



## Gerald Arthur Johnson

June 9, 1947 - July 4, 2016

Gerald Arthur Johnson, 69, of Altavista died Monday, July 4, 2016 at the Salem V.A. Medical Center.

He was born June 9, 1947 in Lynchburg, a son of the late William Frank Johnson, Sr., and Onie Arthur Johnson. He was a member of New Bethel United Methodist Church and former employee of The Lane Company. Gerald was a member of the V.F.W., D.A.V., the Moose Lodge and proudly served as a veteran in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He enjoyed playing the guitar and singing country and bluegrass music with his family and friends.

He is survived by two daughters, Shelly Lynn Johnson of Charles City and Amanda Gayle Johnson of Richmond; a brother, Leslie Johnson of Hurt; two sisters, Sandra Waller of Hurt and Connie Brown and her husband Jimmie of Hurt and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Billy Johnson.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 9, 2016 at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Steve Morris with interment to follow in New Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery with military rites being conducted by the American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36/Gretna Post 232.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m., Friday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence.

Please visit the online tribute at [www.finchandfinchfuneralservice.com](http://www.finchandfinchfuneralservice.com) to share a memory or send a condolence to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## New Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery

7061 Dews Road  
Hurt, VA 24563

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

## Memorial Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ I worked with Gerald at Piedmont Manufacturing beginning in 1976 until he left sometime in the early 1980's. He was an easy person to be around and always had a joke, card trick or something funny to laugh at. And, when Gerald laughed it was so contagious you had to laugh too. He showed me how to make a Hooty stick and a Round Tuit and if you don't know about these items you may have research to do. Anyhow, Gerald, rest in peace my friend and as long as I live you will too.

Steve Morton  
Hurt, VA

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**Steve Morton** - July 21, 2016 at 08:01 PM

GB

“ Our thoughts and prayers have been with Sandra, Connie, Leslie and all of the family this past week. Fond memories of growing up with our cousin, Gerald. in Hurt and hearing his laughter and his jokes and his love of singing at Johnson reunions.

Jim & Grace Johnson Brown  
Harrisonburg, Va.

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**Grace Johnson Brown** - July 14, 2016 at 06:48 AM

ES

“ Etta Skinnell lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson



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**Etta Skinnell** - July 11, 2016 at 12:07 AM

MS

“ *Martha & Buddy Shelton lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**Martha & Buddy Shelton** - July 09, 2016 at 11:31 PM

LR

“ *LARRY ROACH lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**LARRY ROACH** - July 09, 2016 at 09:09 AM

CC

“ *Clara D. Childress lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**Clara D. Childress** - July 08, 2016 at 11:23 AM

BP

“ I had the fortunate chance to grow up around Spiders house, I have so many childhood memories around MA & PA's house. There was always someone playing and singing on the front porch. Gerald was generally there with a huge smile and a voice that carried above all others. I always got tickled at his laugh! I will never forget it... Gerald always seemed high on life and always had a joke to tell... As you sing your way thru to the heavens, God is getting a golden voice. You were a Pillar at the Spider-Web and will be forever missed but never forgotten. Rest easy my friend and Godspeed...

*Brandon Perkins*

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**Brandon Perkins** - July 08, 2016 at 06:23 AM

DW

“ I sure enjoyed all those years of singing with my family. The old time gospel hymns were my favorite. Gerald and his guitar were center stage. Thankful for the good memories. Praying for all the Johnson family during this time of sadness.

*Love,  
Darlene Brown Wallace*

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**Darlene Wallace** - July 07, 2016 at 07:28 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Gerald Arthur Johnson .



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July 07, 2016 at 06:26 PM

TM

“ Amanda, my heart goes out to you and your family during this time of need. Your Father must have been a special man to have raised a daughter like you. May you all have peace and comfort and your Dad rest in peace. Terry McKinney

Terry McKinney - July 07, 2016 at 05:31 PM

CW

“ Carroll And Gwenda Willard lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson



Carroll and Gwenda Willard - July 07, 2016 at 04:07 PM

SC

“ Johnson Family please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers

Love,  
Nancy and Sara Crews



sara crews - July 07, 2016 at 03:39 PM

SC

“ Johnson Family please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Nancy and Sara Crews



sara crews - July 07, 2016 at 03:37 PM

KZ

“ Amanda - So sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I enjoyed looking at all the photos of your dad on this site and I hope all the memories of him bring you comfort now and in the future. Wish I was there to give you a big hug.

*Kim Zabriskie  
Brooklyn Park, MN*

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**Kim Zabriskie** - July 07, 2016 at 01:46 PM

DH

“ Amanda - You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*The Haywood Family  
Deborah, Chris and Sarah*

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**Deborah Haywood** - July 07, 2016 at 01:07 PM

EP

“ Eddie Puckette lit a candle in memory of  
Gerald Arthur Johnson



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**Eddie Puckette** - July 07, 2016 at 12:18 PM

AM

“ Amanda - Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time.

*The McCann Family  
Anne, Keith, Catharine and Lauren*

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**Anne McCann** - July 07, 2016 at 11:53 AM



“ *Johnson Family, so sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort, peace, and strength in the coming days. Faith Francis*

Faith Francis - July 07, 2016 at 09:56 AM



“ *Amanda,*

*I wish I could be there for you but know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.*

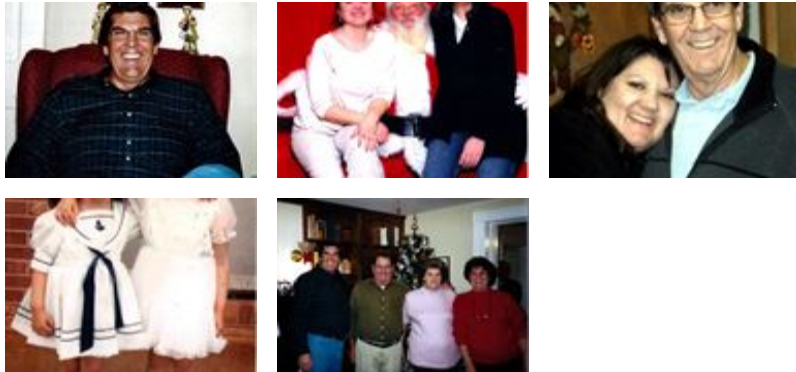
*Sincerely,  
Beth Barnett*



Beth Lewis Barnett - July 07, 2016 at 09:02 AM



“ *50 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 07, 2016 at 08:42 AM

SP

“ Amanda- Our prayers are with you and your entire family at this difficult time.

*Scott Pickens*

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**scott pickens** - July 07, 2016 at 07:18 AM

BN

“ Whenever you saw Gerald he always had a joke to tell that would make you laugh. I don't think I ever seen him without a smile on his face. He could be the only person at a pick'in party with a guitar and everybody would be entertained. I always liked hearing him sing Long Tall Texan. He will be missed.

*Bobby Nichols*

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**Bobby Nichols** - July 07, 2016 at 06:58 AM

DW

“ David Walker lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson



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**David Walker** - July 07, 2016 at 01:54 AM

WS

“ We were sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

*Wayne, Clara Smith & Family*



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**Wayne and Clara Smith** - July 06, 2016 at 10:16 PM

WS

“ Wayne & Clara Smithday lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson



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Wayne & Clara Smithday - July 06, 2016 at 10:06 PM

KF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Amanda.

Kathy Fleischman



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Kathy Fleischman - July 06, 2016 at 09:21 PM



“ Cindy Stewart lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson



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Cindy Stewart - July 06, 2016 at 08:02 PM

RO

“ Amanda,

*Please know that we are thinking of, and praying for, you and yours. Butch and I are so very sorry for your loss. May all of your memories, cherished photos and family give you comfort through this terribly difficult time.*

*He is now your guardian angel and will always be watching over you.*

*Sincerely,  
Rebecca & Butch Osborne  
McGregor, Minnesota*



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**Rebecca Osborne** - July 06, 2016 at 07:58 PM

NW

“ Nancy Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson



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**Nancy wyatt** - July 06, 2016 at 07:20 PM

AK

“ *Thoughts & Prayers for the FAMILY & FRIENDS.*  
*Alice Faye Krantz Keesee*



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**ALICE KEESEE** - July 06, 2016 at 07:02 PM

DM

“ *Donna McIlvain lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**Donna McIlvain** - July 06, 2016 at 06:44 PM

DM

“ *Donna McIlvain lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**Donna McIlvain** - July 06, 2016 at 06:43 PM

CR

“ *Cindy & Debbie, Aunt Judy, Richard, Ann, Elizabeth & Rebecca purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gerald Arthur Johnson .*



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**Cindy & Debbie, Aunt Judy, Richard, Ann, Elizabeth & Rebecca** - July 06, 2016 at 06:15 PM

EB

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,*

*Edwin & Sue Blackstock*



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**Edwin Blackstock** - July 06, 2016 at 05:59 PM

SC

“ Sonya & C.B. lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson



Sonya & C.B. - July 06, 2016 at 05:15 PM

SL

“ Sonya, C.B. & Lynwood lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson



Sonya, C.B. & Lynwood - July 06, 2016 at 05:13 PM

GR

“ Geneieve Rowland lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson



Geneieve Rowland - July 06, 2016 at 03:44 PM

RC

“ Ray And Kay Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson



Ray and Kay Caldwell - July 06, 2016 at 03:06 PM

CW

“ *Carroll And Gwenda Willard lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**Carroll and Gwenda Willard** - July 06, 2016 at 02:33 PM

JF

“ *JOYCE D FISHER lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**JOYCE D FISHER** - July 06, 2016 at 02:07 PM

CD

“ *Sorry to hear of Gerald's death. Prayers for the family.*

*Carlton & Linda Lewis Dalton*



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**Carlton & Linda Lewis Dalton** - July 06, 2016 at 01:54 PM

JT

“ *Jimmy Thurman lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**Jimmy Thurman** - July 06, 2016 at 12:58 PM

TH

“ Tommy&Shirley Hutcherson lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson



Tommy&Shirley Hutcherson - July 06, 2016 at 12:20 PM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Arthur Johnson .



July 06, 2016 at 08:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Arthur Johnson .



July 06, 2016 at 08:54 AM

GG

“ Gwen Goggin lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson



Gwen Goggin - July 06, 2016 at 05:54 AM

DO

“ *Dot[Rorer]Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**Dot[Rorer]Mitchell** - July 06, 2016 at 05:48 AM

CW

“ *Christy Witt lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**Christy witt** - July 05, 2016 at 10:08 PM

CW

“ *Christy Wittwigtt lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**Christy wittwigtt** - July 05, 2016 at 09:55 PM

EE

“ *Eugene & Mary Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**Eugene & Mary Edmonds** - July 05, 2016 at 08:59 PM

MS

“ *Marilyn Shelton lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**Marilyn Shelton** - July 05, 2016 at 08:57 PM

P.

“ *Gerald we sang many many songs together over the years, today you are on the big stage performing with some of our good friends that have gone on before you...I will miss you at THE WEB...won't be the same.. Love P.J.*

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**P.J.** - July 05, 2016 at 08:55 PM

CH

“ *Connie Payne Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**connie payne hall** - July 05, 2016 at 08:12 PM

SF

“ *Sam & Frances Farris lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



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**Sam & Frances Farris** - July 05, 2016 at 08:00 PM

BD

“ *Billy & Diane Davis lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



**Billy & Diane Davis** - July 05, 2016 at 07:40 PM

PD

“ *Phyllis And Glenn Dalton lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



**Phyllis and Glenn Dalton** - July 05, 2016 at 05:52 PM

CK

“ *Gerald is resting now. May GOD watch over his family at this time and always.*



**Carroll & Patricia Keatts** - July 05, 2016 at 05:18 PM

 Cheryl Dudley

“ *Cheryl Dudley lit a candle in memory of Gerald Arthur Johnson*



**Cheryl Dudley** - July 05, 2016 at 02:29 PM



*Gerald was such a sweet, sweet man. I am deeply sorry to hear of his passing.*

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**Cheryl Dudley** - July 05, 2016 at 02:30 PM