



Brian "Boomer" Keith Johnson

September 16, 1965 - June 26, 2019

Winterville, NC -- Brian "Boomer" Keith Johnson, 53, passed away Wednesday, June 26, 2019 after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

The family will receive friends Tuesday night from 6-8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Service & Crematory in Greenville, NC. The family will also receive friends on Saturday, July 6 from 1-3 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Thayer, IL. There will be a memorial service directly following.

Brian was born at the naval hospital in Norfolk, VA. He grew up in Thayer, where he participated in all sports and set a state record in hurdles. He worked at the Illinois Dept. of Public Aid for many years before moving to Winterville in 2002. He was the records manager at Joyner Library at East Carolina University.

He had an avid interest in music and sports, which influenced his sons' career pursuits in music production and sports journalism. In particular, he loved playing golf and taught his sons and nephews how to play. He was a big classic rock fan, his favorite being The Rolling Stones. He was also a talented cook and trivia player.

He was a loving husband and dedicated father who will be truly missed.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, John "Jake" Bednar; uncle, Keith Bowen; and his beloved dogs, Kahlua, Satchel, Angus and Sadie.

Brian is survived by his wife of 33 years, Camille Murphy Johnson; sons, Brice and Dylan Johnson; mother, Elaine Bednar Grundy; father, Lawrence "Larry" Johnson and wife Joyce; sister, Cindy Handy and husband Charlie; niece, Jessica Snodgrass and husband Brian; nephew, Connor Handy and fiancé Lacey Mount; great niece Emersyn Handy; stepbrothers, John and David Bednar; several aunts, uncles, cousins; and his grand dogs, Sweet Pea and Boomer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Camille Johnson, 113 Essex Dr. Winterville, NC 28590 to assist with their sons' college funds.

The family would like to give special thanks to the Vidant Cancer Center, especially Dr. Paul Walker, his nurse Celeste and medical assistant Toni; and Community Hospice.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Smith Funeral Service & Crematory

605 Country Club Drive, Greenville, NC, US, 27834

Comments



“ You never forget your first love. Such a big personality and ability to make everyone laugh. My heart goes out to all who knew and loved Brian. Rest In Peace, my friend.

Lori Logan Motyka - July 06 at 09:58 AM



“ Brian and I started hanging out together after practice in high school. We connected and became friends quick. We were a bit wild back then. Good times. I believe I am finally allowed back at Elaine's house. Lol... Brian, you are with me always.

Michael Baker - July 05 at 10:08 PM



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Smith Funeral Service & Crematory - July 02 at 05:49 PM



“ Just want to send love to you Camille and sons. Y'all has done an amazing job taken care of this man on yall on. I know that time will ease the wound that this has left in yall heart. Thinking of you and days to come. Love always, Christina Mobley-Dale Fastmed family

Cristina Mobley-Dale - July 02 at 05:07 PM



“ Brian and I played football and ran track together in HS. He had many gifs, but two that I remember vividly. He was usually the smartest person in the room, and he never left anyone behind (except in track. He left a LOT of people gasping in his dust). He was always there, rain or shine. He had this magnetic personality that drew people to him. He would've made a helluva rock star

Jim Ovington - June 30 at 07:21 PM



“ So True!! Jim we all grew up together. Kind of the Thayer bunch of kids-you and Brian were in every class picture I have along with a few others.

Chris Heckman - June 30 at 08:15 PM



“ Oh, reading of his life and accomplishments hurts my heart. I wish I'd had the pleasure of meeting him. What huge loss to his family and community! I pray for the family's grief to be bearable in time and love. Rock on in heaven. Rock on



cyndy flock - June 30 at 12:31 PM



“ Josh ONeal lit a candle in memory of Brian "Boomer" Keith Johnson



Josh ONeal - June 29 at 10:55 PM



“ Boomer helped basically raise me. You will be truly missed Booms. You were a dad outside of my own home and always watched my sporting events. Smartest guy that I have ever met, see you soon my friend. - Bryant Packard

Bryant Packard - June 29 at 10:36 PM



“ Bryant, Cherry, and John Packard purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Brian "Boomer" Keith Johnson.



Cherry Packard - June 29 at 05:55 PM



“ My favorite memory of Brian is he was able to see all our boy's achieve the dreams in life they seeked !



Cherry Packard - June 29 at 05:43 PM



“ Sherry Darden lit a candle in memory of Brian "Boomer" Keith Johnson



Sherry Darden - June 29 at 05:00 PM



“ I will remember "Boomer" for loving my boys as his own. My boys, Devin and Tevin Lanon, spent a lot of time at the Johnson Familys home from elementary school until graduating from high school. My boys thought the world of "Boomer". They would always come home asking me about music groups that Boomer listened to, asking me if I knew of them. And, surely, I did.
My prayers to Camille, Dylan and Brice. Sending much love to you guys.

Sherry

Sherry Darden - June 29 at 04:59 PM