



## Jim Johnson Jr.

May 28, 1950 - November 14, 2025

Celebrating the Life of JIM JOHNSON JR.

### EARLY LIFE AND FAMILY

Jim Johnson Jr. was born on May 28, 1950, in Corinth, Mississippi, as the second son of Mother Mary Alice and Deacon Jim Johnson Sr. During his early childhood, Jim lived in Paducah, Kentucky, before his family relocated to Toledo, Ohio, in the late 1950s. From an early age, Jim embodied the qualities of a true country gentleman. His rural roots were evident in his lifestyle and love for traditional, down-home cooking, while his kind and generous spirit showed in his willingness to help anyone in need.

### EDUCATION AND ATHLETIC PURSUITS

Jim's love for sports was evident throughout his life. At Libbey, Jim played on the 1966 basketball team that competed in the Ohio State Championship. After high school, Jim attended Paducah, KY Community College, where his team won the Junior College National Championship in 1969, before continuing his education at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

### CAREER AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Returning to Toledo, Jim began his career at Toledo Edison, where he dedicated 36 years of service before retiring in 2012. In addition to his work at Toledo Edison, Jim was a successful real estate investor, purchasing, renovating and renting homes throughout the Toledo area.

## FAMILY LIFE

Jim started dating Yvonne (McDaniels) in 1966, and they married in 1970. Together, they raised four children: James, Jenice, Jared, and Jodie. Their family grew to include ten grandchildren, three Godchildren.

## FAITH AND SERVICE

Jim joined The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in 1973 and quickly became involved with the recreation department. As one of the first Athletic Directors, he helped to create basketball programs for boys, girls, young men, and young women, he also managed the church's softball programs for young adult women and men. As a Trustee of Indiana for over 30 years, Jim enjoyed assisting with maintenance and repair projects around the church. Jim was a strong man of God. He loved the fellowship of the brothers and the camaraderie. He was the first Men's Corner speaker. He told everyone he met to "come hear about a man", at Walmart, the markets, the Dollar Store, the doctor's offices. He had a servant's spirit and loved to share Jesus. On October 31, 2025, Jim was ordained as a Deacon of The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist church.

## MUSIC, COOKING, AND FELLOWSHIP

Jim enjoyed singing and was a member of the Brothers-in-Christ choir, often saying that all God requires is a "joyful noise." He was a longtime supporter of the Mass Choir, attending nearly every rehearsal and engagement, even though he did not sing with them. For many years, Jim cooked at the Mass Choir's fundraisers and cookouts, eventually passing the responsibility to the next generation as he prepared for retirement. In 2009, he was honored as an honorary Mass Choir member.

## LEGACY AND REMEMBRANCE

Jim devoted much of his spare time to supporting his children and

grandchildren in their sports activities, spending years coaching and attending AAU games. He placed a strong emphasis on education, wanting all of his grandchildren to attend college. Just two days before his passing, his youngest grandchild, Manny, committed to Eastern Michigan University making his dream complete. Jim was known for his sense of humor, love for life, and the joy he brought to those around him. The many stories about Jim Johnson will continue to be shared and cherished by family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, dad and brother, Donald Johnson. He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife Yvonne of 54 years, children James, Jenice, Jared and Jodie. Grandchildren, Jae Sean Tate (spouse Ashley),

Jalen Tate, MariAlice Johnson, Jada Tate, Gem Johnson, Kendra Johnson, Jocelyn Tate, Jordan Johnson (Chico), Jara Johnson, and Jakob Johnson (Manny), Great grand-daughter Jovie Tate. God children Donovan Jackson (Betty) and Rashida Hitt. Cousins who were like brothers and sisters, The Pierces, The Johnsons, The McDaniels, The Detroit family, The Traveling Holy Rollers, Keith Smith (Renetta) and a host of others.

#### FINAL FAREWELL

Jim Johnson transitioned from this world comfortably, peacefully, and restfully on Friday, November 14th. He fell asleep in this life and awoke in Glory, leaving a legacy of kindness, service, and love that will be remembered for generations to come. Rest in peace Jim Johnson, we all love you and don't forget to save us a seat.

# Cemetery Details

## Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43606

# Previous Events

## Wake Service

NOV **24**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church  
640 Indiana Avenue,  
Toledo, OH 43604  
(419) 241-3850

## Funeral Service

NOV **24**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church  
640 Indiana Avenue,  
Toledo, OH 43604  
(419) 241-3850

## Graveside Service

NOV **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery  
1502 West Central Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43606



# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Joanne F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim Johnson Jr..

Joanne F. - December 18, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ Yvonne you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Robert & Sandra Osby

Sandra Osby - November 24, 2025 at 08:48 PM

SI

“ Continued prayers to the entire family love Mother Barbara Nickson, Siritha, Ebony and Willie Cunningham ❤️❤️🙏🙏 love you all

siritha - November 24, 2025 at 04:36 PM

SI

“ Continued prayers to the entire family e love you all! Barbara Nickson, Siritha, Ebony and Willie Nickson ❤️❤️🙏🙏

siritha - November 24, 2025 at 04:32 PM

GB

“ Gerald Battle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim Johnson Jr..

Gerald Battle - November 22, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Jim Johnson Jr..*



November 22, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ *Yvonne you and your family are in my prayers. As I reflect back on Coach Jim I have such great memories. I love you all and will be sending up prayers of comfort. RIH Jim.*

**Cynthia Hitt** - November 22, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ *McDaniel Family Reunion purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Jim Johnson Jr..*



**McDaniel Family Reunion** - November 22, 2025 at 08:49 AM



“ *McDaniel Family Reunion planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim Johnson Jr..*

**McDaniel Family Reunion** - November 22, 2025 at 08:49 AM

ED

“ To Yvonne, Our sincere sympathy goes out to you and the family of Jim Johnson, Jr. May God bless you with strength as you go through this difficult time.  
*Eddie & Barbara Stodghill*

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**Eddie** - November 21, 2025 at 10:04 PM

WA

“ Yvonne, my heart goes out to you and your family. I'm praying that God covers you with His peace and gives you strength day by day. Please know I'm lifting you up. May the Lord comfort you, hold you close, and surround your family with love during this difficult time.



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**Wanda Allen** - November 21, 2025 at 09:14 AM

KB

“ Yvonne & Family,

*I will never forget growing up in Toledo and attending Indiana Avenue Baptist Church where Jim was a fixture. My most profound memories of Jim were from playing for him as a teenager on the church basketball team. Jim instilled in us the fundamentals of basketball and preached hard work and dedication, something I carry with me even now almost 50 years later. Although the wife and I no longer live in Toledo we carry Indiana Avenue Baptist Church with us everyday and Jim was a big part of that. Thanks for giving us your time Coach R.I.H.*

*Kiel Brown, Nadeen Brown and Family*

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**Kiel Brown** - November 21, 2025 at 07:12 AM

BM

“ Board Members planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim Johnson Jr..

Board Members - November 20, 2025 at 11:55 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jim Johnson Jr..



November 20, 2025 at 11:55 PM

NS

“ Dearest YJ & family - my sincere sympathy on the loss of Jim - always the man! He's now watching over all of you from heaven.  
Nancy Szymanski

Nancy Szymanski - November 20, 2025 at 06:28 PM

MG

“ To Yvonne and Family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find peace in the memories you shared with Jim. God will comfort you as He holds all of you in His arms.

Monica and Steve Galloway - November 20, 2025 at 07:45 AM

GJ

“ *May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord*  
*Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones & Family*



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**Gwendolyn E.March Jones** - November 19, 2025 at 10:07 PM

RB

“ *To the Johnson Family:*  
*May the God of grace and mercy, comfort and strength be with you today and in the days ahead. Focus on the love and precious memories you shared with Jim and know that even during this difficult time God is in the midst to lift you up and see you through.*  
*Blessings and love to you.*  
*Ramel and Family*



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**Ramel Burns** - November 19, 2025 at 08:59 AM

CJ

“ *Co-Worker's of Jodie Johnson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jim Johnson Jr..*



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**Co-Worker's of Jodie Johnson** - November 19, 2025 at 07:44 AM

CJ

“ Co-Worker’s of Jodie Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim Johnson Jr..

Co-Worker’s of Jodie Johnson - November 19, 2025 at 07:44 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jim Johnson Jr..



November 19, 2025 at 07:32 AM

DS

“ Dr. Randy White & Floyd Allen, SHSU planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim Johnson Jr..

Dr. Randy White & Floyd Allen, SHSU - November 19, 2025 at 07:32 AM

LE

“ Yvonne & family, Lu & I are deeply saddened by the passing of your dear loved one, and our friend Jim. Please know that we are praying that you receive the strength that you need to endure and know that you are not alone in your grief.

Lew & Lu Ellis

Lew Ellis - November 18, 2025 at 11:24 PM

GW

*Condolences and Prayers goes out to The Family of Jim Johnson. Yvonne, Jim parents was my adopted parents in Toledo, Ohio. Having said that, I'm part of your family. I will continue to keep you updated in prayer 🙏. We love you dearly. From: Jim Watson Jr., LaTonya/Trystan and Geraldine. My beloved Spouse Jim Watson Sr is RIH and it has been 8years. I love ❤️ y'all dearly.*

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**Geraldine Holmes Watson** - November 24, 2025 at 02:38 PM

GW

*I will keep The Johnson Family lifted in prayer 🙏. Love Geraldine Holmes-Watson & Family*

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**Geraldine Holmes Watson** - November 24, 2025 at 02:41 PM