



Walter F. Johnsey

August 4, 1946 - May 15, 2025

Obituary for Walter Frank Johnsey Sr.

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Walter Frank Johnsey Sr., age 78, of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2025, at his residence.

Walter was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend whose infectious laugh, steady presence, and unwavering love touched the lives of all who knew him. Born on August 4, 1946, he spent his life grounded in his faith, family, and service to others. His legacy is one of kindness, humility, and deep devotion to those he held dear.

Walter was a proud “Fighting Brownie” of Jones Valley High School in Birmingham, Alabama. He continued his education at Livingston University and went on to earn both a Master of Divinity and a Master of Religious Education from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Answering his call to ministry, Walter faithfully served as pastor at Brookside Baptist Church in Birmingham, Macedonia Baptist Church in Jemison, and Pratt Court Baptist Church in Prattville. Later, he continued to shape young minds as a beloved history teacher at Prattville High School, where he was deeply respected for his knowledge, patience, and compassion.

Walter left this world with true contentment. He often expressed that he had so much more than he ever thought he would. His wife, children, grandchildren, friends, and—most of all—his salvation were the foundation of his peace and fulfillment in life.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Judy McKinney Johnsey; his daughter, Kimberly Johnsey Kelley (Shayne) of Denton, Texas; and his son, Walter Frank Johnsey Jr. (Laurie) of Athens, Alabama. He was the proud grandfather of five grandchildren, whom he affectionately called the "Fearsome Five"—Rocklyn, Kooper, and Addison-Shayne Kelley, and Pratt and Newton Johnsey.

Walter is also survived by his sister, Sandra Johnsey McGuire (Terry); his brother, Lawrence Frank Johnsey Jr. (Grace); brothers-in-law Randy McKinney (Betsy) and Jay McKinney (Chuck); as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence Frank Johnsey Sr. and Margie Booth Johnsey; his brothers, Amos Boothe and Jimmy Ray Boothe; his sisters, Mildred Boothe Morris, Betty Booth Armstrong, and Mary Lee Johnsey McMillian; and his parents-in-law, J.E. and Marie McKinney.

He will be remembered for his warm heart, thoughtful advice, and the countless ways he supported and uplifted those around him. His life was a true reflection of generosity, faith, and quiet strength.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, May 25, 2025, at Grace Life Baptist Church, located at 5911 Old Tuscaloosa Hwy, McCalla, Alabama, officiated by Bro. Dennis Dunn. Visitation begins at 2 p.m., with the service to follow at 3 p.m. Following the service, all are invited to stay for a time of sharing memories and enjoying all his favorite foods.

Walter Frank Johnsey Sr. will be deeply missed, but his spirit will continue to guide and inspire all who were blessed to know him.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Grace Life Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Green Pond Presbyterian Church Cemetery

65 Presbyterian Church
Grey Hill Road
Green Pond, AL 35074

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 25. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Grace Life Baptist Church
5911 Old Tuscaloosa Hwy
McCalla, AL 35111

Funeral Service

MAY 25. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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McCalla Memorial Funeral Home - June 03, 2025 at 01:22 PM

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“ Walter was one of the finest and dearest friends that God has ever created!!!

Sid Edwards - May 30, 2025 at 05:16 PM

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“ One of the finest people I have known since very early Jones Valley days. Judy ELLis Myler

Judy Ellis Myler - May 23, 2025 at 10:59 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Walter F. Johnsey.



May 23, 2025 at 05:10 PM

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“ My uncle PeeWee was definitely one of a kind. A simple man with a big heart and walked with God his whole life. He is an example of what a Christian is supposed to be. I never heard him say unkind word about anybody and he was always kind, thoughtful, and willing to help anybody. I didn't spend a lot of time with him recently, but I went and lived with him and Judy for a couple of weeks several years ago, and I got to know him better as an adult. I was always comfortable around him, and I always felt really loved when I came to visit him. The last time I saw him which was a couple of months ago he gave me the biggest smile and was so happy. I think sincerely happy to see me, even though his health was deteriorating and he was bedridden at that point. Just knowing that he's not a phone call away or a visit away saddens me. But I know where he is and I know he was ready for that Mansion in the sky.



Donna Hughes - May 20, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Walter F. Johnsey.



May 20, 2025 at 03:08 PM

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“ SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, MY GOD KEEP YOU AND BLESS YOU ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE.

William White - May 20, 2025 at 12:25 PM

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“ *The DeHart Family & The Gritten Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Walter F. Johnsey.*



The DeHart Family & The Gritten Family - May 18, 2025 at 05:17 PM

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“ *The DeHart Family & The Gritten Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter F. Johnsey.*

The DeHart Family & The Gritten Family - May 18, 2025 at 05:17 PM