



Ronald Gibson Johnson

March 23, 1939 - January 28, 2025

Ronald "Jimmy" Gibson Johnson, 85, of Mooresville, NC, passed away peacefully on January 28, 2025, at Gordon Hospice House in Statesville, after a long and fulfilling life. Born on March 23, 1939, in Iredell County, he was the son of the late William Vance Johnson and Edna Vaudrell Gibson Johnson. Ron was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years, Billie Patterson Johnson, whose love and support were a cornerstone of his life. He is survived by his loving children, David C. Johnson (Yevette), Karen Johnson Wheeler (Dean), and Kathe Johnson French. His legacy continues through his treasured grandchildren, Lisa Duncan (Jonathan), Timothy Johnson, Heather Tate (Kasey), Maria Wheeler (Tiffany), and Melissa Wheeler, along with his beloved great-grandchildren: Cameron Duncan, Jamie Tate, Ella Tate, Harper Tate, Dallas Tate, and Brittany Smith. Ron will also be remembered by a host of extended family members and dear friends.

A dedicated veteran, Ron served honorably in the US National Guard. Ron was a respected business owner, having founded Amity Finance in downtown Mooresville, where he was committed to helping others achieve their financial goals. His passion for gardening was evident in his years of dedication to growing pumpkins, often cultivating the largest varieties and proudly selling them from his front yard.

Ron was a pillar of his community, passionately committed to economic development and prosperity in Iredell County. His contributions were recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award, a testament to his tireless

efforts and unwavering dedication. Throughout his career, he held numerous leadership positions, including roles with the Mooresville Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce, the Mooresville-South Iredell Economic Development Corporation, the Mooresville Downtown Commission, the Mooresville Christmas Parade, and the South Iredell Community Development Board.

In addition to his professional achievements, Ron had a true love for storytelling, captivating those around him with his engaging tales and infectious laughter. His warm and hearty laugh was a hallmark of his personality, bringing light and joy to every gathering. Ron leaves behind a legacy of love, hard work, and community service that will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing him.

In honor of Ron's remarkable life, funeral services will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 3:00 PM in the chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. The family invites everyone to join them in celebrating his life and sharing in their memories. Following the service, friends and family will gather to receive visitors from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the funeral home.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory in Mooresville is entrusted with serving the Johnson family during this time of sorrow. Condolences and reflections can be shared with the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Receiving Friends

FEB 9. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Such a nice man. He and Frank Owens allowed me into their "inner circle" at Bob's Grill even though I taught at Lake Norman High School. :). Great honorable man and we shared many conversations about Mooresville, the weather, the Carolina Panthers, and me being from Michigan. He was also gracious enough to allow our driving school into the Christmas Parade if as he said, "You don't run into anything on Main Street." Will be greatly missed. Thoughts are with the family at this time.*

Chris Carroll - February 12, 2025 at 05:29 PM

MB

“ *Mooresville Convention & Visitors Bureau planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Gibson Johnson.*

Mooresville Convention & Visitors Bureau - February 05, 2025 at 11:45 AM

MB

“ *Mooresville Convention & Visitors Bureau purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald Gibson Johnson.*



Mooresville Convention & Visitors Bureau - February 05, 2025 at 11:45 AM

ON

“ Lisa my sincere condolences to you and your family during this time. Love you. Ondina



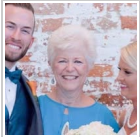
Ondina - February 04, 2025 at 12:55 PM

KW

“ I am so BLESSED to have been able to call him my Dad. He's the most unselfish man I ever met he sacrificed for others he always put others before himself. I'll always miss his stories and his laughter and his smirky smile. I love you Papa



Karen Wheeler - February 02, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Your Mom and I were cousins. I'm a "Billie" also. My mother and father were Nellie and Bill Simmons. You will be in my prayers for peace and comfort. Billie Simmons Taylor

Billie Taylor - February 02, 2025 at 09:43 AM

EL

“ We will miss you Ron. You and Billie have been close friends for decades. Our community will miss your dedication to serve. Goodbye my dear friend.

Elizabeth Lawrence - February 01, 2025 at 10:00 PM

BS

“ *rest easy papa* ❤️



Brittany Smith - February 01, 2025 at 01:57 AM

LD

“ *There are no words to express the gratitude I have for you and the love that you've always given me. I am beyond blessed to have you as my granddaddy and one of my dearest friends. Thank you for being the best man I have ever known and I will cherish you always. Love you the most always.*



Lisa Duncan - February 01, 2025 at 12:24 AM

HR

“ *I will so miss these two people. Ron and Billie have been a part of my life for 70 years. So many life memories I can't tell them all. Friends for a life time.*



Helen Dameron Rhodes - January 31, 2025 at 07:51 PM

BG

“ We will forever miss Ron (over the fence)! 22 years of conversations at the fence, he and Tommy solved the world's problems, told and retold stories!

Ron always offered gardening tips and shared many bags of his wonderful vegetables with us.

Ron could be stubborn but I knew the way to get him to see things my way was with a gift of deviled eggs!

We will miss hearing Ron saying, “now listen” that is when we knew to pull up a chair and hear him out!

Rest easy Mr. Ron!

Tommy, Becky & Scarlett

Becky Garrison - January 31, 2025 at 06:43 PM

KW

“ Karen Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Ronald Gibson Johnson



Karen Wheeler - January 31, 2025 at 05:28 PM

KW

I will miss our long talks and lots of laughter together Thank you Papa for making me who I am today. I love you ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Karen Wheeler - January 31, 2025 at 05:31 PM

TN

“ *I will forever miss my Dear Friend. No more pain or suffering and together again with Billie. Praying for family. God Bless.*

Tom Nixon - January 31, 2025 at 02:01 PM

RH

“ *David, Karen & Kathe...
Wanted you guys to know, you're all in my thoughts & prayers....❤️
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Our families used to have so much fun together.... Back in the
earlier years.*

Rhonda Auten Hathcock - January 31, 2025 at 01:20 PM