



Willis L. Johnston

January 31, 1933 - July 26, 2023

Willis “Bill” L. Johnston, 90, of Delta Township passed away on July 26, 2023. He was born January 31, 1933, in South Bend, Indiana to the late Walter and Margaret (Grimm) Johnston. He graduated from Adams High School in South Bend and then went on to proudly serve his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. Bill started his design engineering career in South Bend at Bendix Corp. until moving to Lansing to work for Oldsmobile/GM in the product design division. After retiring from a long career at GM, he continued his engineering work for Troy Design in Lansing until he fully retired. Bill was a longtime faithful member of St. Michael Catholic Church in Grand Ledge.

He is survived by his loving wife of sixty-five years, Sandie (Haughtington); children, Kevin Johnston, Michelle Gilbert-Jensen (Jay Hartman), Tracey Johnston, Susan Patrick (Tim), and Stephen (Beth) Johnston; grandchildren, Amber (David) Field, Jessica Mitchell, Mitchell Hobner and Sophia Johnston and great-granddaughter, Haley Guest. Bill was preceded in death by his sister June Hayden and brother Jerry Johnston; his daughter, Alicia Johnston; grandchildren, Josh Gilbert, Jason Gilbert, and Cassie Mitchell.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, August 4, 2023, at 11:00 AM at St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge by The Reverend Fr. James Eisele with Reverend Ralph Kuespert of Rockford, IL assisting. You may watch the funeral mass for Bill at 11:00 am Friday on the St. Michael Church YouTube channel at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/wat>

ch?v=EkUIPQOf5-c. Visitation will be Thursday at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge from 4-7:00 PM with a Rosary at 7:00 PM and Friday at the church from 10-11:00 AM. Bill will be laid to rest with family at the Delta Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 or the American Cancer Society, Mid-Michigan Office, 129 Jefferson Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 (https://donate.cancer.org/?campaign=default&lang=en&_gl=1*ibtye5*_ga*MTg0MTg0MTU5MS4xNjkwNTc4Mzlw*_ga_12CJLLFFQT*MTY5MDU3ODMyMC4xLjEuMTY5MDU3ODM0Ni4wLjAuMA..&_ga=2.104954624.201516026.1690578321-1841841591.1690578320).

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
406 N. Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
(517) 627-2531
jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com
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Rosary

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AUG 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Funeral Mass

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Willis L. Johnston*.



August 03, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Willis L. Johnston*.



August 02, 2023 at 04:35 PM



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

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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Willis L. Johnston*.



August 01, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willis L. Johnston.*



July 31, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *What a wonderful man, father, grandfather, great-grandfather he was! The love & support he showed to everyone he met was unconditional. Kindness was simply his way & I'm thankful for having met & known him through his beloved & beautiful granddaughter Cassie. Sending lots of love & prayers for comfort Tracy, Jessica, Amber, Haley & family as you grieve the loss of this special & sweet man. Valerie Clewley*

Valerie Clewley - July 29, 2023 at 10:36 AM