



## Wendell L. Johnston

August 19, 1939 - April 11, 2018

Wendell Lewis Johnston, age 78, of Jackson, passed away Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at Four Winds Community. He was born August 19, 1939 in Wellston, Ohio to the late Joseph Lewis Johnston and Gladys L. (Bocook) Johnston.

Wendell was a 1957 graduate of Wellston High School. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force. He retired from American Electric Power, the Coal Mining Division. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Wendell had many gifts from God and he used them to help all. His gift for solving problems he used to improve the work environment for his employer and fellow miners; his gift for woodworking to beautify the church with handmade alter candle sticks and bigger than life rosaries; and for the community he used his creativity to make Jackson Apple Water Tower clocks and donated them to the Southern Ohio Arts Council. Wendell will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

He is survived by his wife of twenty-eight years, Connie Walker Johnston; son, Robert "Bob" (Jackie) Johnston of Wellston; daughter, Lisa (Chris) Jackson of Wewako, Oklahoma; stepdaughter, Kimberley (Randey) Smith of Huntington Beach, California; stepson, Steven Walker of Jackson; along with grandchildren, Steven (Courtney) Johnston, Jennifer (Jeremy) Faulkner,

Adam Johnston, Roger Dean, April Dean, Alicia Walker, Tara Fenwick, and Nicklaus Smith; one brother, Joseph "Joe" (Sue) Johnston of Dayton, Ohio; sisters, Lelia "Kit" (Jim) Beckner of Hamden and Lorene (Keith) Woolum of Wellston; sister-in-law, Cindy Anderson, along with ten great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Wendell is preceded in death by one brother, Charles William Johnston and an infant son.

A special thanks to Father Donald Maroon for his spiritual attention to Wendell these last few months and to special longtime friend and doctor, Douglas Jones, for his beyond the call of duty care.

In lieu of flowers and condolences, the family asks that you give your loved ones a hug and tell them how much you love them.

A memorial mass will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Wellston on Saturday, May 26 at 10 a.m. with Father Donald Maroon officiating. Final resting place will be Ridgewood Cemetery. Arrangements are by Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home and Southern Ohio Cremation Services in Jackson.

# Tribute Wall

JT

“*Sorry to hear of Wendell's passing. He was a real character. A real philosopher. I liked him.*Jim Tompkins

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**Jim Tompkins** - June 29, 2018 at 09:13 AM

EM

“*Kit, we're so sorry for your loss. You're in our thoughts and prayers*

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**Ed and Linda Maerker** - June 29, 2018 at 09:13 AM

JS

“*Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bob and the entire family. Wendell was a true blessing to our lives.*John and J.C.

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**J Speary** - June 29, 2018 at 09:13 AM

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“*Wendell was indeed one of a kind. I adored his sense of humor. I admired his faithfulness. I loved his sense of duty. I am grateful that he put his God given talents to work in service to others. The Apple Tower Clocks and other clocks that he created for Southern Hills Arts Council and the renovation of the Markay made such an important difference! I know the way has been long and arduous and he bore it all with grace. My heart goes to Connie who loves him so dearly and spent so much of herself to tenderly care for him. Thanks also to Father Maroon whose presence in Wellston has greatly benefited each of us, parishioners or not. Prayers to all in this time of grave sadness and turmoil.*

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**Barbara Summers Summers** - June 29, 2018 at 09:13 AM

SG

“ *Great friends when we were in High School.*

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**Sharon & Tim Gillis** - June 29, 2018 at 09:13 AM

JM

“ *My deepest condolences. I worked with Wendell for several years in the mines. A very good man to work with. Will keep fond memories of him.*

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**JD Mullins** - June 29, 2018 at 09:13 AM