting up with the job and the crazy things that came with it. Rest in Pease Jerry!

Robert East - August 22, 2022 at 12:02 PM

SM

“ Debbie & family I am so sorry for your loss. Steve always spoke fondly of Jerry. Jerry was a good man. I do remember in our younger years getting together with you all. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Sue Mann

Sue Mann - August 22, 2022 at 11:05 AM

HJ

“ Sorry to hear. I also grew up with Jerry in Northside and went through Grade School & High School together. Prayers for the family. Chuck Tinsley

Harry W. Tinsley Jr - August 22, 2022 at 10:14 AM

PM

“ Deborah, Sorry to hear this and Thoughts and prayers are sent to you and your family. Didn't hang much after high school but Jerry and I grew up together in Northside, Went to St. Paul's together and then on to BHS together. Jerry has probably hooked back up with Easy Eddie up in Heaven catching up on old times. Take care, Pat Martin

Pat Martin - August 22, 2022 at 08:36 AM

LA

“ Prayer for your loss Jerry was a good neighbor thinking of you Debbie linda and Neal

LINDA P ABRAHAMSON - August 19, 2022 at 11:37 PM

LC

“ Kate keeping your family in my prayers.

Lisa Crowe - August 19, 2022 at 06:07 PM

MM

“ *Mr. Johnson was a joy to know! He was an amazing man who loved his family. Thanks for all the good laughs! I will miss him dearly. Sending lots of love to Mrs. Debbie, his children, grandchildren and his 4 legged babies.*

Megan Mooney - August 19, 2022 at 05:49 PM

ST

“ *Uncle Jerry was THE MAN! When I was probably about 5 years old, my dad and Uncle Jerry took me to the Pensacola Naval Aviation museum. While there I sat in an old cockpit trainer, and right then and there I decided I wanted to fly for a living. When we got home I convinced Uncle Jerry to help me write a letter to the US Air Force asking for an old cockpit trainer so I could practice until I got older. He did, and while of course I didn't get an actual aircraft from the Air Force, I did receive a letter from a USAF General telling me to study hard and be a good kid and one day I could fly for him in the USAF. I still have the letter. Well, here I am, 43 years later, a 26 year veteran of the US Navy and a Naval Aviator. Thanks Uncle Jerry for being an inspiration for us all. You'll be missed. Your nephew Stephen*

Stephen - August 19, 2022 at 04:25 PM

CL

“ *My deepest condolences to Jerry's family and loved ones. He was a special man with a wicked sense of humor. He'll always hold a special place in my heart.*

Cynthia Laughinghouse - August 19, 2022 at 12:24 PM