



## Rodney Allen Johnston

March 16, 1947 - April 6, 2022

Rodney Allen Johnston of McCalla, AL departed for his best adventure yet on April 6th, 2022. After 75 full years of life, he was ready to make one final journey to be with the Lord. Rodney loved blue skies and snow-topped mountains, taking the road less travelled, being on the water, growing turnip greens in his garden, picking up the check, rooting for the Tide, a good Publix BOGO and Agnes (our mother's name for his phone). He loved many things in life, but most of all he loved his family. A devoted husband of 55 years to Lynn, amazing Papa to Chris, Anna, Andrew, Lauren and Joel, loving brother to Pam (John), dutiful son to Barbara and a fiercely loyal friend. He is preceded in death by his father, Walter C. Johnston who, by example, taught him integrity, honor, and love of family and country. He learned from his grandfather Barney Tramell (Big Daddy), many life lessons including the joy found in giving to and helping others.

Rodney loved Jesus and treasured the faithful of Seventh Street Baptist for the strong foundation they provided. If you asked him to pray for you, you were prayed for earnestly and fervently (he had a prayer list that likely took hours to pray through!). He was a loving, sweet, sincere and devout man. The kind of man who always kept his word and did business with a handshake.

A funeral is scheduled for Saturday April 9th at McCalla Memorial at 10:00am with visitation at 9:00am. Dear friends Rev. Lee Praytor and Rev. Terry Smith

will officiate. Pallbearers will be Andrew Johnston, Bobby Higgins, Joseph Hoferka, Randy Ellenburg, Wade Walburn and Wesley Hoglund. Following the service, Officer Michael Wood will provide police escort to Cedar Hill Cemetery for interment. All are welcome to attend. The family would like to express deepest gratitude to the care team at UAB Medical West for their kindness and compassion during our father's lengthy hospital stay. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a charitable contribution in Rodney's name to Big Oak Ranch Ways to Help - Big Oak Ranch, <https://bigoak.org/>.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill Cemetery

650 Circle Heights Circle  
Bessemer, AL 35020

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home  
4780 Letson Farms Parkway  
P.O. Box 629  
McCalla, AL 35111  
(205) 477-4888  
info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

APR 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I'd like to offer my condolences to the Johnston family on the occasion of Rodney's passing. I've known Rodney for 30 years or so and can honestly say that he was one of the nicest men I've ever known. Originally I was another customer of the software company that he and I both used in our work, and later I came to work for the company and we knew each other in that capacity for the last 25 years. The company is located in Springfield Missouri and as you know Rodney was way down south. But for many years, right around the beginning of summer, he'd load up the car and spend a couple days driving up here to feed us all a wonderful lunch. A time or two it might have been catered but more often than not he'd spend a day in his hotel room cooking up spaghetti, slicing fruit, boiling noodles, etc., then he'd load it up and bring it in and spend half the day serving us all and visiting with everyone, only to pack it up in the afternoon and head back home. Yeah, he may have popped into Bass Pro while he was here, or stopped off between here and there and drowned a worm or two but we all truly understood the effort that he went to do that and will never forget him for it.

*Rest in Peace Old Friend,*

*Scott Bond*

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**Scott Bond** - April 08, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney Allen Johnston.



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April 08, 2022 at 09:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney Allen Johnston.*



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April 07, 2022 at 05:21 PM