



## James Robert Johnston, II

October 11, 1942 - December 25, 2021

James R. Johnston II of Newnan GA passed away in the early morning hours of Christmas day at Piedmont Hospital in Newnan. He was surrounded by his wife Jackie and family.

Jim was born on October 10, 1942 in Pittsburg PA. to the late James Robert Johnston Sr. and Helen Hahn Johnston. He was married to Jacqueline Brunelle Johnston for 26 adventurous years. Jim proudly served in the U.S. Airforce. He retired from Pratt Whitney after 42 years of service. He had several international assignments and finished his career at Delta Airlines in Atlanta, GA as a Field Service Representative for Pratt Whitney. During his career he received many awards and recognition for his work.

Survivors includes siblings Fredrick (Janice) and Judi Johnston. Daughters Katherine Johnston, Rachel Johnston-Neel (Becca), Stefanie Sawyer (Josh). He also leaves three grandchildren with another grand baby on the way. Nieces Jen, Beth, and Ryan and was predeceased by his nephew Trevor.

Jim's love was all things automotive, racing and aeronautical. He was a member of SCCA and raced on the Formula V Circuit for many years. He was a licensed pilot and built his own experimental airplane. He was a member of the Commemorative Air Force which specializes in restoring and maintaining WWII Aircraft. Jim restored many cars and motorcycles over the years

including his favorite Model A Ford. All of his work was done with precision and not presented unless it was deemed perfect. He will be greatly missed by his many friends.

The service is Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 4:00 pm at McKoon Funeral Home, Newnan, GA. Kathy Kelly Huey will officiate and the service will be live streamed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ 21 files added to the album *Funeral Service*



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**Jackie Johnston** - February 06, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - February 05, 2022 at 04:52 PM



*At Jim's service 2/5/2022*

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**Jackie Johnston** - February 26, 2023 at 08:44 PM

JJ

“ *Janice Johnston lit a candle in memory of James Robert Johnston, II*



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**Janice Johnston** - February 05, 2022 at 07:05 AM

DF

“ *Jim and I met at the Airbase Georgia (Dixie Wing) when he first came to the hangar regarding a part for one of his cars. It was a great joy to get to know him, and eventually he became an important volunteer in the machine shop at the Wing. He had such a great sense of humor, always smiling and greeting folks with a warm welcome. I will greatly miss him. My sincerest condolences to Jackie and the family.*

*Douglas Franklin*

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**Douglas Franklin** - January 02, 2022 at 05:21 PM

JM

“ *Jim was a great guy. I looked forward to talking to him about airplanes and cars every time we were out at the CAF hangar. He has really been missed due to his illness. We have all lost a first class man.*

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**John Miller** - December 29, 2021 at 08:56 PM

RH

“ While thinking of what to say about Jim it occurred to me how simple it is. What a Great Guy! Extremely intelligent, generous, he was unassuming and a truly nice man.

*Jim and I shared so many interests they're too numerous to list here. Suffice to say I will cherish the times we spent together.*

*What a Great Guy. I miss my Friend.*

*Godspeed Jim*

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**Rick Horne** - December 29, 2021 at 04:55 PM

TW

“ *Tim & Lisa Worley purchased the Fairest of All for the family of James Robert Johnston, II.*



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**Tim & Lisa Worley** - December 29, 2021 at 11:42 AM

TW

“ *Tim & Lisa Worley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Robert Johnston, II.*



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**Tim & Lisa Worley** - December 29, 2021 at 11:21 AM

SU

“ *David and I only got to meet your beloved Jim once but we will not forget him. We had so much fun in the Model T that day. He was a wonderful man for you to be so in love with him.*

*Heartfelt sympathy from both of us.*

*Susan and David Lazarcheck*

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**susan** - December 28, 2021 at 03:25 PM

WM

“ *With love, Tere and Ruben Mendoza purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Robert Johnston, II.*



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**With love, Tere and Ruben Mendoza** - December 28, 2021 at 12:57 PM

TR

“ I, after basic training, got sent to Pope AFB, NC. Was temporarily housed in a barracks which was not the barracks for my unit. I'm walking down the hallway one evening, this guy's door was open, in the days before AC. I looked in and saw a poster advertising the 12 Hours of Sebring auto race. So I stuck my head in and started talking to this guy. Turned out it was Jim. We became fast friends, eventually roommates. Stayed in touch since 1967, when he left the military.

Over the years and decades I visited him and he visited me. We talked several times per year.

It's hard to accept that someone you've known for 53 years is gone. He will be missed tremendously.

RIP my friend

Robinson

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**Ted Robinson** - December 27, 2021 at 09:22 PM