



William Donald "Don" Johnston

August 17, 1932 - January 2, 2018

William Donald "Don" Johnston, age 85, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 2:00 AM, Tuesday, January 2, 2018 comfortably at his home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Lee "Operator" and Mary Elizabeth Johnston, 2 sons, William Christopher Johnston, Herman Justin Johnston, daughter, Mary Elizabeth Johnston, and 2 brothers, Jesse Lee Johnston, Jr., and Larry Joe Johnston.

Don was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. He graduated from Holy Name High School in 1951. He was a United States Army Veteran. Don spent his entire life as an entrepreneur. He was owner and operator of Pittsburg Tank and Tower and was in the tank business for over 60 years. He loved people and was always one to give everyone a second chance. He treasured the pictures of his family that hung on the walls of his home and office. Don was an avid fly fisherman. In addition to his immediate family, he leaves behind his Pittsburg Tank and Tower family.

Survivors include:

1 Daughter: Janie Dowell and her husband Ken of New Albany, IN

2 Sons: Donald Anthony "Johnny" Johnston and his wife Kathy of Henderson, KY

Benjamin David “Ben” Johnston and his wife Denise of Henderson, KY

Special Nephew: Jesse Johnston III and his wife Teresia of Henderson, KY

9 Grandchildren: Nicholas Thomas, Katelyn Barnes, Christian Dowell, Justin Johnston, Brandon Johnston, Devin Johnston, Chris Johnston, Levi Johnston and Joshua Johnston

4 Great Grandchildren: Carson Thomas, Olivia Thomas, Charlie Johnston and Asa Johnston

Nieces and Nephews

Relatives and friends are invited to Don’s Life Celebration from 2:00- 8:00 PM Thursday at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home and again on Friday from 10:00- 11:30 AM at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Ted Temple and Father Anthony Shonis at 12:00 PM, Friday, January 5, 2018 at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. Louis Cemetery. A rosary service will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to St. Jude Children’s Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home, online condolences may be made at www.bentonglunt.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Louis Cemetery

Henderson, KY 42420

Previous Events

Life Celebration

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home
629 S. Green St.
Henderson, KY 42420
(270) 827-3535
email@bentonglunttapp.com
<https://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com/>

Life Celebration

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Benton-Glunt Funeral Home
629 S. Green Street
Henderson, KY 42420

Funeral Mass

JAN 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church
511 2nd St.
Henderson, KY 42420

Tribute Wall



“ *Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Donald "Don" Johnston*



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - January 12, 2018 at 11:57 AM

SP

*Mr. Johnston,
I will miss you everyday! I have always looked up to you and appreciated everything you ever did for me! You weren't always happy with everything I did while employed at PTTG but you always believed in me and I will never forget that! Heaven is a better place with you there! Miss ya! - Shawn Potoka*

Shawn Potoka - January 14, 2018 at 12:45 AM



“ *William Donald "Don" Johnston*

November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM

SP

“ *Don,
You touched so many lives over the years including mine! You will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this trying time! The Potoka's*



Shawn Potoka - January 14, 2018 at 12:53 AM

SC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May God bless each of you and wrap his arms around all of you during this difficult time. Love, Sharon & Ryan Clark, & Jeff Clark & family



Sharon M Clark - January 05, 2018 at 10:52 AM

SH

“ Don was a great man. Was more like a grandpa to me than anything. His loss has affected so many. I had the pleasure to know him and grew to love him. God Bless the Johnston Family and PTTG family.

Shelly Haralson - January 05, 2018 at 08:42 AM

RI

“ Ben, Johnny & Mary,

My utmost condolences to each you and your families for the loss of Mr. Johnston. It was a pleasure and an honor to have know him.

I've never known a CEO that was truly adored by his employees the way that your father was by his. I also don't believe that I ever saw him without a smile on his face at some point during a conversation with him.

Your Father will be missed.

My thoughts and prayers are with your family.


Robert C. Soaper IV

Robert C. Soaper IV - January 05, 2018 at 12:05 AM

CP

“ *My prayers and condolences to the Johnston family and his family at Pittsburgh tower. “You are loved”*
Carol

carol pritchett - January 04, 2018 at 08:10 PM

 Tia
Huddleston

“ *One of the greatest men I have ever had the honor to know. He believed in me and gave me and always spread positive energy wherever he went. Prayers to all the Johnston Family/ May he Rest In Peace and always love on In The hearts of all who knew him!!! -*
Tia Huddleston

Tia Huddleston - January 04, 2018 at 07:28 PM

MT

“ *He was a great instructor and teacher of business and life lessons. He was always so forgiving of my many short comings. I will miss his greatly but have already visited with him in my daily prayers. I am so grateful for having known him.*
Mark L. Tweedall

Mark L. Tweedall - January 04, 2018 at 04:34 PM

DF

“ *Don alwayed had a" Smile" on his face. He will be deeply missed! My heart and prayers for the whole family!!*



Denise Felty - January 04, 2018 at 03:39 PM

DE

“ Donna Ervin lit a candle in memory of William Donald "Don" Johnston



Donna Ervin - January 04, 2018 at 01:28 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Donald "Don" Johnston.



January 04, 2018 at 11:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Donald "Don" Johnston.



January 04, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ 55 files added to the album LifeTributes



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - January 04, 2018 at 09:37 AM

BW

“ rest well old friend. your work is done and now you can enjoy the awards. see you later.
gene and betty white

betty white - January 04, 2018 at 09:02 AM

RB

“ My first job was working for Don 41 years ago. He was a father figure to all of his children's friends, including me. He listened with compassion, and gave selflessly to all. He let us make mistakes, then talked to us about the lesson he hoped we had learned. A mentor, a friend, a great sense of humor... I loved our discussions about life in general, he shared his wisdom and stories in a way that you left with something to think about. He loved his family! I have so much respect for Don and his family, and cherish the memories. He made a lasting impression on my life, and I am so grateful for his friendship. Love and condolences to the family.

Robin Bailey

Robin Bailey - January 03, 2018 at 08:33 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of William Donald "Don" Johnston.*



January 03, 2018 at 08:18 PM



“ *I loved listening to his stories from the past. The expression on his face was priceless as he recounted "the good ole days". Now he's with his parents and brothers talking about the good ole days. Another one went home - but we sure do miss him here! Love you Don - thanks for looking after all of us. Lynell*



Lynell Russell - January 03, 2018 at 07:45 PM



“ *InterSpec purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of William Donald "Don" Johnston.*



InterSpec - January 03, 2018 at 06:12 PM



“ *We will miss seeing him at Shoneys for breakfast on Sunday mornings, especially watching him grab his French toast stick for the road on the way out, prayers for all the family we are so sorry for your lose!!*

stephanie sweeney - January 03, 2018 at 05:44 PM

BW

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Don. He was such a kind and good hearted man. My thoughts and prayers are with each of his family members. May God bless and comfort you all in this time.

With love and prayers.

Beverly Willett - January 03, 2018 at 03:56 PM

GC

“ General Steel Contractors purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of William Donald "Don" Johnston.



General Steel Contractors - January 03, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Donald "Don" Johnston.



January 03, 2018 at 12:16 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William Donald "Don" Johnston.



January 03, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Donald "Don" Johnston.*



January 03, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ *He positively impacted so many lives, gave so many second chances, helped put food on so many tables, and cared for others in an extraordinary way.*

Dylan Phelps - January 03, 2018 at 10:50 AM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Sharon Carver - January 03, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ *Elizabeth Walden lit a candle in memory of William Donald "Don" Johnston*



Elizabeth Walden - January 03, 2018 at 10:46 AM

EW

“ He was a great man an a great teacher.He was an awesome employer as well.He taught me alot about the tank business.He will be greatly missed.



Elizabeth Walden - January 03, 2018 at 10:46 AM

SB

“ Shania Bradley lit a candle in memory of William Donald "Don" Johnston



Shania Bradley - January 03, 2018 at 10:16 AM

LG

“ Leather Girouard lit a candle in memory of William Donald "Don" Johnston



Leather Girouard - January 03, 2018 at 10:04 AM

MU

“ Mike, Barb and evryone at USI. purchased the S erene Retreat for the family of William Donald "Don" Johnston.



Mike, Barb and evryone at USI. - January 03, 2018 at 09:47 AM

Ray
Turner

“ Ray Turner lit a candle in memory of William Donald "Don" Johnston



Ray Turner - January 03, 2018 at 09:46 AM

MB

“ After my very first meeting with Don, I returned to my office the following week to find a box shipped from PT&T. Don and I shared a few fishing stories when we were together. Inside the box was all sorts of Fly Fishing gear including my one and only Fly Fishing vest. Don was easy to like for many reasons his generosity and smile were for me on top of the list. Don thank you for all you gave me including an inspiration to do what's right.

Ben; Ad Majorem Dei Glorium Mike Boucher

mike boucher - January 03, 2018 at 09:39 AM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of William Donald "Don" Johnston.



January 03, 2018 at 09:38 AM

TS

“ *Terri Stanley lit a candle in memory of William Donald "Don" Johnston*



Terri Stanley - January 03, 2018 at 09:30 AM

MH

“ *Don has been like a father to me since I lost my own when I was 20 years old. I met him 26 years ago when I moved back into this area. He has been a huge inspiration in my life and I have admired what he accomplished throughout his career and personal life. He would frequently ask when I was going to get remarried and I would ask him the same, and then we would both laugh. I will miss him greatly and always remember what he meant to me and what he did for me.*

Mark Harmon

Mark Harmon - January 03, 2018 at 09:20 AM

MO

“ *Mike Odle lit a candle in memory of William Donald "Don" Johnston*



Mike Odle - January 03, 2018 at 09:17 AM

DL

“ Darrell E Littrell purchased the Blessed Heart for the family of William Donald "Don" Johnston.



Darrell E Littrell - January 03, 2018 at 07:36 AM

TB

“ God has a special place for you to rest now you worked so hard & gave to so many. You gave many new opportunities to others you were their savior, friend & mentor I am glad to have known you & your family.



Teresa Brunner - January 03, 2018 at 12:54 AM

TM

“ Tina Morrow lit a candle in memory of William Donald "Don" Johnston



Tina morrow - January 02, 2018 at 11:52 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Donald "Don" Johnston.



January 02, 2018 at 11:02 PM

WE

“ Wayne Elliott lit a candle in memory of William Donald "Don" Johnston



Wayne Elliott - January 02, 2018 at 09:28 PM

Sally Huddleston

“ Sally Huddleston lit a candle in memory of William Donald "Don" Johnston



Sally Huddleston - January 02, 2018 at 08:36 PM

MW

“ Marla Fuller Walters lit a candle in memory of William Donald "Don" Johnston



Marla Fuller Walters - January 02, 2018 at 08:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Donald "Don" Johnston.



January 02, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ *Cathy Gibbs lit a candle in memory of William Donald "Don" Johnston*



Cathy Gibbs - January 02, 2018 at 07:20 PM



“ *My prayers go out to the Johnston`s family ! Don was like a father to me ,always treated me nice and gave me a lot of respect ! sure going to miss him ! farewell old tankie till we meet in heaven ! love you Don*

eddie bentley - January 02, 2018 at 05:14 PM



“ *Gigi Bryant lit a candle in memory of William Donald "Don" Johnston*



Gigi Bryant - January 02, 2018 at 05:06 PM