



Mr. Benny Louis Johnson

June 1, 1943 - March 1, 2017

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A Celebration of Life for Benny Louis Johnson age 73 of Shelbyville will be held at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel on Thursday, March 9, 2017 with Dr. Bill Jaber and Brother Steve Murphree officiating. Visitation with the family will be from 4-6 with the memorial immediately following at 6:00 PM

Originally from War, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Clyde Louis and Flora Althea Johnson. His family was his world. He was a lifelong trainer of the Tennessee Walking Horse and a charter member of the Walking Horse Trainers Association that was founded in 1968. His passion was promoting the breed and he made The WHTA National Trainers show a success for over 30 years as show manager. He founded the Walking Horse Youth Council in 1995. He was a member of New Beginnings Baptist Church in Shelbyville, TN. He is survived by his wife of 30 years; Sherrill Leigh Johnson of Shelbyville, Daughter; Joyce Marie Green (Tony) of Shelbyville, granddaughters; Samantha Joyce and Cora Lee Green both of Shelbyville, Sisters; Margaret Atkinson, Janet Shamblin (Bob) and Betty O'Beay all of Yorktown, VA . Several nieces, nephews and lifelong friends. He was preceded in death by sister; Donna Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers: Tony Edwards, Dick Myers, Jeff Green, Ed Abernathy, Dean Byard and Sonny Holt.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to Great Strides Therapeutic Riding Program, a charity very dear to his heart.

Great Strides Therapeutic Riding Program

PO Box 1666

Shelbyville, TN 37162

Memo – In memory of Benny L Johnson

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Mr. Benny Louis Johnson.*



March 09, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ *Our sympathy, thoughts, prayers and love are going out to Joyce Marie, Sherry, Samantha and Corey, as well as his sisters. He could sing, dance, play the trumpet and loved the Tennessee Walking Horse. He made my childhood dreams come true - showing and winning on a black horse. Love you Benny, and see you at the Bridge. I'll bring the Twizzlers for you know who. Godspeed my friend.*

Rebecca Zirkle - March 07, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Benny was a very good friend of mine. He was like a father to me.*
James (Chubby) Sheets
Tazewell, Va. 24651

james sheets - March 06, 2017 at 09:03 PM

SM

“ Sharon McCaleb purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Benny Louis Johnson.



Sharon McCaleb - March 05, 2017 at 09:55 PM

PS

“ My wife and I grew up with Benny and had some wonderful times together. Don't believe there was ever a better dancer to hit the floor at the Sweet Shop. Haven't seen him for years but I know he's going to be greatly missed by so many people. Prayers and best wishes are with his family. See you in Heaven Benny. Phil and Linda Sfreddo

Phil Sfreddo - March 05, 2017 at 06:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Benny Louis Johnson.



March 05, 2017 at 02:37 AM

JC

“ Benny Johnson was a blessing to his family, friends and the TN. Walking Horse Industry. He will be forever remembered by all. Thanks for everything he did for so many. Forever loved and never forgotten. Peace and comfort for all. Green's you now have that ever watching gaurdian angel.

Jo Eldridge Craighead - March 03, 2017 at 02:22 PM

KS

“ I met Benny when I was about 12 years old when he had Walking T Stables in Tazewell Va. I worked for him until he moved to Stuart's Draft Va. Benny was always real good to me and my family. It was a pleasure to have known. Him Rest In Peace my friend. Keith Sheets.

Keith Sheets - March 03, 2017 at 08:53 AM

JH

“ Jean Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benny Louis Johnson



Jean Harrison - March 02, 2017 at 06:40 PM

YG

“ I was a ribbons at the Trainers Show and whenever I need to go to the back he will take me and wait for me...I will miss him a lot Prayers sent to the family...Love

Yvonne Griffith - March 01, 2017 at 10:21 PM

JH

Benny first person I ever agreed to put on a show with and was more than happy of the results. He had a passion for this industry and especially for the Trainer's Association. I don't believe there will ever be another man that could fill his shoes. Rest in peace my friend.

Jerry Harris - March 08, 2017 at 10:50 AM