



Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr.

July 11, 1969 - July 8, 2022

William Hershell Johnson Jr., entered this world on July 11, 1969, at Methodist Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana as the first child and only son born to Agnes Rose Johnson and William H. Johnson, Sr. He was the most adorable baby boy and as a child was affectionately nicknamed “Pudgy” by his family. A name that he only acquiesced in adulthood as a result of the love he had for his family.

William was born into a military family and traveled throughout the world as a young child living in Louisiana, North Carolina, Hawaii, and Georgia before ultimately residing in Saginaw, Michigan.

He attended Nell Haley Elementary and St. Mary’s Catholic School where he played football and was a member of the debate team. William completed his secondary education at Saginaw High School as a member of the Class of 1987 Trojans. While in high school, William was actively involved in the Student Council and the golf & football teams.

As a child, William developed a passion for art, building and re-building computers, Star Trek, Star Wars and all things Science Fiction. Continuing on with this passion into adulthood he attended SCI-FI conferences and sold & traded memorabilia.

William's love of art led him to study at Kendall Institute of Arts in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design with a minor in Computer Science. Pieces of his portfolio was selected and displayed at the Art Institute of Chicago.

After graduating from college, William pursued his passions as a multi-faceted entrepreneur offering services as a freelance photographer, graphic artist and computer repair. He owned and operated Power Software, a retail storefront business in Saginaw. Additionally, William was a licensed real estate agent in Michigan and worked with Century 21 Realty.

William had an extraordinary witty personality and possessed a profound curiosity for nature, with an eye for always seeing beauty – in people, places, and unordinary objects. With a heart of compassion and empathy, William had a willingness to assist anyone in need. He once drove across the country to be a caretaker of his sister Akemi's cat while she was traveling abroad.

William was a fighter, full of tenacity and perseverance until the time that he transitioned from this life on Friday, July 8, 2022 at the age of 52 years old.

William leaves to celebrate his life and forever cherish his memory, his loving and devoted mother Agnes Rose Johnson; his one and only younger sister Akemi (Anthony) Mitchell; Godmother Erlene Jones, special cousins Brandalynn R. Winchester & Hilry Winchester, close friends Lisa Patterson; Dexter Mitchell and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other family & friends.

William was preceded in death by his father William Hershell Johnson Sr.; Grand Parents Starkey and Cora Melton; Imogene Davis and Walter Johnson.

It's a far, far better thing I do than I have ever done before. A far better resting place that I go to than I have ever known

- Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan:

Family hour 10:00 AM Thursday, July 14, 2022, from the Chapel of Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Dr. Marvin T. Smith will officiate. Interment will take place in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Family Hour

JUL 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr.*



Browne's Mortuary - July 14, 2022 at 10:30 AM

CM

“ *Cheryl Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr.*



Cheryl Moore - July 20, 2022 at 07:01 AM



“ *Our memories of William, our precious son ...as our bonus son who brightened our days. We remember all the times with him and our Carla Z. The two will make sure that their new home is electrified as they hook things up. They both shared a love and skill with all things computers! To Crickett and Akemi and the rest of the family, our love and prayers.*
Sonny and Gerri

Geri Taylor - July 17, 2022 at 12:37 PM

FM

“ My condolences to the immediate family of William. We recently celebrated our 35th Class reunion and returned to the news of his passing. SHS Class of 1987 will remember him always when we gather together. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Felicia Mitchell Mushatt - July 15, 2022 at 05:43 PM

DA

“ Debra Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr.



Debra Austin - July 15, 2022 at 02:05 PM

Jacqueline
Holmes-
Irvin

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Jacqueline Holmes-Irvin - July 15, 2022 at 06:25 AM

MJ

“ Margaret & Audrain King Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr.



Margaret & Audrain King jr - July 14, 2022 at 03:05 PM

LP

“ Dear Agnes, Akemi and the Johnson Family our heart is heavy right now on your loss, but God has William in Heaven looking down on us. He was a part of the Ewing & Pierce Family we will never forget that smile.., Love You!!!!
Rev. Dr. M.H. Pierce, Jr. & Dr. Linda Pierce



Linda Pierce - July 14, 2022 at 01:50 PM

ML

“ Matt, Melissa, Jillian & Hudson Lamb purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr..



Matt, Melissa, Jillian & Hudson Lamb - July 13, 2022 at 08:12 PM

QG

“ Dear Agnes, Akemi and Johnson Family, sorry for your loss. Thinking of you with sympathy, understanding and friendship during this sad time and hoping loving memories will bring you comfort. May you gain strength from the many who love and care.
With Deepest Sympathy,
Queta Galobardes

Queta Galobardes - July 13, 2022 at 07:27 PM

KB

“ Karen Browne-Betts lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr.



Karen Browne-Betts - July 13, 2022 at 04:19 PM

JG

“ William and I became friends after we met at my computer store many many years ago. We shared a passion for helping people and fixing and rebuilding computers. See you again one day friend.

John Greenough - July 13, 2022 at 12:32 PM

QF

“ Our sincerest condolences to William's family. My God strengthen you endure the absence of your loved one.



Quincy Hayes and family. - July 13, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr..



July 13, 2022 at 01:19 AM

AM

“ *Williams’s knowledge of Comics, Star Wars, and Star Trek is legendary but his big heart is the main reason why he was so loved*

Anthony Mitchell - July 12, 2022 at 07:33 PM

AM

“ *Anthony Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr.*



Anthony Mitchell - July 12, 2022 at 07:30 PM

QF

“ *Our most sincere condolences go out to William's family. He will truly be missed.*



Quincy Hayes and family. - July 12, 2022 at 06:01 PM

TJ

“ *The Family of Agnes Johnson purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr..*



The Family of Agnes Johnson - July 12, 2022 at 05:18 PM

MC

“ *M Choyce lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr.*



M Choyce - July 12, 2022 at 04:51 PM

SH

“ *Shauna Hemphill lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr.*



Shauna Hemphill - July 12, 2022 at 01:24 PM

PS

“ *P. Sweeney lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr.*



P. Sweeney - July 12, 2022 at 01:02 PM

DC

“ *Derinda Culberson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr.*



Derinda Culberson - July 12, 2022 at 09:55 AM

AJ

“ *Amelia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr.*



Amelia Johnson - July 12, 2022 at 07:58 AM

RW

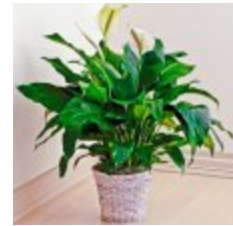
“ *Rhonda L Warren lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr.*



Rhonda L Warren - July 12, 2022 at 01:05 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. William Hershell Johnson Jr..*



July 11, 2022 at 12:24 PM