



David James Johnston, Jr.

August 9, 1963 - November 25, 2019

David James Johnston, Jr. of Youngstown, New York passed away November 25, 2019 at the Newfane Nursing-Rehab Center in Newfane, New York. He was 56.

David was born on August 9, 1963 in Manistee, Michigan to David James & Patricia Ellen (Knapp) Johnston, Sr. and they preceded him in death.

He graduated from Wayne State University and received his Bachelor's degree. He had been employed at Aurubis, Buffalo as Senior Process Engineer - Reroll, the largest copper plant in the United States, as a steel purchaser at Winegard in Burlington, Iowa and at TRW Automotive in Livonia, Michigan

David was a foodie; he loved trying new things and cooking for those he loved. His favorite thing to try and cook was any fine cut of steak. He was an avid reader and was constantly learning and had a particular interest in aviation and war history. In his younger years David was a skate boarding pioneer, helping build the first skate ramp in St. John, Michigan when he was 15. He also loved surfing anywhere from the West coast to Lake Michigan.

He is survived by his wife, Rochelle of Youngstown, New York; three sons: Lucas (Savana Hinshaw-Hatten) Johnston of Bossier City, Louisiana, Parker Johnston of Goodyear, Arizona, Tanner Johnston of Katy, Texas; their mother,

Mary Johnson of Summerville, South Carolina; his sister, Veronica Johnston (William Stanton III) of San Rafael, California; nieces: Nikki Happie, her daughter, Azaria and Shannon Schmidt.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Kaye Johnston and a brother, Daniel Jay Johnston.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at Peterson funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac with Reverend Scott Torkko officiating. Friends may meet the family just prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

VJ

“ One of my favorite memories/visions of David, is the tenderness/care/compassion that he maintained from the first day of his 13 month younger brother Daniel's birth, throughout their life. (Irish twins) Of course, there was a bout of sibling rivalry in junior high,

May David have already joined Daniel in Heaven, be 'jet packing' about the Universe, both with big grins....

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord lift his face upon you, be grateful and merciful. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, granting eternal peace.

I love you forever bro, big sis, veronica

veronica johnston - December 09, 2019 at 12:03 PM

BM

“ David and I were the best of friends as young boys. Along with his brother Danny we spent countless hours together playing baseball, and "

Army"

. We also would play in his basement on Oakland street with matchbox cars all day long. We were inseparable through grade school. David was a great friend, and a great person. He always had a smile on his face . In Middle school and High school we went in different directions and hung out with different friends but when ever we saw each other it was if we were never apart. I am very blessed to have had David as my friend. I will miss him very much.

Bill McCarthy - December 04, 2019 at 07:51 AM

JR

“ I'

m so sorry I'

m unable to attend David'

s funeral. I'

m the second oldest of Grandpa and Grandma Knapp'

s grandchildren. David and Danny were the youngest. My

daughters, Dawn and Kristen, are the same age as David and

Danny. When the kids were young, Grandma Knapp would spend

some of the summer with Trix and Dave and some of the time in

Midland with the three of us. When Grandma was with us, she

would always tell the girls how wonderful the boys were. When the

girls talked to David and Danny , they told them that Grandma

always talked how wonderful Dawn and Kristen were. Obviously

Grandma knew how special David and Danny were. All of the family

are in my prayers.

Judy D. Richardson - December 04, 2019 at 06:18 AM