

John Randol Johnson

September 3, 1948 - June 12, 2025

John Randol Johnson, 76, of Crawfordville, peacefully entered his heavenly home on June 12, 2025.

Born in Waycross, Georgia, John moved to Tallahassee where he attended school and graduated from Leon High School. In 1978, he made Crawfordville his home. Before answering the call to ministry, he worked in the cable television industry doing underground construction and he owned J&S Communications. He later became the founding pastor of New Life Ministries, where he faithfully served for 23 years.

John had a heart uniquely made for pastoring—genuine, compassionate, and full of grace. He never met a stranger and could strike up a conversation with anyone, much to the amusement of his family. He was quick to offer encouragement, always ready with a scripture, and eager to share God’s love. Among his favorite verses was Jeremiah 29:11: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord; thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

John loved his family fiercely and unconditionally. Some of his happiest moments were spent on the water, taking his children and grandchildren boating, waterskiing, and tubing—often pushing the limits of fun as the family’s expert and enthusiastic tube driver. Known for his humor, John was the family jokester, always ready with a laugh and a kind word. If he was your friend, you had a friend indeed. John also loved to mow the grass, tinker in the barn and do woodwork; always coming up with ideas to make someone happy.

He will be remembered by his beloved wife of nearly 47 years (July 1, 1978), Paula Gaby Johnson, his children Kimberly Howells (Jeff), Michael Johnson (Annette), Jessica Langford (Ross), and Jennifer Johnson (Larry), his cherished grandchildren Dustin Taylor (Brittany), Audrey O’Keeffe (Colin), Hannah Paul (John), Maverick Stubbs, Parker Stubbs, and Renny Langford, 2 great-grandchildren Mason and Brayden Taylor and his sisters Georgianne Williams (Rick), Kim McCoy, and Brenda Harvey, along with many treasured nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends that he deeply loved and treasured. He was predeceased by his parents Betty Freeman Crossman & Randol Johnson and brothers Daryl Harvey and Roy Davis.

The family will receive friends for visitation on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, from 10:00-11:00 AM, with a celebration of John’s life to follow at 11:00 AM at Family Funeral Home / Harvey Young Chapel. Burial will follow at Arran Cemetery.

A heartfelt thank you to Wakulla EMS, TMH Emergency Room and ICU, and the Center for Compassionate Care at TMH Big Bend Hospice for their care and support.

Skip & Trey Young are caring and assisting the family.

Cemetery Details

Arran Cemetery

Arran Highway
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Family Funeral Home-Harvey Young Chapel
3106 Crawfordville Hwy.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
paula@familyfhc.com

Funeral Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Young Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Randol Johnson



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - June 15, 2025 at 12:07 PM

CG

“ Paula, you and John changed my life! And my children! John's invitation to New Life as he hooked up my cable led me to a deeper relationship with Our Lord. He will always be treasured. Paula, you were a wonderful wife. Your spiritual family is huge, and we all love you tremendously. Prayers for you all ~ Carma



Carma Gordon - June 18, 2025 at 08:29 AM



“ I remember working for him and Mrs Paula at the day care. I went to school with his daughters. Sending them hugs! I'm sorry for your loss



Crystal Cardin - June 17, 2025 at 09:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Randol Johnson.



June 17, 2025 at 07:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Randol Johnson.

June 17, 2025 at 07:17 AM



“ Paula, my thoughts & prayers are with you and your family.

Anna Whaley Wallace - June 16, 2025 at 08:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Randol Johnson.

June 16, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Randol Johnson.



June 16, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Randol Johnson.*



June 16, 2025 at 01:27 PM



“ *Debbie DeFlorio purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John Randol Johnson.*



Debbie DeFlorio - June 16, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Randol Johnson.*



June 15, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ 115 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - June 15, 2025 at 12:03 PM

AB

“ *Angie and Steve Bailey purchased the Love's Journey for the family of John Randol Johnson.*



Angie and Steve Bailey - June 14, 2025 at 02:09 PM

DT

“ *Deanna Tedder sent a virtual gift in memory of John Randol Johnson*



Deanna Tedder - June 14, 2025 at 01:49 PM

AB

“ I loved John Johnson he was the best pastor. I went to New Life for years and every Sunday and Wednesday I couldn't wait to get to church. His messages were truly from God. He will be missed.

Alyssa Berson - June 14, 2025 at 08:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Randol Johnson.

June 14, 2025 at 07:43 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John Randol Johnson.



June 14, 2025 at 07:43 AM

JC

“ A wonderful 65 years of friendship. Your love and friendship touched so many. I'll miss you!

Jack Carwile - June 13, 2025 at 10:15 PM

DT

“ To Paula, my dear sweet friend, all of your children and grandchildren:

I believe that when John left this earth, his heart was overflowing from the love that each of you gave him. John was an amazing man and his family meant everything to him!

❤️ I love you all so very much. ❤️

Paula and I were friends even before first grade. I was with Paula way back when she met John. They were crazy about each other right from the beginning. John had a great personality and was so loving, kind, and compassionate. I remember John arranged a couple of surprise birthday parties for Paula and they went off without a hitch! The surprised look on Paula's face and the happy look on John's were absolutely priceless! I would say that John was the King of Hearts and Paula was the Queen of his Heart! Paula and John were beautiful people together and both of them reached the souls of others in need. John was a legend of his own and will be missed by thousands of people. I am most definitely one of those thousands! Adorable lovable, amazing John ! John I will miss you forever and ever

. ❤️ Love always, Dena Tedder

Dena Tedder - June 13, 2025 at 07:24 PM

MT

He was always such a kind , loving gentleman 💙 Always positive & encouraging , with a great sense of humor always with all of us at springs of Hope church. We will miss you very much , ☐ my friend .Didn't know you long but so inspirational & tY for the warm welcome & great hugs 😊 We will meet again one day . Hope your are dancing up there with others 🙌😄 watch over us ❤️ We will take care of your buddy , Pastor Mike , too 💙 Don't worry 😊

mary lou todd - June 14, 2025 at 07:49 AM

PC

“ Pastor Mike & Carrie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Randol Johnson.

Pastor Mike & Carrie - June 13, 2025 at 04:14 PM

PC

“ Pastor Mike & Carrie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Randol Johnson.



Pastor Mike & Carrie - June 13, 2025 at 04:14 PM

HR

“ Alan and I will miss this crazy guy! John always had a big grin, a hug, some sort of a crazy comment, a laugh and a “love you” to offer. Paula, you and John have been dear friends to Alan and me for a long time. Our prayers are with you and your family and we are sorry for your loss, but rejoicing at John’s arrival in heaven! Love and prayers, Alan and Helen

Helen Reese - June 13, 2025 at 03:53 PM

SL

“ Thank you John for the Love and Laughter for the last 50+ years. Sheryl

Sheryl Link - June 13, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Randol Johnson.

June 13, 2025 at 03:28 PM



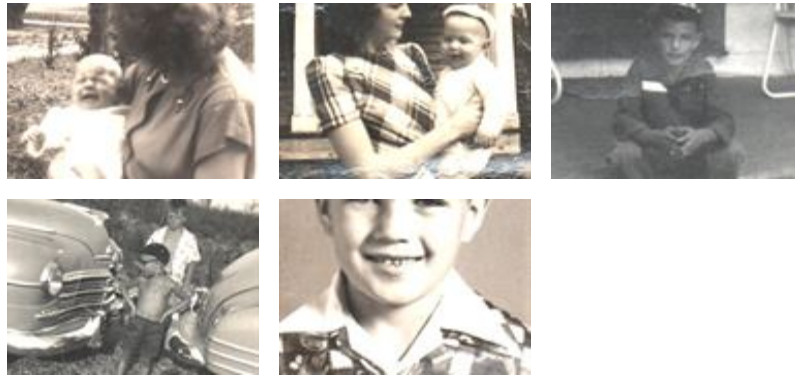
“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of John Randol Johnson.



June 13, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - June 13, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of John Randol Johnson.



June 13, 2025 at 11:07 AM

KG

“ *Kathy Griffin lit a candle in memory of John
Randol Johnson*



Kathy Griffin - June 12, 2025 at 09:25 PM