



Donald Arthur Johnson

January 14, 1934 - January 20, 2012

Donald Arthur Johnson, 78, passed away in Tallahassee surrounded by his family, on January 20, 2012. He was born January 14, 1934, in Tallahassee, to the late Eugene L. and "Donie" Barineau Johnson, a founding member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, June Watson Johnson, of Miami, FL; a brother, Kenneth E. Johnson (Marjorie); sisters Marge Wenzler, Nell Barineau (Maurice), and Dot Leonard (Jerry). Also surviving are four beloved daughters: Julie Eidson (John), of Seattle, WA; Laura Carey, of Tallahassee, FL; Patty Durham (Andy) of Apalachicola, FL; and Donie Nichols (Ted) of N. Augusta, SC; eight granddaughters, one grandson, one great-granddaughter and many nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by a sister, Loretta Kay Bradley, and a brother-in-law, Steve Wenzler.

As a believer in Jesus Christ, Don attended Tallahassee Bible Church. He was a 1952 graduate and band member of Leon High School, where he was known as "The Man with the Horn". He earned his B.S. degree in Chemistry at FSU. During his

career, he

worked for the following employers: Floridan Co. of Tallahassee and St. Regis Paper

Co. of Pensacola, FL (quality control); Molecular Biophysics Lab of FSU (research); and

Englehard Chemicals and Minerals Corp., Attapulgus, GA (environmental management).

Friends are cordially invited to visit with the family on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, at Bevis Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 1:00 PM at Bevis Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tallahassee Bible Church, 4830 Bradfordville Rd., Tallahassee, FL. 32309 or to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd. Tallahassee, FL. 32308. Bevis Funeral Home, (850) 385-2193, www.bevisfh.com, is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Service

JAN **25.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sea Spray Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Arthur Johnson.*



January 24, 2012 at 10:08 AM



“ *I remember Don so well at Sealey Memorial School (and later at Leon). We started band together in about the fifth grade, and two things stand out in my mind about Don, at that time and forever more:*

1. From the very beginning he got a beautiful sound out of the most banged-up trumpet I ever saw -- a magnificent, flowing melody, when everybody else was trying to play a note or two. (OK, OK, maybe I'm reading later memories back just a bit -- but from the beginning his playing was outstanding!)

2. His posture. Don was the most upstanding (and up-sitting) person I ever knew. Good humored, but straight as an arrow. Always was, both physically and every other way.

St. Peter is welcoming him with open arms!

Joan Wadsworth West

Joan West - January 23, 2012 at 10:18 PM

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“ Dear Johnsons,
We are praying for your continued peace, knowing that Mr. Johnson is now celebrating a life well lived with our Lord. The grace and dignity that you have shown through this ordeal has been an inspiration to so many. May God bless you and keep you.
Respectfully, Candy Varnes

Candy Varnes - January 20, 2012 at 03:25 PM

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I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God Bless and comfort you during this time of sorrow. Regards, Beth Terry

Beth Terry - January 23, 2012 at 01:31 PM