



## William Roger Johnson

August 14, 1947 - November 2, 2020

So many of the gospel hymns we have known all our lives talk of what a great day that will be when we have finished our course on earth and attain our highest reward. For William “Roger” Johnson, God fulfilled that promise in the early morning hours of November 2nd. As sure as he was present in this life for 73 years, he suddenly slipped into eternity, leaving behind a physical body that had begun to limit his activities. Roger was one of four children born to the late William Reuben and Lucy Myrle Adams Johnson. In addition to his parents, Roger was predeceased by his two brothers who died in separate tragic accidents and his sister, Joyce Johnson Morgan. Roger graduated from Riverside Military Academy and attended Georgia Southwestern State University. He served two years in the United States Army beginning in 1969 and was stationed in Germany. For all his life, Roger found his greatest joy in God’s great out of doors world. Fishing became a passion for him, and he never missed a chance to drown some worms! He also found that it was a wonderful way to bond with his sons and his grandchildren. Roger was the original founder of The West Georgia Bass Club. Along with that activity came the opportunity to mentor many young fishermen who were new to the sport or some older pros with whom he could share some stories. It comes as no surprise that Roger came to be known affectionately as “Bug Eye”. Those of you who know the sport, will understand. There is a well-known verse known as the Fisherman’s Prayer. The last line of that poem states “I then most humbly pray: when I’m in the Lord’s great landing net and peacefully asleep,

that in His mercy I be judged, big enough to keep." Roger is survived by his wife, Jane Jackson Johnson. His sons are Ken Johnson and Greg Johnson and his wife Rholanda. His grandchildren are Kenny (and wife Catherine), Tanner, Carly and Emmy. Visitation for family and friends will be on Wednesday evening, November 4th between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Rogers life will be remembered in a service of celebration to be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 3:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street. The service will be led by Pastor Danny Wilson. The interment will follow at Historic Oak Hill Cemetery with appropriate military honors by The United States Army. Social distancing protocols are required for all events. In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that those who wish to do so , may make a memorial gift in Roger's name to either The River Life organization , [www.livetheriverlife.com](http://www.livetheriverlife.com) or Unity Baptist Church [www.ubcnewnan.com](http://www.ubcnewnan.com). Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-3744

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
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care@mckoon.com

## Service

NOV 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of William Roger Johnson*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - November 05, 2020 at 10:17 AM

DC

*This errors out every about every 10 seconds. Will you show it later?*

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**debbie chambers** - November 05, 2020 at 03:35 PM

JE

*Yes, please show it again. It errored out more than it worked.*

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**jim e** - November 05, 2020 at 03:44 PM

RS

*To Rogers family I'm so sorry I could not make the visitation and service Rodger was a great friend and like a brother when we enjoyed fishing many moons ago he will be truely missed by all and Jan I know you will miss him most 🙏🙏🙏*

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**russell stitcher** - November 05, 2020 at 04:23 PM

CH

*Bless you Jane, Rest in peace Roger, Prayers for the family, So sorry for your loss ChRiSSyB*

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**ChRiSSy** - November 09, 2020 at 06:01 AM

JS

“ Ms Jane  
*I am deeply saddened to hear about Mr. Roger. Especially since I was your insurance agent for so many years plus you and Roger have known my daddy Joe Collins forever. I personally just had foot surgery and wasn't supposed to be getting out at the time of all Roger's visitation. I'm am praying for you and your family to have comfort in this time in your life. I love you Ms Jane and you're a wonderful and caring person and a beautiful woman inside and outside. Love Jade Collins Stuermer*

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**Jade Collins Stuermer** - November 10, 2020 at 06:17 AM

DA

“ Jane and family,  
*May God bless and keep you close in the hours, days, weeks and months to come. Rip and I are praying for you. From time to time, Rip has spoken of Roger and the fun times had in their younger days! He always considered him a friend Please allow God to hold you in His lap. With love.*

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**Diann & Rip Alford** - November 05, 2020 at 06:47 PM

TO

“ One of my best friends. I often quote him and enjoy sharing his stories. In particular, our golfing and pool shooting days. He worked hard played hard. He loved his family and his country. He was extremely knowledgeable and gave his all at anything he did. He will be missed. My heartfelt condolences to family and friends.

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**Tony Owens** - November 05, 2020 at 07:42 AM

RM

“ RIP ❤️



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**Robin Barron Mann** - November 04, 2020 at 08:52 PM

PC

“ Jane,  
*Heartfelt love and sympathy in the loss of your "true love". Just keep in mind that God gave His children memory so there would be June roses in December; remember all the good times*  
*Love, Pat and Gene*

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**Pat and Gene Craven** - November 04, 2020 at 06:16 PM

BM

“ *Roger was a great friend. I will miss his messages he would send to his friends and so glad we were able to follow each other on Facebook. He always made sweet comments! Prayers for you, Jane, and his children, he was a super person!!!*

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**brenda stephens moulder** - November 04, 2020 at 05:32 PM

DS

“ *Dear Johnson and Jackson families,  
I am so sorry to hear of Roger's death. May the Good Lord give you Peace, Love and Contentment during this very difficult time,  
God loves you and I do too,  
Don Jones Sr*

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**Don Jones Sr.** - November 04, 2020 at 05:02 PM

CT

“ Cal and Ann Thurston purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Roger Johnson.



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**Cal and Ann Thurston** - November 04, 2020 at 02:46 PM

LM

“ Roger was the first friend I made when I moved to Newnan in 1988. He was a good friend and will be missed.

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**Larry Messer** - November 04, 2020 at 10:32 AM

JE

“ Roger was one of the first friends I made when I moved to Newnan 40 years ago. There are many fun times we shared that I will never forget. R.I.P. my friend.



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**Jim E** - November 04, 2020 at 09:36 AM

TO

“ Filled with sorrow to hear about Roger. One of my favorite people, nicest guy I have ever known. My sincere condolences to his wonderful family. Tim Oliver

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**Tim Oliver** - November 04, 2020 at 08:39 AM

JS

“ My condolences to the family....prayers for all his loved ones during this difficult time.  
May he rest in the arms of our Lord forever.....

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**Jan M Scaglione** - November 04, 2020 at 07:21 AM

RM

*God Bless You Jane and your Family Roger good man, good friend He will be missed but not forgotten*

**Ray McKnight** - November 04, 2020 at 10:16 AM

JM

“ *Jan M. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of William Roger Johnson.*



**Jan M.** - November 04, 2020 at 07:12 AM

JP

“ *I will miss his sharp wit and his enthusiasm on the golf course , he and I have many memories in Newnan playing as partners in so many games with our local friends. i worked with him in the car business and he became my first true friend in Newnan in 1993 .*



**James L Perry** - November 04, 2020 at 05:10 AM

AB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all.* ❤️



**Ann Bastuba** - November 04, 2020 at 02:12 AM

TW

“ I don't know what to say. I will always think of you am so glad you went to be with Jesus when you could not manage here anymore. I have great memories of you with the boys and appreciate that you, Jane and I had a good relationship. I will miss you and will see you again. Rest in Peace.

Terry Wyche - November 03, 2020 at 08:20 PM

JM

“ Junie Austin Merkle lit a candle in memory of William Roger Johnson



Junie Austin Merkle - November 03, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Roger Johnson.



November 03, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of William Roger Johnson.



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“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of William Roger Johnson.*



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November 03, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of William Roger Johnson.*



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November 03, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Roger Johnson.*



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November 03, 2020 at 06:46 PM