



John "JR" Johnson

April 15, 1951 - November 16, 2024

John "JR" Johnson, age 73 of Old Hickory, passed away peacefully on November 16, 2024, surrounded by his friends and family. He is preceded in death by his father, Henry Christopher Johnson; mother, Virginia Johnson; brother, Richard "Dick" Johnson.

John is survived by his loving wife, Judy (Henry) Johnson; children, Keith Franklin and Christy Thornton (Reed); grandchildren, Shane Franklin (Sarah) and Chloe Thornton; great-grandchildren, Arora and Rosie Franklin. He is also survived by many brother and sister-in-laws and their children that he loved so dearly.

John was born April 15, 1951 and was a graduate of John Overton High School. He lived a life dedicated to public service, his friends, and his family. A proud veteran of the Metro Nashville Police Department. serving 30 years, earning respect and admiration for his unwavering commitment to his work and community. In addition to his work in law enforcement, John had a unique role as a traffic reporter for Y107 FM with the handle Buck Naked. His unmistakable voice and keen awareness of local roads made him a familiar presence to listeners for many years.

Even after retiring from MNP, his sense of duty never waned. John spent many years as a traffic patrolman overseeing other retired as well as current officers with the same level of attention and care that defined his entire career. He was a respected leader known for his work ethic, generosity, kindness, and mentorship. His commitment to these things left an indelible mark and he will

be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life will be held Monday, November 25th, from 4-6pm at Launchpoint Church, 337 West Baddour Pkwy B, Lebanon, TN 37087.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 25. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Launchpoint Church
337 W. Baddour Pkwy. B
Lebanon, TN 37087

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John "JR" Johnson.

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John "JR" Johnson.



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“ I attended Overton High School and graduated in 1970. I worked for Buck as an officer and as a Sergeant out of West Station. He would always mess with me when I was promoted to several ranks, saying it made no difference, he had stories about me and wasn't afraid to use them. I will never forget his laugh, story telling and above all his protective nature of those he supervised or called friend. I was so blessed to have known him.

Andy Garrett - November 20, 2024 at 03:54 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of John's passing. It made me think back to the days when we were neighbors and then John became a mentor to Brent when he joined MNP. They made memories together, and I think they could have written a best selling book about their experiences. Judy, Christy and your entire family you are in my thoughts and prayers! Betty Fisher, Mt. Juliet

Betty Fusher - November 18, 2024 at 08:25 PM