



Howard "Archie" J.A. Johnston Jr.

December 17, 1948 - June 5, 2018

Howard "Archie" J.A. Johnston Jr., age 69 of Orlando, Florida passed away Tuesday, June 5, 2018. Archie was born in Espanola, Ontario, Canada on December 17, 1948. Archie was a United States Navy Veteran. He graduated Rollins College with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration. He was a devoted Christian and he was passionate about his testimony. He was a pillar of strength to his family and showed compassion to everyone who crossed his path. He will be greatly missed and we are assured that we will meet again in Heaven. Archie is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Claudia; son, Dr. Howard Johnston III (Jessica); daughter, Lillian M. Edge (Thad); grandchildren, Gwendolyn, Catherine, Gavin, Hannah, Taylor; great granddaughter, Sarai.

Cemetery Details

Glen Haven Memorial Park

2300 Temple Drive
Winter Park, FL 32789

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

MI

“ Archie was a Wonderful man and neighbor. He would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need! You will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go to the family.
---The Jones family

Missy - June 17, 2018 at 09:26 AM

MR

“ Mr. Archie,
Although we only knew you for the past 6 months that we moved next door to you, you and your wife were nothing but kind to Michelle, myself and especially our son Archer. He loved just taking time to chat with you about everything and anything. You always made time for him. You will be greatly missed sir. Thank you for all you did in our short time as neighbors. Thank you for your service to our country.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Johnston family.

With a heavy heart

The Rhoades family (Michael, Michelle, and Archer)

Michael Rhoades - June 14, 2018 at 12:07 PM

HA

“ My Opa,

I miss you so much. You are always going to be my Opa. I never believed people when they said I just can't believe they're gone, but now I know what they mean, and my heart is broken. I'm writing you because I love you and I know you're reading this. Our memories together will last forever. It breaks my heart that I didn't get to hear all of your stories, but I am thankful for the ones I have. I miss building our award-winning toothpick bridge, your lovely singing in public, picking through coins, bringing ice-cream home from the store when you came to visit, and just being able to be around you. I need you to be up there shining down on us, because I'm having a rough time. The last time I saw you, you promised me with a smile on your face that you are coming to see me commission. I thought about that so much, because you are so special to me. So, with that being said, you best be there. You'll be in my speech and in my heart for forever. I can hear you saying, I love you I love you I love you! The words you spoke will always stick in my mind, just how you say them. One thing you said to me every time I saw you was, "I'm so proud of you!" and I always said, "Well, I'm proud of you too!" It pains my every last feeling that we didn't get to say goodbye, so I'm not going to, because you're telling me not to since you're always in my heart. I love you forever and always.

Hannah - June 10, 2018 at 07:57 AM

LE

“ Dad,

I don't want to believe this is real. I don't understand why I didn't get a warning, or why you didn't come see me as you transitioned into your Heavenly body. As I cry out to you and Jesus now, I keep hearing you say, "I'm okay, Sis!" Well, I am not okay. I need you! I don't know how to live without you. But, I know I must. I will do my best to make you proud. I know you're not in pain anymore, and I know you are with your mom, dad and siblings now. I know how you longed to see them again. But, our hearts ache here on earth. Mine is broken. I miss you! I love you! You were the rock that held us together, our pillar of strength. When life through us curve balls, I knew that when the four of us united, nothing was impossible. It was like God assembled a family that was even stronger as a whole, than individually. I know that was God's divine plan, and I know that it was God that kept you and mom together for forty-five years. You taught me to be compassionate, loyal, strong, and to never give up. You helped me instill a warrior spirit in my girls. I don't know how I'm going to survive without you, but I know I must. I know you are giving me the strength to move on. As much as I don't want to, I know I must. I understand your journey here on earth is over, and I understand that I must take it from here. I love you so much, Dad! My heart will ache until we meet again. I will miss you everyday for the rest of my life. I will make sure your legacy lives on in all of us. I will make sure Taylor remembers you. And thank you for letting Hannah know that you are "right here." I know you will always be by my side now. I know I must let you go. I know you are in a much better place, singing with the angels, glorifying our God and reuniting with family. Every so often...you meet someone who is destined for greatness. Someone who follows God's divine plan. Someone who is just "special." This time, that someone is you, Dad! I know I have to let you go. It is with a heavy heart that I say...May you rest in peace now because I know you rised in Glory. I love you, Dad...and I will take it from here...

Lilly Edge - June 09, 2018 at 06:13 AM

BB

“ *Bob & Rita Booth purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Howard "Archie" J.A. Johnston Jr..*



Bob & Rita Booth - June 08, 2018 at 04:45 PM

RB

“ *Will never forget all the years at Avalon when you were there to help with whatever needed to be done. You were always kind and helpful with all the students you worked with.*

Rita Booth

Rita Booth - June 08, 2018 at 03:37 PM

GJ

“ Papa,

You are deeply missed by me, I remember all the stories you told me as a kid. You have inspired me to be a kind man; even to random strangers. You were always talking with someone and encouraging them through the word of God and your own positivity. I lament that I didn't spend as much time with you as I could of, but the times I got to see a movie with you or eat with you will always be remembered. You always told me you were proud of me even when I failed or did something wrong, I remember when I had to go to your house after school and you would build models with me, one that was so good no one believes it was a originally in pieces! I wish you could have seen me graduate Nursing school and seen me have kids, but God has a plan for everything. I know you'll be watching me from heaven and guiding me to my God given purpose. Rest in peace Papa, I miss you so much.

*Your Grand Son,
Gavin C. Johnston*

Gavin Johnston - June 08, 2018 at 03:20 PM

TF

“ *The Edge Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Howard "Archie" J.A. Johnston Jr..*



The Edge Family - June 08, 2018 at 06:13 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard "Archie" J.A. Johnston Jr..*



June 07, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ *Archie was one of our longtime board members for our prison ministry and he and Claudia have been faithful supporters. He was a true man of God and a great encouragement to us and we will really miss him, but our loss is heaven's gain. We're heartbroken that we can't attend his homegoing celebration but are away doing ministry and that's where he would want us to be.*

Richard & Liz Jacks - June 07, 2018 at 06:31 AM

DJ

“ Dad,

Words cannot heal the pain of losing you because you were my rock and someone that I held so dear. We know deep inside that it's better up there with our heavenly father but we're not together which makes it unfair. Seems like yesterday that we were together then I opened my eyes to realize gone means forever here on earth. Looking back to the days we woke up to you, and to the days you spent with us. Sometimes as I remember you, beg and cry, Wishing that you would have never died. But as the days go on, for you we will pray, and remember you by each passing day. Its gotten harder and harder since the day you went away. It hurts and it aches our hearts for the rest of our life until God decides to take us home. May the good memories hold deep in our heart until we meet again. May God give us the strength to overcome the pain of this great loss. God has ended your long time suffering and that is what we try and fall back on.

You will always be remembered as a loving, caring and affectionate father. We will forever cherish your memories and hope for our ever loving mother to see through this difficult time of parting. Today she will miss you ever so more and hope that you are watching ! You were a Great couple'. The beautiful memories of you will always remain with us. Loosing you has been extremely painful. The family has tried to show composure & I pray to our almighty God daily that you would grant our mother strength to remain strong until you decided that you need the duo back together there in heaven. For 45 yrs you two remained united thru thick and thin and we never realized that we could loose you. The only comfort we get is that you are in best of hands and pray that God will grant your soul eternal peace. We miss you more than you know.

Son

Dr. Howard Johnston - June 07, 2018 at 12:01 AM

CT

“ ARCHIE I WILL MISS YOU DEARLY AND ALL THE TALKS WE HAD TOGETHER DISCUSSING THE BIBLE AND HOW GREAT OUR GOD IS. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE YOUR HEAVENLY REUNION. YOUR EARTHLY FAMILY WILL MISS YOU ALWAYS UNTIL WE ALL MEET AGAIN. LOVING MEMORIES.
CAROL

Carol Taylor - June 06, 2018 at 07:41 PM

MV

“ *Í had known Howard, Archie, for 40 years, and from day one I felt he was family to me. He was a friend, a brother, and a father all rolled up into one. My life will be missing a part off its soul from here on out, but knowing he will be with the Almighty for all eternity, is what mskes my heart rejoice at this time of sadness.*

Manuel 'Chico' Valentin - June 06, 2018 at 04:21 PM

LM

“ *Love Always, Lorraine, Lorri and Michelle purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Howard "Archie" J.A. Johnston Jr..*



Love Always, Lorraine, Lorri and Michelle - June 06, 2018 at 03:38 PM

LJ

“ We were devastated to hear about the passing of our beloved Uncle Archie (Uncle Itchy to Michelle). He has meant so much to us in so many ways. From his always helpful advice to his undeniable sense of humour, he has forever impacted our lives. It is at this difficult time that we must remember how lucky we are to have had him in our lives.

Love Always, Lorraine, Lorri and Michelle

Lorri Johnston - June 06, 2018 at 02:02 PM

CJ

“ My loving husband and soulmate.....

*The last 45 years has been a whirlwind! You will never know how very much my heart aches for you.....You always had the answers and was my guiding light.....I must trust that God had a better plan amongst the angels, and you're rejoicing, singing with the heavenly choir....My only joy comes from knowing you're no longer in pain.....And to think your with mom and dad and all your siblings! You must have known that our family will be there for each other, or I'm sure you never would have left me. Although I have a heavy heart now, I'll be rejoicing when we meet again on the other side...
Your Loving*

CJ

CLAUDIA JOHNSTON - June 05, 2018 at 08:06 PM

CJ

“ *CLAUDIA JOHNSTON lit a candle in memory of Howard "Archie" J.A. Johnston Jr.*



CLAUDIA JOHNSTON - June 05, 2018 at 07:50 PM