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(July 5, 1940 - June 19, 2014)

Thomas Newton Johnston, 73, of Covenant Village, Gastonia, passed away on Thursday, June 19, 2014. Born July 5, 1940, in Durham County, he was the son of the late Halbert M. and Florence Brawley Johnston. Mr. Johnston was a graduate of Appalachian State University where he earned an Educational Specialist Degree, St. Andrews where he earned his Bachelor's Degree and Winthrop University where he earned a Master's Degree. Mr. Johnston's passion was education and he touched many lives during his 30 year career as an educator in the Gaston County School System. He was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, and attended First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, NC, where he served as a church musician. Mr. Johnston is survived by special friends, Bonita King, Miriam McNeely and Roddy and Sandra D. Kerr. Prior to the service, a reception will be held at 2 PM, Sunday, June 22, 2014, in the parlor of First Presbyterian Church, 249 W. McLelland Ave., Mooresville, N.C. 28115 followed by a Celebration of Life at 3 PM, with Rev. Dave Rockness officiating. Burial will follow at Glenwood Memorial Park, Mooresville. Tom's friends would like to express their sincere gratitude to Covenant Village and Hospice of Gaston County for their loving care during his time of need. Memorials may be made to First

Presbyterian Church, 249 W. McLelland Ave., Mooresville, NC 28115. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mr. Johnston. Condolences may be made to the Johnston family at www.cavin-cook.com.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Newton Johnston*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Thomas Newton Johnston*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Thomas Newton Johnston*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Tom was a regular customer of mine at Milanos....I will miss him dearly...mostly our conversations and his smile...,I know he would be upset right now if he viewed my typing method lol....Tom I love you....and will miss you...hope to see you in my dreams*

genevieve farrow - October 06, 2017 at 10:42 AM



“ *I am yet another that was blessed to know Tom. His dear, gentle demeanor and kind smile, won my heart instantly. His beautiful music is wafting through the streets of Heaven as I write and I take comfort in knowing this. The world is a bit sadder and some of the music is gone, at this dear soul's passing. God's Speed. Tom. May the Angels Sing Thee to thy Rest. The love of your church will be with you always.*

Martha Pelc - October 06, 2017 at 10:42 AM

LR

“ Tom was a good friend. He helped us at Myers when we had an early service with his musical talents. He was always kind and pleasant with a peace about him.

Leon Ramseur - October 06, 2017 at 10:42 AM

YO

“ I send my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Johnston. Although I did not know him personally, I'd like to offer some consolation from God's Word, the Bible. John 5:28, 29 speaks of our loved ones being resurrected, and eventually living in the conditions described at Revelation 21:4, which reads: "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain by anymore. The former things have passed away." May the promise of this beautiful resurrection give you all hope for the future and peace of mind now!

Yolanda - October 06, 2017 at 10:42 AM

Jl

“ Please let me extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to Tom's family and close friends. He and my family first connected when years ago he rented a room in my grandmother's house in Gastonia. How Tom loved her! Many years later, he sat on our row at First United Methodist Church near the front where he could drink in the music better and worship God, with a cross always around his neck. As I lay preacher, I preached at Olney Presbyterian Church in South Gastonia, and was delighted to see him join them in worship. When I preached at First Presbyterian Church in Dallas, I found him offering his incredible musical gifts to that wonderful congregation. Tom had me come speak to the Senior's Group at his home church in Mooresville on "Humor and the Law", and was so gracious and appreciative. Tom knew the late great organist, Virgil Fox, and was highly trained and gifted in music, though was always modest and humble about his abilities. What a joy it was to see him at church or at Bedazzled, a wedding and formal dress shop in Gastonia, where he was adopted by the owner and my friend, Raj, and his wife, as their honorary "grandfather". Tom had met Raj at Southpoint High School when Tom was substitute teaching. Tom could not get over how much the Presbyterian Church in Dallas loved his music or how much Raj and his family wanted his friendship--he was so very moved and humbled and blessed by it. Truly, I am a better person for knowing Tom Johnson. I will never hear a beautiful organ without thinking of our friend Tom. He is now with our Lord that he dearly loved and served on earth. Thanks be to God for the life of our friend and brother, Tom Johnson.

Jesse B. Caldwell III - October 06, 2017 at 10:42 AM

PH

“ i had only know Tom for four short years but what a blessing those years were by knowing him. He made such an impact on all those that were fortunate enough to have been graced by presence..I will miss you, TomPeyton but not Place

peyton henry - October 06, 2017 at 10:42 AM

JT

“ I was one of the library assistants at Ashbrook High School in Gastonia. I always remember Tom to be one of the kindest gentlemen you could ever hope to meet. Rest in peace Tom

Jason Taylor - October 06, 2017 at 10:42 AM

MH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Tom was a co-worker of mine at Ashbrook H.S., and although we weren't close socially, I certainly did like him and respected his work as an educator. It's always very sad to lose a dear member of one's "working family."

Mike Holland - October 06, 2017 at 10:42 AM

SJ

“ When someone we love dies, it leaves a hole in our hearts. This sorrow was felt by Jesus, Mary and Martha when Lazarus their brother died. Jesus said to Martha: “I am the resurrection and the life, the one who exercises faith in me even though he dies, will come to life. Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” Then he proceeded to resurrect Lazarus and he promises to resurrect all those in the memorial tombs. Please read John 5:28, 29 in your Bible and may this hope bring your family comfort.

Sharon Johnson - October 06, 2017 at 10:42 AM

LW

“ Tom was a classmate of mine from first grade until graduation in 1958. Sorry to hear of his passing. May he rest in peace.

Liz Whitlow - October 06, 2017 at 10:42 AM