



James Joseph Johnston Sr.

December 15, 2025

James Joseph Johnston Sr. (JJ) age 65, of Woodbridge, VA lost his hard-fought battle with cancer on Monday, December 15, 2025. JJ passed peacefully in his sleep with his wife Sandy by his side.

JJ was a 1978 graduate of Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School. During his school years he participated in baseball and football. He was also a volunteer with the Duncansville Fire Department and attended Dry Run Gospel Church in Duncansville, PA. Upon graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps. As a marine veteran he retired from the Prince William County Parks and Recreation after 40 years of employment. JJ enjoyed the outdoors as he loved to spend time on the water fishing or hunting. He loved to vacation at the Outer Banks, NC and shared his love of the water with his sons. JJ, a former athlete, was able to carry on his love for sports as he watched his sons participate in basketball, wrestling, baseball, and football. He spent many years coaching and cheering them on, on the baseball field.

JJ was preceded in death by his Father, David Nelson Johnston and Mother, Utoke Susanna (Helsel) Johnston. JJ is survived by his sister Kim Regina Johnston. He is also survived by his wife of 44 years Sandra (Stephens) Johnston, his sons James J. Jr. (Katie) and Stephen M. (Amanda) and three precious grandsons that he absolutely adored: James III, Hayden, and Chase.

Services will be held on Tuesday, December 30th at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd. Woodbridge, VA 22192 at 12pm. Interment will follow at the Quantico National Cemetery at 2pm.

There will be a viewing for friends and family on Monday, December 29th from 6pm-8pm and again on Tuesday, December 30th from 10am-12pm.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you please donate to your choice of any Cancer research program to help the fight in finding a cure.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Viewing

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172

Tribute Wall

KF

“ I consider myself truly lucky that I had the opportunity to work alongside JJ. When I moved from Waterworks to Splashdown Waterpark - JJ was there to greet me and show me the ways of the park. On more than one occasion he'd check on me while I was working and he always made sure the park gates were locked if I was checking pools with limited staff. He always made sure we were safe and do so with a smile on his face. He will be a man I always remember...

Kat Fish - December 30, 2025 at 03:11 PM

CA

“ Carol A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Joseph Johnston Sr..

Carol A. - December 30, 2025 at 08:15 AM

DO

“ Donna lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Johnston Sr.



Donna - December 29, 2025 at 06:12 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Williams and Regina Willingham purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James Joseph Johnston Sr..



Carolyn Williams and Regina Willingham - December 27, 2025 at 11:27 AM

CW

“ Carolyn Williams and Regina Willingham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Joseph Johnston Sr..

Carolyn Williams and Regina Willingham - December 27, 2025 at 11:27 AM

LH

“ Love, The Matices and Handys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Joseph Johnston Sr..

Love, The Matices and Handys - December 27, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James Joseph Johnston Sr..



December 27, 2025 at 10:45 AM

YR

“ Yan Russell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Joseph Johnston Sr..

Yan Russell - December 25, 2025 at 02:09 PM

YR

“ Yan Russell purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Joseph Johnston Sr..



Yan Russell - December 25, 2025 at 02:09 PM

LA

“ Love always, Rich, Alanna, and Amber purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of James Joseph Johnston Sr..



Love always, Rich, Alanna, and Amber - December 22, 2025 at 11:00 AM

NF

“ Nils Ebbesson and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Joseph Johnston Sr..



Nils Ebbesson and family - December 19, 2025 at 09:49 AM

JD

“ JJ, John and I will never forget you! The memories of baseball, cookouts in the summer, seeing our children graduate! As our children grew older, the more distant in seeing each other. Thank you for the fun and memories!! Rest in Peace our friend, there is another beautiful angel looking over us all! Peace!



John and Donna Durany - December 19, 2025 at 07:02 AM

TM

“ Tim and Linda Melton purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James Joseph Johnston Sr..



Tim and Linda Melton - December 18, 2025 at 12:51 PM

TM

“ JJ was a good friend back in the days of our boys playing little league baseball together. As in life, we didn't see much of each other once baseball was over. I can never forget when he used that Marine NCO voice to call his team together. He was a good man and may he rest in peace now.

Timothy Melton - December 18, 2025 at 12:45 PM

TS

“ Teddy Stewart My heart and prayers go out to the Johnston family at this time I'm so sorry to hear that JJ has passed away he was true American Patriot God bless him my he rest in peace

Teddy Stewart - December 18, 2025 at 12:41 PM

SY

“ JJ was a genuine guy who I had the pleasure to know and work with for 30+ years. He served his Country and Prince William County with dedication and dignity. We lost a good man. Will see you again brother.

Shane Young - December 18, 2025 at 11:26 AM