



## Thomas Wingo "Jay" Johnson Jr.

November 30, 1952 - July 21, 2023

Thomas Wingo "Jay" Johnson, Jr., the epitome of a kind, loyal and generous family man and community member, passed away peacefully on July 21, 2023, with his wife and daughters by his side. He was 70.

Jay was a lifelong resident of the New River Valley, graduating from Christiansburg High School and Virginia Tech. He served stateside in the Army during the Vietnam War and built a 40-year career in banking, retiring from Atlantic Union Bank in 2021.

Family was unquestionably the greatest love of Jay's life. He was a steady and selfless patriarch for the Johnson clan for many years, serving as a role model and hero for multiple generations.

Jay was married to his college sweetheart, Amy, for 47 years – and still counting, in his family's minds. He fully embraced the "Girl Dad" and "Girl Pop-Pop" life with his daughters, Erin and Katie, and his granddaughter, Aria. He was endlessly silly and always up for a dance.

Jay also enjoyed Sunset Beach vacations, listening to The Beatles, cheering for the Hokies and Washington Commanders, and quoting "The Andy Griffith Show" with his youngest brother, David, his very best friend. He happily hosted annual Thanksgiving gatherings, organizing raucous front-yard football games and cooking a mean turkey (while allegedly sneaking only a few early bites).

Along with his wife, daughters, granddaughter and brother David (Alison), Jay is survived by his nephews and nieces, Matthew (Lauren), Kristen (Lee),

Preston, Josie, Tommy and Sammy; his grandnephews and grandniece Elias, Jonah, Milo, Dakota and Tatum; and his sister-in-law Tacy (Steve). All of us are better people for having known him.

Jay was predeceased by his proud parents, Thomas and Kathryn Johnson, and his beloved brother Timothy (Patty). We picture them happily reuniting, having a spaghetti dinner with some Rolling Rocks, toasting the end of the Dan Snyder era in Washington and maybe arguing a little politics.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to two community non-profits that Jay supported: the United Way of the Roanoke Valley (325 Campbell Ave. SW, Roanoke, VA 24073), where his daughter Erin now works, and the Montgomery County Christmas Store (30 W. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073).

A celebration of life will be held at the War Memorial Chapel, Virginia Tech Campus on Friday, July 28th at 2 pm.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

War Memorial Chapel  
Virginia Tech Campus  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Jay's passing. Knew Jay back in high school and then at the bank. Always a pleasure to work with. Prayers for all as they grieve.  
Gail Moles

Gail Moles - August 09, 2023 at 02:37 PM

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“ Jay was one of the great ones. Appreciate the time spent together over the years at Atlantic Union Bank. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss!

Duane Wente - July 30, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Wingo "Jay" Johnson Jr..



July 28, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Wingo "Jay" Johnson Jr..

July 26, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Wingo "Jay" Johnson Jr..*



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“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas Wingo "Jay" Johnson Jr..*



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July 26, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *So very to sorry to hear this news! I got to work with Jay on the Commercial Banking team and then when he moved into the Business Banking division he hired me to work alongside him. He was fantastic to work with! He would always light up talking about Amy and his girls. Thinking of you all!*

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**Allison Mease** - July 26, 2023 at 03:25 AM



“ *Worked with Jay for many years at Atlantic Union Bank. May our Lord and Savior comfort the family during this difficult time.*

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**Cherie Jones-McHone** - July 25, 2023 at 10:02 PM