



Johnnie Johnson

July 28, 1947 - January 24, 2025

Johnnie Johnson “Coach JJ,” 77, of Anderson, Indiana passed away on January 24, 2025, after a lengthy battle with cancer. Johnnie was born on July 28, 1947, to Johnnie and Ivy Johnson in Corning, Arkansas.

At a young age, Johnnie, his parents, and his 6 siblings moved to Anderson, Indiana. Johnnie graduated from Anderson High School in 1967 and shortly thereafter went to work at Guide Motors as a pipefitter.

In 1973, he married Diana Jeanne Binnion. Together they had four sons.

In 1994, Johnnie began assistant coaching Track and Field at Highland High School, where he would remain a coach until the school’s closure in 2010. Afterwards, he transitioned to coaching at Anderson High School until his passing.

Johnnie also started his own antiques and refurbishing business which had evolved from his love of woodworking. He was often the first person people would go to for both advice and help when it came to repairs.

Johnnie will be remembered for his warmth and love of working with others. He always shared his children's and players' achievements to anyone who would listen because he was proud of everything they accomplished.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Christopher; grandson, Ewan; and sisters Janet and Jerise.

Johnnie is survived by his wife, Diana; sons, Ryan (Marla Britton-Johnson), Sean (Jessica Holzman), and Jordan (Alexandra Johnson); grandchildren, Kellan, Rowan, Fiona, Vera, and Kian; siblings, Jimmie, Joan, Joyce, and Judy; and he is survived by several loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Loose Funeral Home in Anderson.

Services will follow visitation at 4:00 pm with Pastor John Hackney officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Anderson High School's Athletics Department, the American Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Institute, or the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
200 W 53rd St
Anderson, IN 46013
(765) 649-5255
info@loosecares.com

Memorial Service

FEB 1. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LT

“ *Johnnie was the best, true friend of my life. We go back 67 years, grade school thru high school and to the present. Johnnie was a good man. Memories of our past bring a big smile and now tears to me. What a lovely man he was.* ”

Larry Thomas - February 01, 2025 at 02:57 PM

BH

“ *Johnnie was a Classmate and friend to all!! We will miss him at our class lunches and all the stories he would tell!! Our thoughts and prayers are with Diana (also our classmate and friend) and the entire family. RIP COACH JOHNNIE!! AHS CLASS OF 1967* ”



Belita Hardwick - January 31, 2025 at 11:07 PM



“ *56 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Loose Funeral Home - January 31, 2025 at 11:58 AM

JE

“ *Diane and family. Sorry for your loss! Just know that prayers are being said for peace and comfort at this very sad time for you and your family. Jewell*

Jewell Eyring - January 30, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnnie Johnson.*



January 29, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnnie Johnson.*

January 29, 2025 at 11:34 AM

BC

“ *Brenda Hughes Cobb lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Johnson*



Brenda Hughes Cobb - January 29, 2025 at 07:16 AM

BC

So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers.

Brenda Hughes Cobb - January 29, 2025 at 07:18 AM

PH

*Jimmie,
I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Johnnie. You and your entire family have my sincere condolences.
The mere mentioning of you and Johnnie bring back a wealth of long ago good memories from Fletcher and Pearl Street.
Phil Hexamer*

Phil Hexamer - January 30, 2025 at 10:07 AM

PH

*Diana and Family,
You have my most sincere sympathy at the passing of Johnnie. He was a good guy with a big heart from the old neighborhood.
May your many fond memories together help you during this difficult time.
Phil Hexamer*

Phil Hexamer - January 30, 2025 at 10:26 AM