



## Kenneth Samuel Johnson

September 20, 1944 - November 19, 2025

Kennith Samuel Johnson, known affectionately as Ken or Kenny, passed away peacefully on November 19, 2025, at the age of 81. Born on September 20, 1944, in Douglasville, Georgia, to the late Roscoe Johnson & Effie Goolsby Johnson. Ken spent most of his life in Newnan, where he became a beloved fixture of the community.

A proud U.S. Army veteran, Ken served as a paratrooper before dedicating 36 years to the City of Newnan Fire Department, retiring as Captain in 2009.

When he wasn't at the firehouse, Ken could be found delivering gas and oil for Otis Jones Oil Company, crisscrossing Newnan and the surrounding counties with his signature wave and easy smile. If you lived in downtown Newnan, chances are you knew Ken-or at least saw him behind the wheel of something big. Ken was also a member of Sargent Baptist Church.

Driving was more than a job for Ken-it was a passion. Whether it was a fire truck, a hazmat rig, or the family car, he was always the one behind the wheel. He also loved fishing, playing golf, and starting his mornings with breakfast at his favorite local spots. Civil service and community were as important to him as his hobbies, and he gave 100% to everything he did.

Ken had a dry, subtle sense of humor, sharpened by a love of British television and Atlanta Braves baseball. He also had a fondness for gambling-much to Ella's chagrin-but true to form, he was good at it. His stories, laughter, and presence will be deeply missed.

Ken is survived by his devoted wife of almost 57 years, Ella Johnson; his

daughter, Amy Johnson; his son, Brian Johnson; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Johnson; son-in-law, Rick Stark; grandson, Taylor Higgins; and granddaughter, Sydnee Johnson.

Friends and family are invited to pay their respects at McKoon Funeral Home on Monday, November 24, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A celebration of Ken's life will be held on Tuesday, November 25, at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, with interment following at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Flowers are welcome, or memorial contributions may be made to either the Newnan Coweta Public Safety Foundation, P.O. Box 1113, Newnan, GA 30264, or to Sargent Baptist Church, P.O. Box 189, Sargent, GA 30275.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

NOV **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Kenneth Samuel Johnson*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - November 25, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Samuel Johnson*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - November 24, 2025 at 01:32 PM

SF

*Ken will be greatly missed. He was a all around good man. My prayers go out to EllaMae and the family.*

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**Sherry (May) Fields** - November 24, 2025 at 08:32 PM

SR

*I have just seen this!! I am so very sorry for a your loss! Kenny was My very first Love! We were very a young teens! My sympathy to All Family and Friends! Sending My alive and Prayers!*

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**Sandra Anne Barber Rabern** - January 30 at 08:38 PM

BP

“ *Beverly Payton lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Samuel Johnson*



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**Beverly Payton** - November 25, 2025 at 09:14 AM

SB

“ *Shirley Borders lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth Samuel Johnson*



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**Shirley Borders** - November 24, 2025 at 06:39 PM

LR

“ *To the entire Johnson Family. My name is Larry Robertson. My Dad,  
Leroy Robertson was a very close friend and Horseshoe Beach  
fishing buddy with Ken. I had the pleasure of knowing all of the  
Horseshoe gang, Ken, Hubert, O.C., Jack, and Jimmy, through my  
Dad Leroy. I have very fond memories from my times spent with all  
of them in Horseshoe. We really enjoyed the video and pictures of  
everyone. My wife Janet and I were saddened when we heard of  
Ken's passing. Please know that we will keep all of you in our  
thoughts and prayers. God bless you!!*

*Larry and Janet Robertson*

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**Larry Robertson** - November 24, 2025 at 02:56 PM

AJ

*Love you Larry. Fishing with the guys was such a critical event for Dad. When it came to pictures, I tried to tie in the whole crew. God bless you as well.*

**Amy Johnson** - November 24, 2025 at 03:11 PM

EM

“ *Elaine Morrison purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Samuel Johnson.*



**Elaine Morrison** - November 24, 2025 at 10:05 AM

KC

“ *Prayers for family and friends. Ken was a good man and a good friend!*

**Katrina Cline** - November 24, 2025 at 10:04 AM

AJ

*Thank you Katrina.*

**Amy Johnson** - November 24, 2025 at 03:12 PM

TF

“ *Tony, Sandra, Shelia and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Samuel Johnson.*



**Tony, Sandra, Shelia and Family** - November 24, 2025 at 08:44 AM

SF

“ Steve, Tim and your GLE family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Samuel Johnson.

Steve, Tim and your GLE family - November 24, 2025 at 08:09 AM

SF

“ Steve, Tim and your GLE family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Kenneth Samuel Johnson.



Steve, Tim and your GLE family - November 24, 2025 at 08:09 AM

JD

“ Jenise D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Samuel Johnson.

Jenise D. - November 23, 2025 at 11:30 PM

AJ

“ When Ken started working for Otis, he became like family to all the Joneses. We loved Ken and his family, and he will be missed.

Ann Jones - November 22, 2025 at 11:36 AM

AJ

Ann and Otis, we all viewed you guys as part of the family as well. I remember coming out to fix computer issues for Otis. I loved the occasional rides with Dad.

Amy Johnson - November 24, 2025 at 03:14 PM

NC

“ Nikki & Michael Cushman purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Samuel Johnson.



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**Nikki & Michael Cushman** - November 21, 2025 at 11:36 PM

JM

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs Ella, Amy, Brian, Jennifer and family. May you find peace during this difficult time.

*JT, Stefanie and Brianna Moore*

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**JT Moore** - November 21, 2025 at 06:29 PM

EK

“ Elizabeth King planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Samuel Johnson.

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**Elizabeth King** - November 21, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kenneth Samuel Johnson.



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November 21, 2025 at 06:04 PM

SC

“Kenny was a great brother when I was growing up he was always playing tricks on us and I will always remember them Kenny and I talked about them days a few weeks ago then he went into service I will always remember him and love him .

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**Sandra Cutlip** - November 21, 2025 at 06:03 PM

AJ

Oh my gosh Sandra, Dad LOVED scaring the crap out of me and Brian growing up. He also enjoyed scaring the care givers in the last couple of weeks. Thank goodness they rolled with it.

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**Amy Johnson** - November 24, 2025 at 03:16 PM