



James "JJ" Johnston

February 10, 1938 - March 26, 2024

James J. Johnston, 86, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away at Toledo Hospital on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. He was born in Youngstown, Ohio on February 10, 1938, to the late Henry and Pearle (Brakeman) Johnston. Jim served his country in the US Army Reserves.

He was employed by Gilson Screen for almost 40 years, retiring in 2005. Jim was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Napoleon where he was an elder, deacon, and trustee. He was very active in the church, singing in the choir for over 50 years and after retirement became the handyman around the church due to his talents of being able to fix anything. Jim ran the Omega time keeping system for his children's swim meets and kept it functional throughout their swim careers, earning him the nickname "Omega Man." He was also recognized for the Recreation Service Award by the Napoleon City Recreation Department in 1987. In his free time, Jim enjoyed playing cards, watching sports, and traveling. He and Nancy travelled all over the States, spent summers in Myrtle Beach for 29 years, visited Hawaii, and enjoyed going on cruises.

He is survived by his loving wife Nancy; children, Wendy (Jeff) Greutman, and Timothy (Karen) Johnston; grandchildren, Zachary (Ruthi) Greutman; brother-in-law, Clayton Cody; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his siblings, Robert (Eleanor)

Johnston, Patricia (Robert) Cline, Lewis (Marjory) Johnston, and Marianne Cody.

A Memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Napoleon, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com. Arrangements entrusted to Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
303 West Washington Street
Napoleon, OH 43545

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "JJ" Johnston.*



March 29, 2024 at 08:49 AM



“ *Nancy - thinking of you at this time of loss. What joy Jim must have felt when he entered the gates of Heaven. Memories will make you smile. Sooo many years seeing you two walking down Haley at least twice a day 😊. Prayers and hugs to you as you adjust to this new chapter in your life. Your faith and love of family and friends will get you through this. 🙏*

Vicki Glick - March 28, 2024 at 06:07 PM



So sorry for your loss. We certainly have many great memories with our children in the pool years. Here's to you Omega Man. Rest in peace ❤️ Cathy and Rog Hefflinger

Cathy Hefflinger - March 29, 2024 at 11:34 AM

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“ I feel sadden for the loss of our brother in Christ, Jim Johnston, he was a very kind and very helpful person. I enjoyed his sense of humor and always having a cheerful greeting and wise advice when most needed. Nancy, our deepest sympathies, you are one of the sweetest couples I've ever met. You were his rock and his love always.

I also feel happy for Jim who is now enjoying his place in heaven, next to our Lord Jesus Christ . Love, Olga Hall

Olga Hall - March 28, 2024 at 11:14 AM