

Ralph Thurman Johnson

July 11, 1953 - September 20, 2021

Ralph Thurman Johnson, 68, of Trenton, GA, passed away on Monday, September 20, 2021 at his residence.

Formerly of Ringgold, GA, Ralph was retired from McDonald's with more than 30 years of service and was currently employed with Mapco. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred McGee Johnson, father, James Johnson, and infant brother, Thomas Johnson.

Survivors include his son, Eric (April) Johnson; grandsons, Jeremy & Camden Johnson; brother, Darrel Johnson; sister, Rhonda Johnson; uncle, T.E. McGee; several close friends and cousins.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared at ryanfuneralhome.net.

The family will receive friends Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory, Trenton, GA.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ryan Funeral Home and Crematory

11415 S Main St

PO Box 506

Trenton, GA 30752

(706) 657-7525

steven.ryan@ryanfuneralhome.net

<https://www.ryanfuneralhome.net/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Thurman Johnson*

October 09, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *53 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Ryan Funeral Home - September 24, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ *I am so sad to learn of Ralph's passing. When I remember Ralph, I immediately think of his smile. He didn't have a big toothy grin but instead a smile that was kind and genuine. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.*

*Pam (Tillman) Lewallen
RHS Class of '71*

Pam (Tillman) Lewallen - September 24, 2021 at 10:17 AM

KR

“ I am so deeply sadden to hear about Ralph's passing. He was a GREAT guy. My prayers are with you all. Until we meet again my friend ❤️

Kristy - September 23, 2021 at 08:11 PM

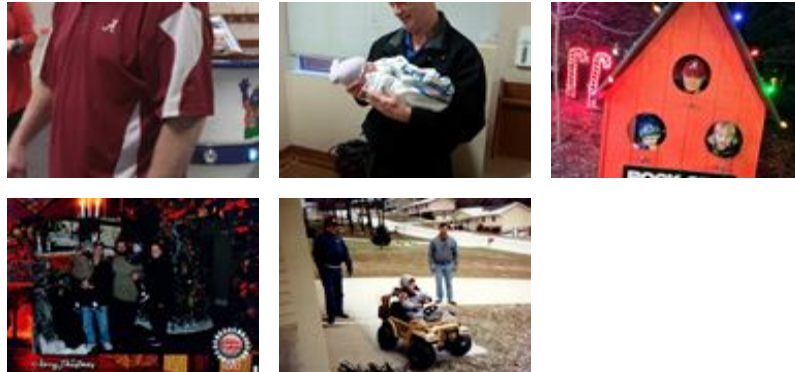
MR

“ My heart is completely broken. I will never forget you, or our years together. You were definitely one-of-a-kind, and I wouldn't have had it any other way. You were loved beyond belief, by everyone that knew you. Rest easy in God's arms Ralph. See you in Heaven. 💜

Michele Richardson - September 23, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Life Tributes



Ryan Funeral Home - September 23, 2021 at 03:36 PM

RG

So sorry to here this, Ralph was great friend , so many memories, gonna miss him..

Robby Goolsby - September 23, 2021 at 10:06 PM

CC

“ Darrell and Rhonda, this breaks my heart to see that Ralph has passed. He was always such a great friend and we always somehow seemed to contact each other on our shared birthday. My heart and thoughts are with you. Ralph was one of a kind and a good man.

Carll Cole - September 23, 2021 at 01:20 PM

RF

“ Sorry, I will be out of town and unable to attend the funeral. Ralph and I grew up together. His dad was my baseball coach and he and I played a lot of baseball together. Ralph was always just a nice guy to everyone. Met him in Trenton years later and we spent a lot of time catching up. I hate to hear this. The world was a better place with Ralph in it. Prayers to the family. Roger Forgey

Roger Forgey - September 23, 2021 at 12:55 PM

DH

“ Ralph was one of my very first bosses he became one of my dearest friends very shortly there after I lived Ralph like he was family because to me he was family I will miss him very much my heart is shattered at his loss Ralph was one of the precious few who stuck by me through all my bad choices he never gave up on me and never stopped caring and being a dear friend

Derek heath - September 23, 2021 at 12:54 PM

ID

“ I worked with Ralph for 6 years in Trenton GA. He was always joking and kidding around making work there fun. He made you want to be the best at your job. He was an amazing person and will be truly missed. ❤️ you Ralph! Fly High

Inglis Downer - September 23, 2021 at 11:46 AM

DB

“ Ralph had such an amazing personality and always treated my family exactly like family , had an amazing soul I remember when my dad worked with him at McDonald’s and he was always caring and kind and a big smile on his face every time we saw him , love you Ralph ❤️

Daniel Blanchard - September 23, 2021 at 10:44 AM

RP

“ Ralph was a great guy an a hard dedicated worker.He was a awesome boss..Treated you like a human being an a friend bot a thing or a it because you worked for him...He cared about folks an it showed thru his actions ways an words....I tryly feel for this man as he workd so hard an never got a chance to just enjoy a moment or so it seemed..He worked till he passed...I know hes rejoicing now thoe because hes in a place we can all only imagine about.....Your rest in piece Ralph an enjoy yourr new life up in heaven. Because God nows that where you deserve to be.....



Rachel Phillip - September 23, 2021 at 07:56 AM

JE

“ I can't believe your gone your going to be deeply missed you gave me first job and took me under your wing im deeply sorry I love you Ralph fly high

Jessica - September 22, 2021 at 11:39 PM

DW

“ *Ralph was one the best boss I had at McDonald's he was always kind regardless of the stress he went through during working hours and after leaving McDonald's and went to BP I enjoyed when I went to get gas just standing and talking with him he was a very smart guy he will be dearly missed and never forgotten he was most definitely one of a kind*

Donna williams - September 22, 2021 at 10:46 PM

KG

“ *I worked for Ralph in the late 90s at McDonald's. He ran a tight ship but made the job fun. He was a great boss and a great guy. My condolences to his family and his son Eric, who he spoke of frequently and fondly of back in the day.*

Kevin Griffin - September 22, 2021 at 10:32 PM

BE

“ *Ralph was a great boss at McDs. I Loved him and also loved going in Mapco to say Hi! He would say Hey Becca, How are you? Always had a smile on his face. I am so heartbroken.💔 Save me a place in Heaven!*
Becca

Becca - September 22, 2021 at 10:04 PM

RC

“ My first official job was working at McDonalds during my freshman/sophomore years of high school. Ralph expected and demanded nothing but the best from his employees and he wasn't above getting his hands dirty to make sure a job was done and to his standards. I moved away from Trenton right after graduating high school and was away for 13 years. Upon moving back I ran into him and he knew exactly who I was and even remembered my name. We chatted for a little bit and I told him how I had always admired his work ethic. Ralph remembering not only me but knowing my name after not seeing me for over 15 years just gives a glimpse into the kind of person he was. He genuinely cared for his employees and took the time to know them and teach them. He will be truly missed.



Rebecca Conkle - September 22, 2021 at 09:37 PM

MT

“ Ralph was a great boss. He expected a good days work for a good days pay and didn't let you stand around. Every time I think of my days at McDonalds I can hear him saying "If you have time to lean, you have time to clean" haha. He had a good heart, too, and a good sense of humor. He'll be missed.

Michelle Tatum - September 22, 2021 at 09:17 PM

JP

“ Always a good man. I would stop and talk to him once a week on way from home from rising fawn. My sister worked for him in the 80s is how I met him. I will always remember Ralph

Jerry Parker - September 22, 2021 at 06:52 PM

SP

“ Thank you for all of our conversations and laughs.. You were a precious sweet friend. I guess we have been friends for over 35 years. I will miss you so much. Just for you my sweet friend. ROLL TIDE ROLL

Stacey Prater - September 22, 2021 at 12:51 PM

JE

“ Ralph was a great boss. He really knew the business. I worked with him for many years at McD. I only have positive memories of him. We laughed a lot and worked hard. He wasn't afraid to get up in the boss' face when something wasn't right. I will always remember the moustache. I never saw him without it. He was never too busy to visit a few minutes.
I will remember him fondly. Rest in peace, old friend.

Jean - September 22, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JE

“ To Ralf's family, I am so sorry for your loss. Ralph, was a wonderful person. I worked for him at McDonald's back in 1995/96 and have much respect for him. Would see him all the time at Mapco and would always say "Hay Jess, How's it going?" I will miss him very much.

Jessica - September 21, 2021 at 10:52 PM

CG

“ He was the most sweetest boss ever. He's gonna be missed.

Christina Gilliam - September 21, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ There is no way to express the loss of Ralph. He was a great part of my teenage years from my rebellious youth to my first years in Law Enforcement. He banished me from McDonalds and then we laughed about it years later. We always shared a joke and would laugh out loud for the world to hear. He will be missed immensely but will always be my friend. Love you my brother until we meet again. Danny B

Danny Blevins - September 21, 2021 at 08:19 PM

BH

“ Ralph, you were always good to me at my time with McDonald's.. I remember when you hired me, I was so scared of you, but then got to know you and realized what a great man you were. You instilled in me great work ethics that I've carried through all my life, one of the most notable is, "you got time to lean, you got time to clean!".. yes you chewed my rear on more than one occasion, but I'm eternally grateful, because now I know I needed it... You are forever in my heart, I love you sir

Brian Holifield - September 21, 2021 at 07:53 PM

TW

“ So sorry for y'all's lost my prayers 🙏 are the family he was a awesome boss at mc donalds

tracy smith wooten - September 21, 2021 at 07:02 PM

AW

“ Angie Workman lit a candle in memory of Ralph Thurman Johnson



Angie Workman - September 21, 2021 at 06:50 PM

SH

“ I will miss your hugs and pats on the back..when I would stop by Mapco ..you were a wonderful man to know ..I will miss our friendship..but have the memories forever with me ..love you buddy

Stan Heath - September 21, 2021 at 05:27 PM

SH

“ I remember the first time I saw Ralph at McDonald's he made me feel like I was part of a family at the end of shift he would always say that he appreciated all that I did ...I will miss him greatly as a friend and mentor



Sandy Heath - September 21, 2021 at 05:23 PM