



## Robert Johnston

June 28, 1949 - October 30, 2020

Robert Hugh Johnston passed on Friday, October 30, 2020 at Dublin Methodist Hospital in Dublin, Ohio at 71 years of age after a long-term illness.

Bob was born on June 28, 1949 in Akron, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Mary Johnston, brother Kenneth, and beloved son, Erin. He is survived by his loving wife, Diane (Gray) Johnston. Bob met Diane at Springfield High School. The two were married on September 17, 1968 and recently celebrated their 52nd anniversary. Bob is also survived by his caring daughter Julie, sister Debra, and grandchildren Brooke, Alaine, and Camryn.

Bob attended the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio. Throughout Bob's career, he owned multiple businesses, including: Lawn Medic, Lawn Arrangers, and Livingston Seed. Bob worked alongside of his son Erin, his nephew Drew, and lifelong friends Kathy (Frederick) Chesser, Les Simpson, and Kenny Gunn. Among his professional accomplishments included several patents related to his seed business.

Bob was a loyal friend to many, who appreciated his sense of humor and respected his integrity. Several notable friendships over the years included Barry & Lynda Livingston, Jim & Nancy Cannon, Ken & Karen Helmlinger, Chris & John Scott, and Dana Schmidt.

Bob was involved for a number of years in a ministry for young men at the State of Ohio Juvenile Facility in Circleville, Ohio. He attended Vineyard Church in Westerville, Ohio. Bob's favorite scripture:

Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

A private memorial service for Bob will be held. In Bob's memory, should you like to make a memorial donation, please consider The Choroideremia Research Foundation and The Alzheimer's Association. The Choroideremia Research Foundation [www.curechm.org](http://www.curechm.org)  
The Alzheimer's Association [www.act.alz.org](http://www.act.alz.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Johnston*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



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**patricia martin-metzler** - January 08, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ *I am a real estate agent and I met Mr. Johnston after he had finished remodeling a Condo in North Columbus many many years ago. He had a bad fire at the property he was working on and he was worried about over improving the property. When I first walked in to preview it , it was nice but then, I went on downstairs and it was amazing. It sticks out in my mind because the property was built by Bob Webb and I didn't think it was even possible to improve on a property built by Webb!*

*Mr. Johnston was a joy to work with and he should of been a builder. He had a real talent. I can honestly say he made that property more desirable than the builder.*

*I was just searching on this site for a friend's obituary and was very sad to see Mr. Johnston had passed away. My heartfelt prayers go out to his family in this difficult time.*

**patricia martin-metzler** - January 08, 2021 at 09:34 PM

NM

“ I’m so sad to hear about Bob’s passing. I had the honor to work alongside Bob and Beth Whitlaw at Livingston Seed where I helped design seed packets and displays for the company. Bob was always kind, generous, funny and always talked greatly about his grand kids. And who could forget about Log Jam who he would bring in to work with him many times. After the company was sold I thought of Bob often, wondering what his next adventure would be. I will greatly miss him.

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**Nadia McGaughy** - November 07, 2020 at 10:29 AM

LH

“ I was very sad to hear about Bob. He taught me so much when I worked at Livingston seed, that today I am still learn and helping teach children about the love of plants. Your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace Bob and thank you .  
Linda Harrison



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**Linda Harrison** - November 06, 2020 at 06:00 PM

NC

“ We have been friends for over 50 years. We met at church when we taught Children’s Church together. Our kids grew up together. Bob was an exceptional man. He had a huge heart and truly loved his family and many friends. Fly high Bob!! We will love and miss you! Until we meet again. Jim and Nancy Cannon

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**Nancy Cannon** - November 06, 2020 at 02:27 PM



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Stephanie Armstrong - November 06, 2020 at 02:19 PM



*My 2nd set of parents from day 1 of my life! I will miss you so much and hug Erin for me!!*

Stephanie Armstrong - November 06, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ *Bob and I have been close friends since we met at Lakemore elementary school. We had a lot of fun and great times together. I admired Bob for his faith in God and for his business acumen. In our early 20s he even convinced me that capitalism was the way to go! LOL. Bob, Diane, Julie and Erin always made our family feel extremely welcome when we visited them in Columbus. I know that Bob is having the time of his life in heaven now! I sure will miss you buddy, but we will meet again.*



Bob Johnson, Barry Livingston, Bob Archer, and Steve Lakatos attempt to get well teachers.

Barry Livingston - November 05, 2020 at 08:13 PM

KG

“ Bob and I go back 40 plus years. We meant back in 1973 and I started working for Bob in 1974. Over our 40 plus years I have to say I have never meant a more creative person in all my life. His mind never stopped coming up with new ideas to make our business prosper and grow. He deeply cared about all his employees and people associated with him personally. I will always appreciate everything he instilled in me through are working year's together. To his wife Diane and family he will be missed but never forgotten. Thanks for everything Bob. Ken Gunn

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**ken gunn** - November 05, 2020 at 07:34 PM

DF

“ Dennis Rick and Family purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Robert Johnston.



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**Dennis Rick and Family** - November 05, 2020 at 07:17 PM

DR

“ Bob and I were petty good friends way back then..I spent a lot of time at his house. The BB guns fights we had were great until I on accident shot Rich Cable in the head (He had his hood up) Spent many a night camping out at Rich Cable back yard. Bob taught me how to throw a pitch the correct way (I still use what he taught me today ). But when I went in the Army we kinda went are ways until I came back. I still thank his wife Dianne for helping me get a job at Firestone. But, Dianne I know your probably still mad at me for getting Bob pretty drunk one night when we talk him to come on down to his Basement house his family rented out to my former Brother in Law (Sonny Collins) I recall he said he had a ruff time getting up the hill (He kept falling back down..hahaha) I recall calling him up the next night and invited him down..He never show and I we all know why!!! Dianne, My heart goes out to you for the loss of Bob..He was one of a kind...  
Denis Rick

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**Dennis Rick** - November 05, 2020 at 07:12 PM

DI

*Dennis,*

*Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers. It was lovely to hear from you after all these years. Best to you and your family. Diane & Julie*

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**Diane** - November 07, 2020 at 12:14 PM

DD

“ *Diane, very sad to hear about Bob, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Dan and Paula Dutton.*

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**Dan Dutton** - November 05, 2020 at 04:09 PM