



## Gary Lee Johnson

October 25, 1951 - March 25, 2021

Gary Lee Johnson, 69, of Fort Oglethorpe, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, March 25, 2021. He was born October 25, 1951 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the fourth child of the late Jack and Erma Callahan Johnson and was a lifelong resident of the Chattanooga & North Georgia areas. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Fort Oglethorpe and graduated from Lakeview-Ft. Oglethorpe High School in 1969. He was an important figure in the revitalization of the Chattanooga Choo-Choo as Vice President of Food and Beverage from 1971-1985. Afterwards, he was employed by Mountain City Stove, Coca-Cola Classic Foods and Five Star Food Service. He loved baseball and coached many youth recreational teams throughout the years. Gary fought cancer valiantly in the past several years, having bladder cancer and more recently, throat cancer. He was a loving and devoted brother, father and grandfather that will be truly missed by all who knew him. Gary was also preceded in death by older brother, Tommy Jack Johnson.

He is survived by his sisters, Glenda Johnson Wright of Ft. Oglethorpe, and Diane Johnson Tate of Rossville, GA, daughters, Holly Johnson Davis (Matt) of Ball Ground, GA, Abbe Johnson Egeland (Shane) of Rossville, GA, Brittany Johnson O'Connor (Danny) of Kansas City, MO, and son Ryan Garrison Johnson (Christina) of Ringgold, GA, five grandchildren, Jackson, Alivia, Austin, Logan and Emillena, and many nieces, nephews and extended family & friends.

A Celebration of Life service for family and friends is being planned for a later date during the Spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, at [donate3.cancer.org](https://donate3.cancer.org) or 1-800-227-2345 or to the Church of the Nativity food pantry fund, 1201 Cross Street, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742 (706) 866-9773.

The family would like to thank the Doctor's and Staff of Hospice of Chattanooga for their care and compassion during this time. Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

# Tribute Wall

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Barbara Redheffer** - March 28, 2021 at 09:24 AM

TS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. Love Terri*

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**Terri and Bill Short** - March 26, 2021 at 05:32 PM

KD

*Enjoyed our talks on his patio while we listened to the birds and children playing outside. He will truly be missed and was loved so much. Love Kristie*

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**Kristie davenport** - March 27, 2021 at 09:15 AM

DG

*Gary was a good man*

*Dave Gard*

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**Dave Gard** - March 30, 2021 at 01:24 PM

BM

*Oh my heart is broken I loved him .We were all friends in the 70s Gary was married to Connie at the time and they had Holly. I miss those days. Rest in peace Friend I am just devastated.*

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**Brenda Mullins** - April 07 at 12:54 PM