



Thomas Rutland Johnson

January 26, 1943 - March 23, 2019

Thomas Rutland Johnson, 76, of Orlando Florida went to be with the Lord on Saturday morning, March 23, 2019 at Dr. Phillips Hospital in Orlando. He was surrounded by his immediate family.

Tom was born in New Britain, Connecticut on January 26, 1943 to Marjorie and J. Oscar Johnson. He was brother to two siblings, Harrie, Jr. and Barbara. He attended Plainville High School, and graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a 4 year degree in Marketing. He served four years in the United States Air Force as a Communications operator and moved up to the position of Buck Sargent. He traveled extensively while in the Air Force, serving his nation in Thailand, Philippines and most of Southeast Asia. Tom met and Married his wife Mary Ann Dawiczuk on August 3, 1968 and was the father of three children; Danielle Elizabeth, Tiffany Marie, and Thomas Joseph Rutland. He was also the father in law to Thomas Stinson, Alan Ludington, and Kerri Johnson, and grandfather to 6 grandchildren; Tyler Ludington, Luke Ludington, Dylan Johnson, Ashley Stinson, Kadin Johnson and Regan Johnson.

Tom went on to become a very successful District Sales Manager for the Professional Plumbing Group Inc., and sold their Wolverine Brass and Plumb Master lines for many years. He was so knowledgeable about his products that he could describe the product by the serial number alone. This would

amaze his customers so much that they were proud to have “him” serve them and wanted no one else! Tom was a Super Salesman who had a great talent for sales as well as a love for serving people. He would win their hearts with his sunny smile, in depth knowledge and infectious personality.

Tom was a devoted man of God who loved the prayer of the rosary and would pray it daily for his family and others whom he knew to be sick or troubled. He kept long lists of people’s names who needed prayers whether from his job or from the church he loved. Tom served the church for many years as a Eucharistic Coordinator. He attended and helped lead the Fatima Rosary (Outside the church) rallies held every October for the last 7 years. He witnessed his great faith in God and Our Lady to the Church parishioners as well as all who attended those rallies. He was a 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus as well. Tom lived his faith with joy whenever and wherever he was.

Tom is survived by his loving wife Mary Ann Johnson, children; Danielle and her husband Tom Stinson, Tiffany and her husband Alan Ludington, and his son Thomas J. Johnson and his wife Kerri Johnson. He leaves six beautiful grandchildren; Tyler Ludington, Luke Ludington, Dylan Johnson, Ashley Stinson, Regan Johnson, Kadin Johnson. All of Tom's children and grandchildren live in Florida. Tom is also survived by his sister Barbara Alex and her family who reside in Connecticut.

Tom Johnson was a beloved dad, husband and loved by many. He was a long time church member of St John Vianney church and a veteran. Tom's family would greatly appreciate any monetary donations you could give at this time toward their funeral expenses.

https://www.gofundme.com/njd9s-funeral-expenses?member=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_email%2Binvitesupporters

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road
Gotha, FL 34734

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Eulogies

MAR 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

MAR **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
6200 S. Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, FL 32809

Tribute Wall

TP

“ *Titletown Plumbing purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of Thomas Rutland Johnson.*



Titletown Plumbing - April 04, 2019 at 11:15 AM

RA

“ *Our most sincere condolences go out to Tom's wife and family. We are heart broken to hear of your loss of such a inspirational man and friend that Tom was to us. He was our sales rep since 2009. We enjoyed his visits to Gainesville and he was always cheerful and had a smile on his face. His helpfulness was very natural to him and he loved to talk about his products. We will miss him dearly. We pray for peace and comfort for his wife and family during this difficult time but, knowing he is with the Lord is a blessing. We are all grateful to have known him.- Rocky and the staff at Titletown Plumbing*

Rocky Arledge - April 04, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ *Im so sorry to hear about the loss of my friend Tom. Tom was my favorite salesman for the last three years and taught me alot about the plumbing business. We talked about faith, family, politics, and life. We saw eye to eye on all of those things so it made our time even more special. I will truly miss him, his laugh, his honesty, and his professionalism. They don't make them like they use to... Rest in Power my friend, thank you for helping me be a better man..
~Shaun @ Curry Plumbing*

Shaun Morris - April 03, 2019 at 08:00 PM

AN

“ *My sincere condolences for your loss. Please find comfort in knowing that our Heavenly Father has promised we will see loved ones again. Acts 24:15 with heartfelt sympathy.*

Antonia - March 29, 2019 at 10:15 AM

RI

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Tom. I work for Heichel Plumbing and Tom was my sales rep. We shared many laughs together over the 7 years I knew him. He always had a smile on his face and a nice thing to say. I will miss him not stopping by to see me on his travels.*



Rick - March 28, 2019 at 05:38 PM

SH

“ *Condolences to the family of Thomas. May you find comfort in 'the God of all comfort', who can help you through this hard time.*

Shenyd - March 28, 2019 at 04:12 PM

JM

“ *Dedicated, honorable, loving, respected, honest, kind and let's not forget that sense of humor...these are just some of the qualities that made the man but it was his devotion to faith and family that made him a leader of men and someone I have always admired. There was never a time when a handshake wasn't accompanied with that great big smile. Heaven has gained another Angel and when I look up now I'll picture that big smile looking back down upon us.*

Jim Mergenthaler - March 28, 2019 at 09:04 AM

AL

Thank you Jim

Alan Ludington - April 03, 2019 at 07:42 PM

PT

“ To the family of Thomas Rutland Johnson, I offer my heartfelt condolences. Losing a loved one in death is a devastating blow that leaves our hearts broken and our spirits crushed. Yet, we are assured at Psalm 34:18: "Jehovah(God) is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit". May you find refuge in the comforting words He has promised at Revelation 21:4, 5 during this most grievous time.-jw.org

Priscilla T - March 28, 2019 at 07:58 AM

FS

“ Family of Alexander Rutland Schmidt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Rutland Johnson.



Family of Alexander Rutland Schmidt - March 28, 2019 at 07:36 AM



“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Rutland Johnson.



March 27, 2019 at 01:56 PM

AL

“Dad, I looked up to you as a father for the many years that I knew you. I couldn't ask for a better father in law than you. I want to thank you for always being there for me. I am really sad that I won't be able to talk with you again on this earth. I just wish God could have given you more time on earth, but he must have a greater plan for you in heaven. You were always there for me for advice and even took time to give a lending hand without thinking twice. The jokes that you could come up with would always crack me up. You inspired me with your close relationship with god and being a dedicated member of church. I am sure that God has a place set up for you in heaven. There was a certain aura about you that everyone liked and it left a positive lasting impression, with everyone you cross paths with. Your integrity shows with the wonderful loving family and friends that are in your life. You are definitely loved by many and will be missed greatly! I will never forget you!



Here is one of your favorite Psalms.

A Psalm of David.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.green...: Heb. pastures of tender grassstill...: Heb. waters of quietness

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth

over.anointest: Heb. makest fat

*6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Alan Ludington - March 27, 2019 at 09:54 AM

LJ

“ *Sonja and I are very sorry for your loss and also happy that we were able to visit with Tom and Mary Ann on our last visit to Florida. We just couldn't believe how much Tom resembled his Father, and I'm sorry that we hadn't had the opportunity to know him better-sooner. Our hearts are filled with sympathy for Mary Ann and the Johnson family in this difficult period.*

With love,

Larry and Sonja Johnson

Lawrence Johnson - March 27, 2019 at 09:34 AM

MW

“ *I had the pleasure of first meeting Tom at a regional maintenance workshop meeting in Orlando over 12 years ago. I can honestly say after 2 days of meeting and hearing various guest speakers, Tom was the only distinctive standout and I knew I wanted to partner and do business with him. Since that first encounter, Tom was the ultimate gentleman; consistently professional & courteous and is the benchmark (in my humble opinion) of how we should conduct ourselves in the workplace. My sincerest prayers for his family and all those grieving. May the love of Christ blanket over all of us during this temporary separation, knowing that our hope in Jesus will provide the eternal reunion with Tom.*

Mark Wolski - March 27, 2019 at 09:16 AM

AL

“Dad, I looked up to you as a father for the many years that I knew you. I couldn't ask for a better father in law than you. I want to thank you for always being there for me. I am really sad that I won't be able to talk with you again on this earth. I just wish God could have gave you more time on earth, but he must have a greater plan for you in heaven. You were always there for me for advice and even took time to give a lending hand without thinking twice. Also the jokes that you could come up with would always crack me up. You inspired me with your close relationship with god and being a dedicated member of church. I am sure that God has a place set up for you in heaven. There was a certain aura about you, that was different from everyone else. That left a lasting impression with everyone that you would know or cross paths with. Your integrity shows with the wonderful loving family and friends that were in your life. You are definitely loved by many, and will be missed greatly and I will never forget you.



Here is you favorite Psalm:
Psalms 23

A Psalm of David.

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I shall not want.

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tender grassstill...: Heb. waters of quietness

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Alan Ludington - March 27, 2019 at 02:03 AM

PG

“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Tom for many years and always admired his dedication to our St. John Vianney parish community and his involvement in church ministry. He was a devoted parishioner and very spiritual man. When he became sick, he always seemed to stay strong and positive and attributed prayer support as the most important thing to him.*

Tom will be greatly missed in our community. The last time I saw him was at a sacred music concert at our church a few weeks ago. It was great to see him there smiling and enjoying it!

One of the fond memories I have of Tom over the years was his neck ties! He always wore interesting, unique ties to church and I especially liked the nature and wildlife ones! I would usually start a conversation with him with a comment about his tie of the day. :)

Tom was a very kind man with a great sense of humor!

May he rest in eternal peace with the Lord.

Paul Gutweniger - March 26, 2019 at 01:32 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Rutland Johnson.*



March 26, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ *BARBARA ALEX purchased the Richly Remembered for the family of Thomas Rutland Johnson.*



BARBARA ALEX - March 26, 2019 at 11:46 AM

BA

“ My first meeting with my brother Tom was memorable. My mother told me she would be bringing a new baby brother or sister home to live with us so I would have someone to play with. After several days, my mother came home with a brand new baby boy! She placed him in a bassinet and left the room. I peered over the side and saw him watching me. Oh! Someone to play with! I then placed my small furry teddy bear on top of my new playmate. No reaction. Then I placed my fuzzy lamb on top of him. Still no reaction. Eventually all my toys that I had piled on top of him one by one were rejected by him. I howled in frustration. My mother raced into the room shrieking "What are you doing?" I replied, "Take him back. He doesn't want to play!" Shortly after that, she did take him back to the doctor who clipped the skin under his tongue so that he would be able to scream. When Mother placed him in the bassinet again, I thought, "Oh NO, he's back!"

Finally as he grew, he did become a playmate, and we trekked through the woods, climbed trees, and played jackknife while wearing our sneakers, much to our mother's chagrin.

Tom learned the values of hard work, sticktoitiveness, and saving money early in life. He delivered newspapers, caddied at the posh country club, and picked up every penny he found on the ground and saved it. Without our biological father in the picture, Tom went to one of the local businessmen in town and asked for his advice on how to become successful. He joined the Air Force, and graduated from college. He reached his goals through a lot of hard work and determination and set an excellent example of an honorable husband, father, and grandfather.

BARBARA ALEX - March 26, 2019 at 11:31 AM

GK

A beautiful sister's tribute. It sounds like he was a great brother...

Geri (Morgan) Kennedy - March 27, 2019 at 11:10 AM

BA

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



BARBARA ALEX - March 26, 2019 at 11:24 AM

BR

“ Tom was a great man and will be missed by many here at Prime Plumbing. It was a Pleasure to have Tom visit us on Fridays. I used to Love and sit and talk with him! My Friday afternoons wont be the same. RIP Tom. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family
Brian Ruggiero
Operations Manager
Prime Plumbing



Brian Ruggiero - March 26, 2019 at 09:31 AM

TJ

“ Lit a candle in memory of Thomas Rutland Johnson



Thomas J Johnson - March 26, 2019 at 08:52 AM

TJ

“Dad, I thank God in heaven that you were my dad here on earth. You have taught me so many things, how to be a man, how to take care of my family, how to treat my wife, how to respect others, but most of all how to honor and serve the Lord. Those lessons will never be forgotten. No one will ever be able to fill your shoes and it makes me sad to know I will not be able to hear your advice that you always gave in times of trouble or your friendship and love that was always given freely with no requirements. You are the most unselfish man I have ever known and I will always try to bring honor and respect to your name. This PSALM made me think of you, a true leader and warrior!!

PSALM 112

Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth forever.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

A good man sheweth favor, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Surely, he shall not be moved forever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he sees his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honor.

The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Thomas J Johnson - March 26, 2019 at 08:50 AM

JE

“ I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to the Johnson family. May you be comforted by the beautiful resurrection hope found at John 5:28,29.

Jessica - March 26, 2019 at 08:47 AM

ME

“ I worked with Tom for many, many years and he was always a pleasure. He was always pleasant even if the situation wasn't. I could sense his smile over the phone. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all as you deal with his loss.

Melissa Miller
ex-PPG employee

Melissa - March 26, 2019 at 08:32 AM

SH

“ Condolences to the family of Thomas for your loss. As the time goes by, may you find comfort in the hope of seeing your loved one again.

Shenyd - March 26, 2019 at 08:01 AM

GR

“ 1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, no ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
To the Johnson family, I am saddened to hear of the passing of our friend, Tom. He is already missed. Wishing you strength and peace during this hard time. Gwen Royal/WB Credit dept.

Gwen Royal - March 25, 2019 at 10:19 PM

DO

“ When I joined Professional Plumbing Group four year's ago Tom was the first salesman to welcome me aboard. As a retired USAF member Tom and I shared many a story of travel and love of God and Country. One of the things we both said was the best part of traveling was coming home to a loving family. As part of my job in HR I had to prepare and send forms for the family when I noticed March 23 and knew Tom would connect that to the 23rd Psalm. The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. Tom lived that Psalm daily and certainly will be missed.

Denny Overfield - March 25, 2019 at 08:33 PM

TI

“ Tiffany lit a candle in memory of Thomas Rutland Johnson



Tiffany - March 25, 2019 at 08:25 PM

TI

“ Dad you are a extraordinary father and husband to mom. I want to thank you for all of the important life lessons you instilled in me. You always had a way of making the best out of any situation. Your peaceful presence and joyful smile and laughter were always and still will be a guiding light for me in my life. There are so many wonderful things to say the list is endless. I thank you and mom for instilling in me all the strong morals and values i have today! I will never forget all the times we spent just talking and joking or just sitting in silence with each other being comforted by your presence. Now i realize with my own children and in life that your time is the most precious gift you can give someone, and i am truly grateful for all of yours through the years! All my love now and forever. Your daughter. Tiffany

Tiffany - March 25, 2019 at 08:24 PM

RD

“ I had the pleasure of working with Tom for over 20 years and I am shocked to learn of his passing. He was a professional who always put his customers first and will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Russell Dueger - March 25, 2019 at 06:56 PM

NP

“ To the Johnson's. My prayers to all of you. I met Tom a few times and always a gentleman. He will be missed. Nick Parlante. PPG /Wolverine. New York

nick parlante - March 25, 2019 at 06:53 PM

AL

“ Here is a link for Go Fund me link to help with funeral expenses. Also you can view on Alan Ludington's Face book page. Thank you

https://www.gofundme.com/njd9s-funeral-expenses?member=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_email%2Binvitesupporters

Alan Ludington - March 25, 2019 at 10:42 AM

ST

“ Mary Ann - we will miss Tom at St John Vianney but know he is with our Lord and is healthy and at peace. God bless you and your family as you work through your sorrow. Susan Trembley

Susan Trembley - March 25, 2019 at 10:31 AM

EG

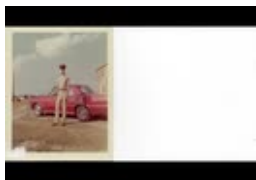
“ Elisa Gronau lit a candle in memory of Thomas Rutland Johnson



Elisa Gronau - March 25, 2019 at 09:03 AM

AL

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Alan Ludington - March 25, 2019 at 06:51 AM

DS

That's beautiful Alan, thank you!

Danielle Stinson - March 25, 2019 at 08:27 AM

GB

Tom was a great man! I had the pleasure of working with him and knowing him for over 27 years. Like everyone said he always had a smile on his face and an upbeat attitude. Any salesperson or person would be successful at work or in life if they acted like him. You will be sadly missed. Gary Benzel PPG Buffalo NY

Gary Benzel - March 25, 2019 at 09:18 PM

TS

“ Throughout your life you meet people and some are so special as Tom was it leaves a lasting mark that you never forget how good someone can be. Tom was a selfless man that lived his life for others. When you met him he would put you at ease by his kindness and loving soul. He could do this simply with a smile and his presence that filled the room. The stories he would tell you immersed you into a personal experience that seemed like it was only for you. Tom would tell the corniest jokes that would have you laughing before the joke was finished because of Toms laughter and mischievous smile when he began saying it. People love Tom because when you meet someone so loving and filled with such kindness and willing to do anything for you it makes you want to be part of their lives. Toms last gesture of his beautiful life is to bring everyone together to share his love and the love of others in his life and not to be sad but to celebrate the memories and knowing we will see him again. Your loving son-in-law Thomas.



Thomas Stinson - March 25, 2019 at 05:31 AM

DS

“Dad, you were the most amazing man, husband to mom, father to your children and papa to all of your grandchildren. You taught me so much. I'll never forget how we used to shoot baskets in the driveway and all of our talks. You had the best sense of humor and your laughter was contagious. Your work ethic was like no other but even with working so hard you always put your love of God and family first. I'm so thankful for everything you have done for us and know you are now watching over us from heaven. Our hearts are filled with your sunshine and all of the many beautiful memories of you.



*I love you Dad!
Your daughter, Daniela*

Danielle Stinson - March 25, 2019 at 04:36 AM

EG

*Dani -
I am so sorry for you loss! Thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this time! Remember, those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear. I love you girl, if you need anything please don't hesitate to call.*

Elisa Gronau - March 25, 2019 at 09:01 AM

BR

Dani - I am sorry for the passing of your father. It never is easy but he is always with you. He is now your Angel watching over you. I am hear if you need anything. Love you, my prayers are with you and your family. I recognize him from church never realizing he was your father.

Barbara Redenti - March 26, 2019 at 02:31 PM