



Duane Johnston

June 24, 1942 - June 29, 2015

Duane Johnston, age 73, a long-time resident of Dublin, Ohio, passed away Monday, June 29, 2015 at The Sanctuary at Tuttle Crossing. Born in Columbus to the late Frank and Agatha Johnston, Duane was a graduate of Worthington High School, Class of 1960. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force where he proudly served from 1960-64. Duane retired from Ohio Bell Telephone in 1994 after a 30+ year career. He was a Master Mason, Sunrise Lodge #783, F&AM, a 32nd Degree Mason, Valley of Columbus and a member of Aladdin Temple Shrine. In addition to his parents, Duane was preceded in death by his brother James Johnston and his nephew Michael Johnston. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joy Johnston; his children, Frankie Borden of St. Louis, MO, Travis (Renee) Johnston of Dublin and Jacqueline (Mark) Kimmel of Canton, MI; his grandchildren, Alec and Aaron Borden, Grace and Isabelle Johnston and Carolyn, Joseph and Oliver Kimmel; his sister, Virginia (John) Funk of Delaware, OH; nieces and nephews, Jimmy Johnston, Robert Funk, Timothy Funk, Sarah Scott and Angela Mack, and their families. Calling hours will be held from 10 a.m.-12NOON FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015 at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, OH 43065, (614)-792-1471, where a Memorial Service will follow at 12NOON. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 1/4 mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) Private family burial will be held at a later date at Dublin Cemetery. If they choose, friends may make memorial contributions to The

Shriners Hospital for Children , 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607
(855)-401-4897 www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org. Please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com to send condolences to the Johnston Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Duane Johnston*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *God Bless/RIP, to ALL who served. Thank YOU for your service, Duane. And Semper Fi.*



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - July 07, 2015 at 03:08 PM

SS

“ When I think of Uncle Duane, I mainly remember smiles, laughs, stories, and songs.

I feel privileged that I got to share two "fish stories" with him. My first fishing memory is when he had me kiss the first fish I caught before throwing it back in the pond. The logic was that the fish would tell all the others about it, and I'd catch more.

Much later I asked him to take me fishing. We didn't catch anything, but we went to Long John Silver afterward. That way, he said, we could say that we got a fish that day.

You are all in my prayers.

Sarah Scott

Sarah Scott - July 03, 2015 at 10:41 AM

MW

“ Duane always said that "a good neighbor has good neighbors", but Duane and Joy have always been the best! Whatever the need, Duane was always there to help, and his easy going and friendly nature made one comfortable to ask. He took care of lawns, snow, fallen tree limbs, power outages, and critters of all sorts. He knew how to fix most anything, and if a tool couldn't handle the job, his brute strength did! He was protective of his family and neighbors, and proudly patriotic, with a great knowledge of military history and respect for those who gave service to their country, as he did. More than anything, Duane knew how to make someone laugh, and he loved to see a smile. His country style quips are legend, and left everyone wondering how he came up with such things! I would sometimes listened for what seemed hours, and just shake my head in amazement and amusement as he went on about most any topic you could think of with a story or witty words of wisdom. Even from his hospital bed, he was sharing his insights on Winston Churchill with staff and visitors! But for all Duane's jokes and teasing, there lay a heart of gold. When he spoke about the special needs children on his school bus, his children and grandchildren, and his care for Joy, you knew he was a gentle giant of sorts. I will always be grateful to Duane and Joy for being such caring neighbors and friends. They were always there for me, and have helped to make my life in our neighborhood a home! Duane will be greatly missed, but never forgotten, and always remembered with warmest wishes of love and laughter.

Mary Wissel - July 03, 2015 at 08:42 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Duane Johnston.



July 02, 2015 at 04:51 PM

MW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Mary Wissel - July 02, 2015 at 03:54 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Duane Johnston.*



July 02, 2015 at 12:59 PM

VF

“ *Virginia & John Funk, Bobby, Tim, Sarah, & Angie, & families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Duane Johnston.*



Virginia & John Funk, Bobby, Tim, Sarah, & Angie, & families
- July 02, 2015 at 12:18 PM

DS

“ *Joy I ,am sure Big Red as we called in the Air Force will be missed by all who knew him. especially his imediat family. Dennis L Segner*

Dennis L Segner - July 02, 2015 at 06:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Duane Johnston.



July 01, 2015 at 07:55 PM



“ Duane was there my first summer to back the riding mower out of the shed for me and show me how to operate it; he helped me in my panic to turn off my hot water tank in 2009 when it had sprung a leak and was spitting water out the top of it; he helped me figure out how to close the garage door when I had messed up the sensors; both Duane and Joy have given me rides to pick up my car when it had to be worked on; Joy brought me beautiful flowers to the house when I had surgery in 2005; they have given me tomatoes from their garden every summer and we've had many neighborly talks by the back fence. I've also enjoyed looking through Duane's many collectible tools in their garage, borrowing some on occasion. We've shared lots of stories about our doggies, and they've put up with my barking doxies at the back fence. These are just a few of the many things my good neighbors have helped me with during the past twelve years.

They didn't have to do these things, but they did because they are wonderful friends and neighbors. They are good people who would do anything for you, and you enjoy talking with them. I feel very fortunate to have met Joy and Duane. I will miss seeing Duane out there every week mowing his grass.

*Marilyn Heicher
Neighbor and Friend*

Marilyn Heicher - July 01, 2015 at 08:46 AM