



Frank George Johns

November 4, 1956 - February 18, 2025

Frank George Johns, 68, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on November 4, 1956 in Lewisburg, PA, to the late Frank George Johns and Jane McCullough Johns. Frank worked within the United States Federal Court System for 40 years. He was retired from the US Federal Courts for the Western District of North Carolina after 30 years of service. While working he was on the Court Administration and Operations Advisory Council and was recognized by his peers with the "Angie Award", the Federal Court Clerks Association's award for dedicated and excellent career service. He was an Instructor at National Leadership Conference in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He was honored with the naming of the new wing at the Charles R. Jonas Federal Courthouse in Charlotte called the Frank G. Johns Wing. He was the longest serving active United States District Court Clerk in the nation. He was a published author, writing a children's book called The Adventures of Paciboy to help several of his grandson's transition from dependence on pacifiers. Frank was a member of Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church in Mooresville, where he attended the Friday morning Men's Bible Study. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police-Statesville Chapter and enjoyed helping with Habitat for Humanity. He was the owner of Double Tap Firearms. Frank was a passionate win or lose Carolina Panthers fan but most loved spending time with his family, especially his adored

grandsons.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Tim Bower.

Frank is survived by his loving wife, Shelly Gearhart Johns; children, Lucas Johns and wife, Jenn, Rachel van Nes and husband, Hubert; sisters, Linda Bower, Lucy Newman and husband, Wayne; grandsons, Mason, Sawyer, Jasper, Jack, and Frank; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial service will be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday, March 1 at Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church. A reception will follow the service in the family life center.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mooresville High School Athletic Boosters Attn: Kathy Black, 659 E Center Ave, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Johns family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 1. 4:00 PM (ET)

Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church
575 Brawley School Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Tribute Wall



“ Liz, Chris, Avery, and Jolene purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frank George Johns.



Liz, Chris, Avery, and Jolene - February 28, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank George Johns.



February 26, 2025 at 05:08 PM

CO

“ On behalf of the past and present Court Security Officers, "CSO's" employed at the Charles R. Jonas Federal Court; we would like to extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Frank G. Johns. First and foremost we would describe Mr. Johns as a "Gentleman" in every sense of the word. He was a man of great character and integrity, we admired and respected him and felt it a privilege to have the opportunity to work with and for Mr. Johns. Mr. Johns coined the phrase "Court Family" and while we were not immediate members of that family, just as Mr. Johns treated every employee that worked for the court he adopted the CSO's into that family. Mr. Johns ensured we were welcomed to every Christmas Party, Ice Cream Social and other events sponsored by the court. Talking with direct employees of Mr. Johns it was obvious that they cared deeply for him, not just as a boss but as a friend, someone who had their best interests at heart. That type of relationship is unusual in the world we live in today but Mr. Johns was an unusually talented and caring man. Over the course of many years we knew that Mr. Johns was involved in a battle with cancer. When he would return from a series of treatments, he always had the same smile on his face, the same cheerful disposition and never let on that he was or had been sick. He was a tough man and fought this battle with a silent determination to win. When Mr. Johns retired we viewed that retirement much the same as a great head coach like Dean Smith or Mike Krzyewski leaving their team and knew that someone would take his position but never be able to fill the void he left behind.

Our prayer is that the void left in your lives by the loss of Mr. Johns is one that will be filled with the happy memories of a life well lived and the knowledge that Frank has won the battle and received the crown of everlasting life where his pain and suffering have been replaced with never ending joy and peace.

God Bless You

Court Security Officers - February 26, 2025 at 10:15 AM

AD

“ *Angela Caesar- Clerk of Court in DC. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank George Johns.*

Angela Caesar- Clerk of Court in DC. - February 25, 2025 at 12:58 PM

AD

“ *Angela Caesar- Clerk of Court in DC. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Frank George Johns.*



Angela Caesar- Clerk of Court in DC. - February 25, 2025 at 12:58 PM

CB

“ *My sympathies for the entire Johns family. I knew John through work. I always regarded him as a true gentleman with remarkable compassion, understanding and pragmatism. He showed me that you can be a leader and a big heart.*

Christa K. Berry - February 25, 2025 at 12:45 PM

TS

I am so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. Shelly, he was a king among men and you were his queen. You could see his adoration of you in his face (and his hammer, his paint brush, his furniture moving skills etc). Just as a pacifier brings soothing and calm to the person using it, Frank was a pacifier to all those around him...his mere presence brought a calm, soothing safety to those in his presence. I am honored to have known him. Kings like Frank are not forgotten, their "reign" continues to flood the hearts of those he touched. My prayer is that you are pacified by the mere thought of his presence and reminded of his nature in your children and those adorable grandsons! Much love, Teresa Sharp

Teresa Sharp - February 28, 2025 at 12:34 PM

MW

“ Words to describe my friend Frank Johns and his life are woefully inadequate. Frank was my friend in elementary school, high school, and college. He was one of the most innately intelligent people I've ever met. And by that, I mean not the facts and figures kind of intelligence, but the figure-it-out-on-the-fly type of smarts that I always found so wonderful about him. He could walk into any situation, size it up quickly, and master it. Not to mention he was the luckiest son-of-gun I've ever met as well. He'd not study for an exam, walk into class and the professor would announce he was putting it off until next week! Ha. Frank was handsome, generous, charming, witty, and athletic. Always good to everyone. He was the kind of person who stood out and you could depend on. Obviously, he was a huge success in his chosen career (he could have been good at anything), but more importantly he was good to his family and friends. I will greatly miss him. My best to Shelly who was, like the rest of us, devoted to Frank. He was one of a kind. I will miss you and hold you in my heart and mind.

Mark S. Williams - February 25, 2025 at 08:54 AM

CF

What a lovely tribute, Mark. As you are my brother, I knew him through you. He was always the kindest and considerate of people. He looked out for me once when I was in a difficult situation. I'm sure it was to honor your friendship, and I'll never forget it. He and Shelly are true inspirations to us all and my sincere condolences to her and their children during this most difficult of times.

Cynthia Williams Flagg - February 25, 2025 at 07:14 PM

LL

“ Levi, Samantha, Keegan and Lorelei. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank George Johns.

Levi, Samantha, Keegan and Lorelei. - February 24, 2025 at 09:41 AM

LL

“ Levi, Samantha, Keegan and Lorelei. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Frank George Johns.



Levi, Samantha, Keegan and Lorelei. - February 24, 2025 at 09:41 AM

DS

“ Shelly, Luke, and Rachel,
Our deepest sympathies. We were sad to hear this news. Fond memories of you all here on Thomas Dr.
Warm thoughts and prayers,
Jim and Darcy Stubblebine

Darcy Stubblebine - February 24, 2025 at 09:03 AM

LW

My very deepest condolences to you and your family. He was such a great guy.

lauri k welterotj - February 24, 2025 at 09:49 PM

NT

I had the pleasure of having Frank as in 'instructor' for the leadership workshop I attended with my judiciary team. Frank was the consummate professional. Please accept my deepest condolences. I will attempt to carry on Frank's storied legacy as the Clerk of Court in my own District. He will be missed.

Nora E Tyer-Witek - February 25, 2025 at 12:14 PM

PM

“ Frank was the best neighbor and friend anyone could have. A big man with the biggest heart. We will always miss him. He was truly one in a million.

Patricia Murphey - February 23, 2025 at 08:50 PM

DS

“ Prayers and sympathies to the family. May God grant them comfort and peace. I was a classmate of Franks, Class of 1975. We'll miss him this May at our 50th class reunion.

Debbie (Taylor) Salvatori - February 23, 2025 at 05:28 PM

BF

“ Shelly, Lucas, Rachael and beautiful families. There are no words that can capture the sense of loss you must feel. Frank was the foundation of a wonderful family, a man of character and integrity. I imagine his only regret was not being able to spend more time with you and his greatest joy was the time he did spend with you. God bless you all.

Bill & Denise Thunberg and Family - February 23, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank George Johns.



February 23, 2025 at 02:54 PM

SW

“ My sincere condolences to Frank's family! May God wrap his loving arms around you during this difficult time! You are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Susan Troxell Walters - February 22, 2025 at 06:57 PM

SW

*Susan Troxell Walters
Went to high school with Frank.*

Susan Troxell Walters - February 22, 2025 at 07:01 PM

GC

“ *Holding you in my thoughts and prayers.*



Georgette Charles - February 22, 2025 at 06:14 PM

M'

“ *Thoughts & prayers to Frank's family!*



MAHS Class of '75 - February 22, 2025 at 01:05 PM

TS

“ *So sorry for your loss! Many great memories as kids with Frank growing up in our neighborhood. One of the nicest guys we knew! Thoughts & prayers to his family! RIP Frank!*



Tom & Dolly Staggert - February 22, 2025 at 01:02 PM

JG

“ Shelly and family,
I am very sorry for your loss. Frank was so good to me when he was my boss as US Clerk in Asheville NC. At the end of my career I was diagnosed with fibromyalgia and some days I was really sick. For the last 6 months of my career Frank let me work from home. I am still grateful to him. We have the blessed promise that we will meet him again.
Joan Gosnell

Joan Gosnell - February 22, 2025 at 09:59 AM

JC

“ Our prayers and thoughts



John and Shirley Creasy - February 21, 2025 at 05:57 PM

MJ

Dear Shelly and family
You all are in our thoughts and prayers. We have some great memories with you and Frank. He was one in a million. RIP buddy 💕💕.
Love Marc and Coleen

Marc and Coleen Johns - February 24, 2025 at 09:35 AM