



Thomas Michael Johnson

February 18, 1952 - January 31, 2022

Thomas "Mike" Johnson, 69, of Bushnell, Florida passed away in Dade City, Florida on January 31, 2022 with family by his side. He was a member of the Florida Bar Association, a State Officer for FFA, Old Guys Breakfast Club, Alumni of FSU and FTU (UCF), and he was a proud Florida State Seminole fan. He enjoyed fishing, airboating, riding motorcycles and dune buggies, and being co-chairman of the Connell Family Reunion. He was very caring and always helped people in need. He is survived by his wife of 26 years: Michelle Morley of Bushnell, Florida; brother: Robin Johnson (Beth) of Bushnell, Florida; brother-in-law: John (Trisha) Morley of Albany, New York; nephew: Marcus Johnson (Lisa) of Bushnell, Florida; uncle: Nolan Johnson of Bushnell, Florida; aunts: Jennifer Orum of Vancouver, Canada and Alice Johnson of Bushnell, Florida; cousins: Roger Johnson (Barbie) of Yankeetown, Florida, Larry (Delores) Waldron of Riverview, Florida, Merrell (Bob) Westrick of Leesburg, Florida, Preston Johnson of Dade City, Florida, Devin Johnson (Carol) of Bushnell, Florida, Raedeen Johnson of Mascotte, Florida, Linda Hudson of Vancouver, Canada, Steven Hudson of Vancouver, Canada, Sherry Hudson of Vancouver, Canada, Geoffrey Hudson of Vancouver, Canada; and beloved dogs: Rocco and Winky. He is preceded in death by his parents: Clifford and Diana Johnson; uncles: Jerry Johnson, Ray Waldron and Howard Franklin Johnson; aunts: Mae Waldron, Norma Falitti, Mildred Johnson and Donna Johnson; and his beloved boxer, Courtnee. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the FFA of Florida.

Tribute Wall

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“ in my earlier tribute I forgot to mention an organization that contributed greatly to the man that Mike would become -- the Future Farmers of America. Mike and I joined the South Sumter chapter as freshmen. Advised by legendary agricultural teacher John L. Stephens, we were on a number of judging and competitive teams. Our greatest achievement was becoming the State Champion Parliamentary Procedure team. We learned a great deal - public speaking, debate, a knowledge of rules, and how to think one's feet --all things Mike used well in his career. We did other things like FFA Quartet. Mike's rich voice carried us and Mike and I were a singing duo, singing comedy songs, and then hymns in local churches. But FFA opened many doors. After high school Mike and I ran for state office, he being elected Secretary and i as a Vice President. Last June we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of our FFA State officer group at the State FFA Convention in Orlando. It was a great time!

Glenn Wilson - February 07, 2022 at 04:52 AM

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“ A great man has died. He was not a war hero, a financial tycoon, world leader or celebrity; he had more sense than that. He was the most complex but most simple of men. He loved, he laughed, he made others love and others laugh. He would lend a helping hand, a listening ear, a witty quip and a story just when you needed it. Mike will always hold a significant spot in my heart for the heart that he had; a heart of gold. May he rest easy and know that we were the lucky ones to have a man such as him in our lives.

Danielle Brannen - February 04, 2022 at 07:47 AM

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“ My condolences to the family. Mike was my best friend in high school. It was a friendship that lasted until he passed away and will go on into eternity. What a remarkable life he led. Everybody loved him. He was a smart, compassionate lawyer and an accomplished, respected judge. He was great tactician and a spell-binding orator. My wife Diane and I were blessed to spend a week last June with Mike and his wife Michelle at their home in Bushnell, It was an exceptional week, Mike had introduced me to Diane at a community theater production in Leesburg in 1992. In high school we played football and baseball together, going to the state playoffs in football and having good success in baseball, when Mike hit over .400. We continued to be close after high school. working for the Sumter County Times and the Florida Cooperative News together and playing flag football and softball. Then Mike went to law school and developed his deep appreciation for the law. It was a professional love that carried him far. So it is that we say see you later to our dear friend Mike. May comfort come for Michelle, Robin and Marcus and all the other family and friends. We will surely miss you, Mike. God bless your sweet memory for us all.

Glenn Wilson - February 03, 2022 at 07:23 PM