



## Wylie Chandler Johnson

April 12, 1944 - April 6, 2018

THE Wylie “Chandler” Johnson, Jr., age 73, departed this life on Friday, April 6, 2018. A lifelong resident of West Point, Virginia, Chandler is well known to many as the consummate farmer and friend. His charm, wit and sense of humor have been the source of many adventures and memories that will be remembered, cherished and dearly missed by his family and friends.

The eldest son of Wylie and Ella Mae Johnson (both deceased), Chandler is survived by his brothers, Hugh and Bruce Johnson, his sisters-in-law, Nancy and Kay Johnson, his daughters, Tonya Johnson and Andrea Harlow, his sons-in-law, Steve Lawson and Michael Harlow, his grandchildren, Chase and Hunter Harlow and Cody Lawson, and fiancée, Liz Wathen. He is also survived by his nephews, Troy (wife, Stacy), Bryan (wife, Tara), Jason (wife, April) and Austin Johnson, his niece, Kimberly Lipscomb (husband, Chris), and by his great-nephews, Wylie, Trenton, Mason, Landon, Fisher, Pearson and Spencer Johnson and Tyler Lockhart, and his great-nieces, Addie, Ella and Taylor Johnson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either St Clement’s Island Museum, 38370 Point Breeze Road, Coltons Point MD 20626, or St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105. Finally, the family requests that anyone who has a particularly fond or fun memory of, or story about or involving Chandler, share their memories or stories by mail at Vincent’s Funeral Home, Chandler’s Story, P.O. Box 191, West Point VA 23181; or via email at [TheChandlerJohnsonStory@gmail.com](mailto:TheChandlerJohnsonStory@gmail.com).

The stories will be compiled into a booklet to be shared with family and friends. This is our way of honoring Chandler's life and legacy.

The family will receive friends on Friday, April 13th from 5-8 PM at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, Virginia. Funeral Services will be held at 2 PM Saturday, April 14th at Vincent Funeral Home. A celebration of life to honor Chandler will held at his home immediately following the service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **13.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

APR **14.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *The fondest memories of my childhood were those that took place all around the Pamunkey River. Spending time with my New Kent and King William cousins was what I looked forward to more than anything during summer months, back in the formative years of my youth. A big part of those happy times involved water skiing or jet skiing over to the Johnson farm - visiting with Ella Mae, Wylie, and my cousins, Chandler, Hugh, and Bruce & families. Chandler was a wild one, and so full of life in those days. He always made me laugh, and for me, that is one of the best legacies. Those are precious memories that I will always hold close to my heart.*

*Thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.*

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**Janet Hauser** - May 17, 2018 at 11:41 AM

SY

“ *Tonya and Annie,  
Words can't express the loss of such a special person. He meant so much to so many people. When he touched your life he stayed in it forever. I will truly missed him. Please know that I have you and all the family in my prayers.*

*Susan*

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**Susan Younce** - April 14, 2018 at 11:45 AM

MB

“ Tonya and Annie--I know your Dad was so proud of you both. One of the best things he ever did was to make you a permanent part of our lives. Years of OBX vacations, sleep overs, trips to MD, volleyball games, cookouts, crab carnival parties on 6th St., and days on the river with you all are some of my fondest memories. Know we love you and if you ever need anything at all, we're here for you. xoxoxo

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**Mary Vail and Bert** - April 14, 2018 at 09:52 AM



Gordon  
O'Neill

“ To Liz and all of Chandler's family, our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
On behalf of the O'Neill family we would like to share our heartfelt sympathy and condolences on the passing of Chandler. We first met Chandler 30 years ago and have so many fond memories and stories about him, but his kindness and love for so many people are what we will always cherish and remember most. His fun loving spirit and zest for life, he was a pleasure to be with. His laugh was always good to hear. We will always treasure knowing him and the time spent with him. He touched so many lives in a positive way. We will truly miss him.

All our love,  
The O'Neill Family

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**Gordon O'Neill** - April 13, 2018 at 07:27 PM

CD

“ Liz, I'm so very sorry to hear of Chandler's passing. He was truly a character and definitely one of a kind. I am so glad I had an opportunity to know him. I think the first thing he'd always say to me whenever I'd see him is "How's that hound dog?" I will miss seeing him. I'm sure the Lord has a special place for him in Heaven. May the love and memories you shared together bring your heart consolation and comfort and may Chandler rest in everlasting peace. My thoughts and prayers are with you always. Cindy D.

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**Cindy Dixon** - April 12, 2018 at 08:34 PM

DB

“ What can I say? I am so sad about the loss of this great guy. Chandler and I go back a long way from our days of dating & mostly “sneaking around” after he arrived at Pleasant Hill High School...even after I went to nursing school in Richmond! I spent a lot of time with Chandlers family and loved them all. Well, time passed and we went our separate ways, but I thought of him often.. The last time I saw him was after my dad died in April and I came home for the “ Crab Carnival” in 1997!!! He had NOT changed a bit.... Still handsome, charming, & amusing. Chandler, you were loved by many and will certainly be missed by more than you will ever know. Thank you Bruce for letting me know about Chandlers condition. I only wish I had been able to talk to him before his passing... Rest In Peace Wylie “Chandler” Johnson Jr. God Bless the Johnson Family & Liz

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**Dolores ( Willis) Beeler** - April 12, 2018 at 04:59 PM

SG

“ Anyone who knew Chandler knows how much he loved his “hikeys”. He was a long time business partner with my family at Society Hill in Southern Maryland and soon became friends who generously shared his hickeyes with us. They were beagles Dottie, Peelio and Molly, and then of course there was Bridgette, the dachshund who he affectionately called Pot. I will never forget the day Pot ran into a ground hog hole. She loved chasing ground hogs. Well much to our surprise, she came out with a skunk. Chandler started screaming at Pot telling her she had a skunk and to drop it. He was actually jumping around in the field as if not quite sure what to do. By this time the odor of Pepé Le Pew was filling the air and Pot had been sprayed well by her prey. I was laughing so hard I was crying. Chandler grabbed up Pot and we took her to the house to hose off and rinse with tomato juice. No sooner was she covered in the tomato juice; she takes off across the yard. Finally she was caught and washed but the stench remained on her for days. It was one of the funniest things I’ve ever seen. Chandler’s reaction to Pot bringing a skunk out of a ground hog hole will be a funny memory for years to come.

*Rest in peace Chandler and happy birthday. We love you and you will really be missed but not forgotten. Thanks for the memories!  
With love, Susan Wegner Gilman*

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**Susan Wegner Gilman** - April 12, 2018 at 02:03 PM

MJ

“ I met Chandler through Liz and the first thing I remember about him was his kindness. He had a way of making you feel comfortable. He loved dogs and he always asked me how my “hokies” were doing. He was full of mischief, interests and ideas, always on the move mentally and figuratively. I believe that once you are absent from the body, you are present with the Lord and although we have lost Chandler’s physical presence, his warmth, humor and joy will always remain.



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**Marcel Jewell** - April 12, 2018 at 10:26 AM

MD

“ All our thoughts and prayers are with Chandler’s family and Liz. We wish them lots of support during these days.

*Chandler worked our fields at West Hatton farm, Maryland for more than three decades – with his high professional skills and outstanding care much more committed than any owner could ever be. Beyond all that he supported us in so many aspects farm life is about. Since we live on the other side of the pond in Germany and Switzerland we knew that our estate was taken care of in the reliable hands of Chandler. He always made us feel at home and was part of our family. We enjoyed laughing with him, his great sense of humor and his wonderful smile. We are so thankful that Chandler invited us last year to a wonderful family dinner in the historic part of Richmond where we met his whole family. We will always commemorate Chandler in our hearts filled with thanks. We hope to stay in close touch with Liz and all the Johnsons to continue this outstanding relationship.*

*Chandler, rest in peace!*

*All our love*

*Nicola and Max Dietzsch-Doertenbach*

*Mary and Philipp von Schulthess*

*Paul and Laura Dietzsch-Doertenbach*

*The Stauffenberg Family*

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**Max Dietzsch-Doertenbach** - April 12, 2018 at 08:38 AM

LW

“ April 12th  
Hey Babe,  
Today is your birthday! While I miss you so much, I know you are now at peace and no longer suffering. You fought the fight for so long and are now on your way to your reward.  
I believe God is preparing your own special farm in heaven, for two reasons, one, to keep you busy and happy and two, with your take charge nature, by keeping you busy he can continue his work without you trying to tell him how to run the show!

Forever missing you!  
Love Liz

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Liz Wathen - April 12, 2018 at 02:24 AM

CJ

“ Hugh and Bruce, I am so sorry for your loss. Real scary when my age group departs life. As you well know, Chandler and I go way back and many stories cannot be told! We were both very rebellious back in the day. The one thing that sticks out in my mind is Chandler driving the Plymouth from Lanesville to West Point on the Railroad Tracks. The other is flying down 5 minute Road at about 70 miles an hour. Big Wylie constantly tried to keep me out of trouble with my Mother. I did a lot of sneaking around in those days! My deceased husband Jim had many duck hunting tales to tell on Chandler. He left him in the marsh on the Pamunkey River a little tooo long! He was a good guy who drove his brothers crazy, his family crazy and loved ones. He was a charmer who never met a stranger. Chandler will be missed but he will never be forgotten. Much love to all the family, Cece Johnson

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cece Johnson - April 11, 2018 at 10:38 PM

LR

“ I am deeply sorry to hear of Chandler's passing. His kind gestures, friendly smile, and distinctive voice will be greatly missed. I will never forget how he would quietly slip me money for doing well in school or secretly pay for my meals when I ran into him at Salsa's. I feel blessed to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with my Aunt Lizzy and the rest of his family.

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**Lauren Russell** - April 11, 2018 at 09:55 PM

DL

“ Liz, so sorry to hear of Chandler's passing. Lois and I are going to miss the visits when you were at Avon. Hopefully, you will still get down and visit with us. Remember the good times we had especially with the Nutria and the deputies being called. Chandler was a character who I proudly called "my friend". Our prayers are with you and the family.

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**Dallas and Lois** - April 11, 2018 at 07:10 PM

JP

“ Chandler was a fun guy and he always had a smile. We have many good memories, especially during our teenage years. Remembering all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Judy and Glenn Palmer** - April 10, 2018 at 01:12 PM

CS

“ *The Slattery Family sends its deepest sympathy to Liz Wathen and the Johnson Family. I had the pleasure of meeting Chandler through my friend Liz. Chandler's warm smile and heartfelt greeting made everyone he met feel special. My son Jackson and I ran into Liz and Chandler at a local restaurant. We went over to their table to say "hello" Chandler stood up gave me a hug, shook hands with Jackson making Jackson feel so good. We chatted for a few moments, as we were walking out, Jackson said to me "Mom, what a great guy, I want to be like him." This made me so happy -- they say that good souls recognize each other...Chandler was a gem...a very good soul and what a smile. He will be missed...*

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**Cindy Slattery** - April 10, 2018 at 12:06 PM

RB

“ *So sorry to hear of Chandler's passing. I hadn't seen him for many, many years but always thought a lot of him. Spent time with him and his family when I was young and so enjoyed being around him. He was always smiling! What a way to enjoy life. My thoughts and prayers are with you Hugh and Nancy, Bruce and Kay, and the rest of Chandler's family.*

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**Ruth Burks** - April 10, 2018 at 11:58 AM

HD

“ *Chandler was a very fine man and farmed our property in Newburg for an extended number of years. He will be remembered and sorely missed by all.*

*From Henri deLozier on behalf of the deLozier Family with most sincere condolences.*

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**Henri deLozier** - April 10, 2018 at 10:10 AM

MD

“ *Mary Ellen&Bobby Davis lit a candle in memory of Wylie Chandler Johnson*



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**Mary Ellen&Bobby Davis** - April 10, 2018 at 10:09 AM

AL

“ *Animal Patty & Jared Lyon lit a candle in memory of Wylie Chandler Johnson*



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**Animal Patty & Jared Lyon** - April 10, 2018 at 08:59 AM

LN

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Johnson family on the loss of Chandler. Memories of him are happy ones, Lynne Norman*

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**Lynne Norman** - April 10, 2018 at 06:17 AM

DW

“ *Condolences to the Johnson family. I remember Chandler as quite a character. He will be missed.*

*Danny Walker*

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**Danny Walker** - April 10, 2018 at 01:58 AM

LS

“ Linda South sent a virtual gift in memory of Wylie Chandler Johnson



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**Linda South** - April 09, 2018 at 12:03 PM

DB

*Bruce & family! I am so sorry and shocked about this news! My brother Bill just called me! I am heartbroken. I tried calling Chandler about 3 times on his cell and kept getting a wired mumbling recording..... I thought I would wait and check back when he got home! I feel sooooo bad! My prayers go out to you all. So glad to have had the long texting with you when we talked about all the "good ole days" Dolores (Willis) Beeler*

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**Dolores ( Willis) Beeler** - April 11, 2018 at 10:57 AM

JR

“ John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Wylie Chandler Johnson



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**John and Vickie Roane** - April 08, 2018 at 07:50 PM

EB

“ Eddie and I met Chandler through Liz Wathen. Liz and I were co-workers, until I retired. If you ever met Chandler, you would immediately thought that you had known him all your life. You always felt comfortable around him and he always had stories to tell. Eddie and I will miss him, and Liz, we are here for you and you can call us anytime. We send prayers of Comfort to Liz and also to Chandler's family and friends.  
Chandler, rest in peace, our friend.  
Love and hugs.  
Eddie and 'Nita Bennett



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**Eddie and Juanita Bennett** - April 07, 2018 at 02:46 PM

PR

“ Pam Irby, Daughter Of Bobby Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Wylie Chandler Johnson



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**Pam Irby, daughter of Bobby Ramsey** - April 07, 2018 at 12:40 PM

CH

So sorry to hear of Chandler's passing. If you need anything at all, please let us know. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Remember the good times with him. We send our loves from "the Gap " to Tonya and Andrea.

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**Charlotte** - April 10, 2018 at 07:51 AM

PN

Sending prayers to the Johnson Family.

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**Patricia Norman** - April 12, 2018 at 10:35 AM

MC

*Liz, Our favorite memories of Chandler was when he would pull up to our cottage with you by his side, turn off the truck and just chat. People would drive by and he would always ask who was that person and what did they do for a living. With a cup of corn by his side he enjoyed talking with everyone. If he called us the first thing you heard was "aaahhh Mike this is Chandler" or "Mike what is going on down there". Kinnakeet Shores was blessed to have him and you as a friend & a neighbor. Please don't be a stranger. We know Chandler is up in Heaven asking God who that person is. Love - Melissa & Michael Condore*

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**MELISSA C CONDORE** - April 12, 2018 at 03:02 PM

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*Hugh and Bruce, So sorry for your loss. I have many good memories of our high school days, visiting the railroad tracks looking for the ghost legend in Cohoke, riding tractors and lots of laughter. My prayers are with you. Linda Roberts*

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**LINDA ROBERTS** - April 12, 2018 at 10:56 PM