



Danny Denton Johnston

February 8, 1944 - December 11, 2016

Obituary For: Danny Denton Johnston

Residence: Elkmont, AL

Age: 72

Date of birth: February 08, 1944

Birthplace: Maury Co. TN

Died: Sunday, December 11, 2016

Location: Residence

Father: James Iverson Johnston

Mother: Katie Sue (Denton) Johnston

Marital Status: Married

Employment: Engineer

Deceased has resided in: Elkmont

The funeral will be held at: First United Methodist Church of Hohenwald
Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 1:00 PM

The officiating clergy: Drew Brewer

Burial will take place: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 in the Polk Memorial
Gardens

Located at: Columbia, Tennessee

Visitation will be: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 , 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at
First United Methodist Church of Hohenwald

Additional Information: In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be
made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America

<https://www.alzfdn.org/ContributetoAFA/makeadonation.html>

Survivors Include:

Katie Sue Johnston, Mother - Hohenwald, TN

Martha Johnston, Wife - Elkmont, AL

Robert Johnston, Son - Anchorage, AK

Chuck Johnston (Harolene), Son - Pulaski, TN

Randy Johnston (Sabrina), Son - San Jose, CA

David Johnston (Pat), Brother - Elkmont, AL

Jimmie Kay McCarthy (Mac), Sister - Hohenwald, TN

Sonja Sue Reeves (Jimmy), Sister - Hohenwald, TN

Cody Derryberry, Grandchild

Cole Derryberry, Grandchild

Collin Derryberry, Grandchild

Angelina Johnston, Grandchild

Olivia Johnston, Grandchild

Robert Johnston, Grandchild

Avonlea Derryberry, Great Grandchild

Preceded in Death by:

James Iverson Johnston, Father

Arrangements by:

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc

20 West Second Ave.

Hohenwald TN 38462

931-796-2207

Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Kathy Breece lit a candle in memory of Danny Denton Johnston*



Kathy Breece - December 20, 2016 at 01:04 PM

RJ

“ *22 files added to the album Misc Pics*



Rob Johnston - December 19, 2016 at 10:07 PM

JR

*Awesome family awesome husband
Awesome father, brother, friend, and SON. No man was better to his mother to care for her than this son. He put his life on hold to minister to others but the sad 😞 thing is NOW Danny did not have many years to not live his own life. He is receiving his glorious rewards for ALL that he constantly did for esp his family and friends! I thought I had posted something about my dear older brother but it must have erased somehow. I can usually say something fr my heart but as of this moment my heart has not been able to express the bursting of pain and I want to somehow write something that reflects my hearts 💕 love for someone that will always live on in my heart and is Living right now in the indescribable light of the Love ❤️ of His Savior. Danny taken way too soon fr us but a great blessing for Him who is enjoying the Presence of PURE LOVE and being with the father and family is so loved that went before him. Enjoy a long fellowship with Jesus for me. What an incredible joy to get to rest fr your flesh work and look our Savior face to face. Never will we stop missing u till we join u! Your little sister Sonja Johnston Reeves*

Jimmy Reeves wife Sonja Johnston Reeves - January 02, 2017 at 07:56 PM

CR

“ I knew Danny for over 40 years beginning in the 1970s and he was one of the most competent engineers and technical managers I ever had the privilege of working with. We travelled together, drank together, and supported each other at work. His integrity was beyond reproach and Danny was a trusted friend. If I were ever in trouble any place on this earth, I felt like if I called Danny he would be there, and I would do the same for him.. Few of us are lucky enough to have friends like that in a lifetime. News of his death brought great sadness and I send my heartfelt condolences to his family, some of whom I know. Danny will be sorely missed and the world will be a poorer place without him.

Cary Reily - December 19, 2016 at 12:18 AM

JD

“ Thank you Danny for taking over the role of sending us cards each year when Katie Sue was no longer able to do it. I am so happy that Jeff was able to stay in touch with you through your diligence and caring. I hope the two of you are having a nice long visit together right now. To all who loved Danny, I hold you close in thoughts and prayers as I feel keenly the sting of loss right now myself. We all were lucky to have men such as Danny and Jeff to appreciate and now, to remember always...

Julia Denton - December 17, 2016 at 11:53 AM

JT

“ *Eulogy to my good friend, Danny Johnston*

Danny Johnston passed away this morning at his home near Ardmore, Alabama. If you did not know Danny, you definitely a great American and a good friend. After leaving Hohenwald in 1962 as salutatorian of our high school class Danny went on to Vanderbilt and later MIT and rose to be one of the top engineers of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He was managing director of the Hubbel and Galileo projects for NASA. You may have seen some of those magnificent pictures of our galaxy and nearby constellations in “National Geographic.” Danny was in large part responsible for those photos.

It is hard to realize that this man from Hohenwald, Tennessee would ascend to such proficiency that some of his colleagues would say that he was “one of the ten best mathematicians on our planet.”

When the message came from Apollo 13 saying “Houston, we have a problem,” Danny was among the engineers who worked feverishly to ensure that the mission’s astronauts with their oxygen supply lost in an explosion, would have enough oxygen to return to earth; and they did!

I am sure NASA had a hard time replacing Danny’s expertise, but I shall always remember fondly interacting with him as leaders of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. At that time the MYF numbered more than 30, a fact which will never find its equal in my memory. I shall also recall that we were repeatedly sent to math competitions during our junior and senior years. I feel so fortunate to have known Danny Johnston! In 2016 we lost both A.B. Sisco, Jr. and Danny; and when the sun rises tomorrow, this world will never seem the same to me. Respectfully, Jerry M. Turner, Ph.D.

Jerry M Turner - December 13, 2016 at 10:40 AM

MP

“ We are so truly sorry about the untimely death of your husband, Father, and grandfather! So sorry we can not be there with you but will make a donation to Alzheimer's foundation.and are keeping you in our prayers! Love and prayers, Wiley and Mary

Mary Price - December 13, 2016 at 09:22 AM

MC

“ Such fond memories of Cousin Danny, who grew up after WWII as the oldest of four children on the Johnston Family Farm on Swan Creek in Lewis County. As an only child born in Tennessee, living in Michigan, my folks let me spend all of my summers in Hohenwald and on Swan Creek with dear grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Danny was like a brother to me. Fond memories of running barefoot, climbing trees, milking cows, making bows and arrows and sling shots. Danny was always the best at catching fish, grass hoppers or what ever. Excelling in school and later at Vanderbilt he became a NASA Engineer working on the Hubbel Telescope...of which we were very proud. I am so thankful to have had special time with him during the past year...especially at 72 and 76 yrs of age riding a four wheeler together exploring hunting land he had purchased. You will be so missed Danny...gone much too soon.

Mary Carpenter - December 12, 2016 at 04:20 PM

SR

Sonja Johnston Reeves

It has be 20 days since I received a call I still can not fully and totally believe. My heart is so full it bursts with emotion of my older brother who was ALWAYS there for me. I can not yet bring my heart to write anything because there is no way at this point I can express my love for him. What can a sister say about a brother words that come to me I can express to anyone. He may not be here with me in this realm but I for sure know HE IS ALIVE in the dimension he for years worked in a field that sought to find it. No instrument man can build can reflect the LIGHT He is seeing now. Till my heart accepts fully what has happened I only can be comforted by that fact. For it is all of us who Grieve for our loss, for our loss is Danny's gain!

Sonja Johnston Reeves - December 31, 2016 at 07:50 PM