



## Robert Wesley Johnston, Sr.

May 20, 1929 - September 30, 2009

### JOHNSTON

Robert Wesley, 80, went to be with our Lord on September 30, 2009 in St. Hedwig TX. He was born on May 20, 1929 in Chattanooga TN and adopted by maternal grandparents, Jack and Nancy Johnston. He served 8 years in the US Navy and US Coast Guard. He became a firefighter at Kelly AFB and rose to station chief before his retirement. He is preceded in death by his mother, Addie Mae; grandparents; brother, Jimmy Shelton; sister, Margie Dunifer and two granddaughters, Leann Capps and Sarah Friend. Survivors include his loving wife of 34 years, Joan Johnston; brother, Orville Shelton; children, Victoria Wells, Nancy Smoot, Robert Johnston, Jr., Laura Friend, Michael Johnston, Sharon Inselmann, Terry Edwards, and first wife, Shirley Woodcock-Swift; 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons. He will be forever missed!

### SERVICES

Visitation will be from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Friday, October 2, 2009 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. The Funeral Service will begin at 3:00 PM on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Interment will follow at Mission Retama Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Vicky,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I feel so blessed that your parents were such a huge part of my childhood. I have such fond memories of your dad. He was always so kind and loving and always had a smile on his face. Your mom &*

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**Barbara Barbieri Lowden** - October 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Dear Dad,  
What a mighty God we serve! This without a doubt I know and thank you for allowing me to share my faith with you. You shared so many stories of family history with me and made me proud and feel loved always. You and mom blessed me with a wonde*

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**Laura Friend** - October 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Laura: Roy and I are praying for your family.*

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**Janet & Roy Murphy** - October 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *My thoughts are with you all.*

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**RONALD BURTON** - October 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *We'll miss you, Uncle Bob, but I have a feeling we will all be seeing you soon... until then, rest in peace.....*

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**Gregory E. Woodcock** - October 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Johnston Family,

*May God Bless and keep you during this time. It has been many years since East Vestal Street but as Mom gets older she talks of those days and your family very fondly. She saw your Mom and Dad sometime back at a funeral and was*

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**Larry Booth** - October 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The sense of humor, being hard headed, hard working attitude came from you Dad. It is truly a gift from God that you were choosen to be my father. I will always have the memories of the kindness and love you showed me each and every day. Your laughter, yo*

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**Nancy J. Smoot** - October 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *We are sorry to hear of the passing of Bobby, he was a cousin to me and my brothers and sister, Kenneth, Jimmy and Patsy, he grew up with us here in Chattanooga until he went into the Navy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today, Johnny Johnston*

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**Johnny Lamar Johnston** - October 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Joan, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Bob. You and your entire family are in our prayers.*

*May God Bless you and ease your pain!*

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**Laura Tate Carpenter** - October 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Vicky and Nancy,

*I am so sorry to hear about your dad.....Been looking for ya'll for years.....I remember him as a hero, too, Nancy.....I so enjoyed knowing him when we were just turning into adults.....Love to you and your families.....I love and*

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**Alice Bachman Steed** - October 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Sorry we are unable to come. We are thinking of all the good times, wish there could have been more. Robert was a great friend and lotz of fun. We always had a blast with him. He was closer than a brother.

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**James & Elizabeth Tate** - October 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Robert Jr., Vicky and Nancy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families on the loss of your father. Although, I have not have not had the chance to visit with you in many years, I still have very fond memories of your dad. He was a great ma

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**Gerald R. Riedel** - October 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Bobby & Joan and the rest of the family, my thoughts and prayers and those of my wife Tara are with all of you. I have great memories of Bob when I spent a week with all of you in San Antonio in about 1985, and then again at Bobby's wedding in Knoxville

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**Danny Bass** - October 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ There is much to say about Robert Wesley Johnston. He was a very hard working man throughout his whole life. I never heard my Dad complain, not once...never! He had a "no excuses" outlook on life and that was a great example he taught all of us. Dad was

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**John Michael** - October 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I extend my condolences and my prayer that God will comfort all of you in your time of sorrow. I'm one of Joan's 1955 classmates from Palestine High School.

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**Larry Linson** - October 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ My sincerest condolences go out to the entire family. Life wouldn't have been as meaningful without Mr J in our lives. Love Brenda

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**Brenda Materne** - October 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ One of the most pleasant men I ever had the privilege to meet. I always enjoyed talking with him at get-togethers. He will be missed.  
Jimmy Gunn.

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**Jimmy Gunn** - October 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Dear Johnston Family,  
Nick and I are so sorry for your loss. We knew Mr. Johnston through my dad, Robert Johnston, Jr. We are so sorry that we were not able to attend the services, but we still wanted to express our condolences and let you know how much

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**Nick and Christy Rose** - October 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Jimmy R & Kathy Moore Odom*

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**Kathy Odom** - October 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ Joan, so sorry to hear about your husband. My condolences to you and your family. Ruth Ann Young

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**Ruth Ann Helvering Young** - October 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Daddy, I will miss you terribly but I know you are in heaven walking with Jesus. I will be there to join you in the future. May God Bless!

*Love, Daughter #1, Victoria Ann*

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**Victoria & Bill Wells** - October 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ My sincere condolences to the Johnston family and to my good friend Sharon Inselmann on your lost. Words are never enough but may God bless you and sustain you during your grief.

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**Mano Perez** - October 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM