

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23



What a comfort...

For us to know that our burden of grief
was shared by our family & friends.

~ Thank You



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In Loving Memory of

Charles Ward Johnson
May 8, 1943 - January 7, 2024



Don't think of him as gone away -
his **JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN**,
life holds so many facets -
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of *warmth*
AND COMFORT
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

In the *Hearts* of those he touched
And think of him as living
For nothing loved is ever lost -
And he was loved so much.
- Ellen Brenneman

Charles Ward Johnson

Date of Birth

May 8, 1943
Middleton, Georgia

Date of Death

January 7, 2024
Elberton, Georgia

Funeral Service

11 o'clock in the morning
Saturday, January 13, 2024
Memorial Chapel of Berry Funeral Home

Officiating

Rev. Scott Mize

Interment

Forest Hills Memorial Park

Mr. Charles Ward Johnson, 80, of Longstreet Road, Elberton, GA, husband of Ann Tillis Johnson, suddenly finished his course in faith on Sunday, January 7, 2024, at his residence.

The youngest of three children, Charles was born at home in Middleton, GA on May 8, 1943, son of the late Henry Lee Johnson and Fannie Mae Nash Johnson. He was a 1961 graduate of Elberton High School and furthered his education at Falls College in Atlanta, GA, earning a drafting degree. It was in Atlanta, GA where Charles met the love of his life, Annie Lee Tillis from Climax, GA. They would celebrate 60 years of marriage on April 4, 2024.

Learning that he was not one to sit behind a desk, Charles switched from draftsman to telephone man, and took a job with Southern Bell Telephone Company in 1964 and retired from AT&T in 2003 after 39 years of service. After retirement, he continued working in the telephone industry at Earnie's Communications. Charles was a longtime member of Stinchcomb United Methodist Church and loved the church and its members dearly. He was a former member of Philomathean Masonic Lodge #25.

Charles continued the family farm throughout his life raising cattle and gardening. He also kept horses and raised birds. His more leisurely hobbies included square dancing and riding his motorcycle.

Above all, Charles was a family man. He loved his family dearly and never missed an opportunity to support them in any way he could.

Surviving, in addition to his wife Ann, are his children: Carole Johnson Byrum of Hartwell, GA and Paul Johnson and his wife Traci of Kansas City, MO; granddaughters who fondly referred to him as "Grandpa": Candace Johnson, Crystal Hix and her husband Braxton, Caitlyn Johnson, and Casidy Byrum; great-grandsons: Broden Hix and Luke Hix; sister-in-law, Bonnie Toole of Tallahassee, FL; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his siblings: Russell Lee Johnson and Grace Wylene Johnson.