



Greig C. Johnson

January 6, 1953 - January 31, 2019

Greig Johnson, 66, of Wheeling, West Virginia, formerly of Deep Creek Lake, Maryland, died Thursday, January 31, 2019 at Wheeling Hospital.

He was born January 6, 1953, in Wheeling, the son of Nancy Jane Cummings Johnson and the late George Johnson. He was a 1971 graduate of Triadelphia High School.

Greig was an entrepreneur, manager and businessman, who was responsible for helping create and manage Arrowhead Resort, a popular retail and restaurant development at Deep Creek Lake, MD. In the 1970s, he managed the Pizza Pub and Honi Honi Bar at Deep Creek Lake.

Eight years ago, he came home to Wheeling to be a full-time caregiver to his beloved mother, Nancy.

He is fondly remembered in the Woodsdale section of Wheeling as a constant source of friendship, humor-laced opinions on sports and politics, and able assistance to all who needed his help.

Quick to shovel snow from a friend's sidewalk, toss a ball with neighbor children, help clean up after a flood, or prepare food for a street picnic, Greig's booming laughter, kindness to all people he encountered, and unwavering dedication to the care of his mother made him a popular and much-loved friend to all who passed by his front porch.

He was an avid golfer, Pittsburgh Pirate fan, and gardener. He was often described as the "life of the party."

In addition to his mother, Nancy, he is survived by one brother, Bruce Johnson

of Wheeling and Morgantown, one aunt and several cousins.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, February 5th from 2-4 p.m. at the Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling, West Virginia when a Memorial Service will be held at 4:00pm.

Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Grisell Crematory

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem
1 Ridgecrest Road
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-0400
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Tribute Wall

ED

“ It has taken me a few to get up the ability to write and share something about Greig. I was not a blood relative but a relative by marriage. I have seen the ups and downs of Greig for over 35 years. Every time I would see him - his eyes would light up, he would come towards me and give me a big hug. I would say that Greig made everyone feel that just by stopping by you had made HIS day better. That was surely a gift. He seemed to work way to hard and play way to hard. It was his nature to work as hard as he played. I was looking back on old photographs to post for folks to see and I started to laugh. Somehow those sparkling eyes and that big laugh of a smile would make it's way to the center of every photo. How did you do that Greig? How did you manage to make others feel special when you were searching for that yourself? I will miss you and your warmth. I will try to pass that spark on to others in my life. It made a difference in mine and I thank you for the lessons....



Edward Daniels - February 17, 2019 at 04:00 PM

KB

“ Greig was a wonderful friend. He and my husband (Bill Beem) were two of a kind. Greg's outstanding personality will never be forgotten. We had a unique relationship and I'm sure he and Bill are back together again on that eternal golf course in the sky! My sincere condolences to his mom and brother.
Karen Beem

Karen Beem - February 07, 2019 at 09:19 AM

TH

“ I worked at arrowhead lates 80's. Greig had the most contagious laugh. He was a great motivator and friend. I've learned so much about customer service from him and I offer my condolences and prayers to his family.

Tina mason Harvey

tina harvey - February 06, 2019 at 08:31 PM

BT

“ I always enjoyed going to UNOs and seeing Greig. I've missed him since those days !!

Bert Triplett - February 06, 2019 at 10:20 AM

MM

“ *Michele Miller*
I extend my deepest sympathies toward Bruce and Nancy Johnson at Greig's passing recently. I worked upstairs at Arrowhead in the bookkeeping dept for 10 years from 1996 -2006. Greig was a very business-minded person who knew his "stuff " and knew it well. It was a pleasure to work for him. I know he loved his mom and his brother very much..and he loved to golf and go to Myrtle Beach with his buddies. Basically; he loved people and loved to laugh!

Michele Miller - February 05, 2019 at 08:28 PM

JA

“ That small portion of Woodsdale won't be the same! His laughter was contagious! His hospitality was always welcoming! All ages fell in love with Grieg! Truly one of the good guys gone way too soon. He left an imprint on many hearts! Our deepest sympathy to Nancy, Bruce and his family and all of the neighbors who adored him. RIP Mr. Grieg!

Jerry, Cheryl and Olen Ames

Jerry, Cheryl & Olen Ames - February 05, 2019 at 02:48 PM

JS

“ We met Greig many years ago, as many others did at the Honi, Honi & Uno. we remember well when he started Arrowhead. We also spent many a night chatting with him at JG'S at Deep Creek. Having once owned a restaurant we would share stories with him about that business and life in general. Most of all we loved his sense of humor and also his caring concern to always lend a helpful hand. He was an all around good guy that touched our lives. Our sincere condolences to his Mom, brother, and family.
Sally and Jerry Salavec

Jerry & Sally Salavec - February 05, 2019 at 12:35 PM

LS

“ Greig will be so missed. He was the best son any Mother could have he was one of a kind. He loved his family, friends and neighbors and he would be there for all when needed. His laughter, friendship, and caring will always be in our thoughts and hearts. RIP Greig. Our sympathy to your Mom Nancy and your brother Bruce.
Maureen & Larry Sancomb

Larry & Maureen Sancomb - February 05, 2019 at 09:01 AM

DK

“ Sorry to hear this sad news. Thoughts are with Mrs. Johnson and Bruce. Remember Greig fondly from high school. Though he was a year ahead of me (Bruce and I were in the same class), I was football manager the years Greig was on the team. He was someone I looked up to.

David Kosar - February 04, 2019 at 09:41 PM

DK

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



David Kosar - February 04, 2019 at 08:45 PM



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



February 04, 2019 at 08:14 PM

DU

“ *David Upole* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Greig C. Johnson.



David Upole - February 04, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray* was purchased for the family of Greig C. Johnson.



February 04, 2019 at 08:16 AM

MM

“ Greig was one of a kind. A good friend, a good person. Bruce and family please accept my sincere sympathy. Mikal McCartney

Mikal McCartney - February 03, 2019 at 11:19 PM

EK

“ So sorry to hear this news . Greig was a true friend to me . I was his coca-cola man for the entire time he managed Arrowhead , Uno's and Garrett 8 . He always treated me so good ! Sympathy for all of his family .
Ed Kamp

Ed Kamp - February 03, 2019 at 04:03 PM

JK

“ Sincere condolences to the Johnson family. Greig was a great and spirited classmate at Triadelphia HS and I will remember his friendship. Jim Kear

Jim Kear - February 03, 2019 at 03:33 PM

DH

“ Greig, thank you for sharing part of your life with Me and Theresa and caring when it meant the most. I will always remember those 7:30 Thursday tee times and all the fun and laughs we had on the golf course and all our friends on those golf trips. My deep condolences to the family for the lost of a beloved gentleman.

Dennis Hannibal

Dennis Hannibal - February 03, 2019 at 03:31 PM

PM

“ Bruce, My heart goes out to you. So sorry to hear. The posts on FB from his former employees have been so nice. Cherish those great memories!

Patty Manown Mash

Patty Manown Mash - February 03, 2019 at 02:39 PM

EC

“ My condolences to Bruce and Greig’s family. I have many fond memories of Greig from Deep Creek and working one summer at the Honi Honi bar. He was kind, fun and motivating.

Eileen (Elliott) Cassell



Eileen Cassell - February 03, 2019 at 11:17 AM

GT

“ My condolences to Greigs family. I was fortunate to work for Greig for over 10 years at Unos as a manager. He was very good to me in those years. I learned so much from him about the service industry. He put together an incredible staff that worked hard led by him ,and had a lot of pride in what we did. Rest in peace Greig you will be missed.

Greta Taylor - February 03, 2019 at 12:43 AM

NP

“ My condolences to Greig’s family. I can’t express my sadness to hear of his loss. He was a very special friend. I met Greig when I was very young. I was so shy that I avoided eye contact with anyone. Greig hired me and from there my life changed. As anyone who worked for him knows...customer service was top priority for him. You greeted every customer who walked in the door, learned their names, talked to them. Through his humor and I believe real concern for me he built a self confidence in me and made me believe in myself. He was a great motivator. I am forever grateful. Greig was unforgettable. I was blessed to know and work for such a wonderful person. Those who have the talents and vision he had...coupled with the heart and care for people he had are very rare. Thanks for everything Greig. You were loved.

Nora Paugh - February 02, 2019 at 09:32 PM

VG

“ My sincere condolences to Greigs mom and brother. I'm sorry I haven't saw him for a while but I sure hope he knew how many people cared about him in Garrett County. Greig sure set the bar high for customer service at Deep Creek. I will always remember that crooked smile and the wild socks. Rest easy, my friend!

Val Glass - February 02, 2019 at 08:51 PM

CH

“ My sister and I worked for Greig at Arrowhead '86-'88. He was a fun loving guy that expected you to work but allowed us to have fun. Greig Johnson made Arrowhead, Unos and Garrett Eight cinema what they are today. My heart breaks knowing such a young man left us so soon. R.I.P Greig, we all loved ya. Sending love, hugs and prayers to his family and friends. ❤️

Connie Savage Simmons & Teresa Savage Ha - February 02, 2019 at 08:29 PM

HU

“ Saddened to hear about Greg’s early passing...I first met Greg when he was a bartender at the Pizza Pub & Rick Shaffer was the bouncer. I was a Maryland FAN....& of course they were WVU fans, & Rick played for WVU. Greg made the BEST whiskey sours ever! I usually had two Whiskey sours before I could get away from the bar due to our heated discussions about Football! Greg as Manager of Arrowhead, UNO’s & the Garrett 8 Cinema...Exemplified customer service, he was always extremely courteous...& as we all know he had his Own opinions about everything....after I opened Market Square & we were competitors Greg remained the same! He will be Missed...
Kindly...Hugh Umbel

Hugh Umbel - February 02, 2019 at 07:41 PM

TH

“ Greig always made my day when I'd stop in to get coffee at Arrowhead in the morning on my way to work. He helped set the mood for the day, jovial and positive.

Theresa Hannibal - February 02, 2019 at 07:25 PM

DK

“ He was the general manager of arrowhead market when I worked there in 1994 . He was tough on people but always welcome people, picked up trash , help do whatever was needed all the people loved him RIP Gregg

Denise keener - February 02, 2019 at 07:14 PM

TB

“ I, too, had the opportunity to be Greig’s friend. One of our first interactions was me saying how stupid the spelling of his name was and his comment to that was, “Well, your parents named you after a boy”! We had many laughs together and as his obituary says, he truly was the life of every family gathering. He was very fond of both my children and very complimentary of all that I did and said. I made a salad one time that I just threw together and he said it was a beautiful presentation (who thinks that about a salad)!!! I feel blessed to have known him. My deepest sympathies to his mom and brother.

Toni Barefoot - February 02, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ I remember meeting Greg when I was 16 years old working at wisp on the golf course. I always remembered him as a funny, charismatic person. He taught me much about customer service and how to treat people. Rip

Ben Hannibal - February 02, 2019 at 06:09 PM

BB

“ We would always go to Unos after the movies and Greig always stopped by our table to pick on Grammy Stem. She just loved it! Greig always made her feel special. He always took the time to make sure we had everything we needed. A very special person! Deepest Sympathy to Greig ' s Mom, Bruce, and Family!

Bonnie Broadwater - February 02, 2019 at 03:26 PM

CS

“ We will always remember working with Grieg at Bill’s Marine Service which was probably his first job at Deep Creek Lake -- fresh out of college and ready to start life’s first adventure. Grieg was always a people-person and often went above and beyond what the task required to make customers happy. He had a boyish grin and ready conversation, but saw to it that the job was completed in exemplary fashion. So full of life, he immediately began making many friends and preparing himself for bigger and better opportunities. Grieg definitely endeared himself to Garrett County residents and visitors alike. He will be missed.

Carl and Shirley Spiker - February 02, 2019 at 03:02 PM

AS

“ Greig was a dear friend to our family...he certainly had charisma...respected by so many....he quietly helped and took care of countless numbers of Garrett Co. folks..love to his family!

Annie& Larry Steyer - February 02, 2019 at 01:54 PM

KH

“ I am saddened for the loss of such a wonderful man! Greig never met a stranger and had a personality that drew people to him. He always had a great smile and wit that made him fun to be around. Thoughts and prayers to Bruce and other family members. RIP Greig and thank you for great memories of the good ole days at the Honi and pizza pub!

Keith Harvey - February 02, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ Greig really raised the standards for Deep Creek Lake businesses. He built an empire around renovating Arrowhead Market, catapulting Uno Restaurant, and premiering Garrett 8 Cinemas with a black-tie affair. He would always stop by our table at Uno to say “hello” and catch up on the latest. My son got his first official job at age 14 working the docks and learned a first-rate work ethic under Greig’s guidance. I can’t properly thank him for his countless personal and professional contributions to Garrett County. He was a rare breed that will be sorely missed. Peace and love to his family.

Mark Stutzman
Mountain Lake Park, MD

Mark Stutzman - February 02, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ Words cannot describe the sadness I feel at the loss of this man. I worked for him at Arrowhead and years later at the Honi, he always pushed me to be the best person I could be, he made me see the potential I had when I saw none, he made me go to college and even loaned me the money to do so. He was the best man in my wedding and was the first to congratulate me when I got the job at the Clerks Office, where I still work 29 years later. He was the funniest most sensitive man I knew. He taught me so much and Greig I will always appreciate the guidance you gave me and the lessons learned have been many. RIP- I will never forget you 😭



Kerry Gibson - February 02, 2019 at 11:46 AM

DS

“ We met when we were 21 and Greig was a bartender at the Pizza Hut. So very sorry to hear about his passing and Bruce, I will keep you in my thoughts.

Denise Philbrick Sanders - February 02, 2019 at 10:58 AM

Janie Mote

“ Greig was an amazing man. As a young college student working at Arrowhead Market, I learned the true value of customer service from Greig and his management team. He was a great gentleman with a boisterous laugh. Rest In Peace, Mr. Johnson.

Janie Mote - February 02, 2019 at 10:34 AM

GM

“ I always looked forward to seeing Greig at Wisp. I knew I was in for a bunch of laughs, trading a few witty barbs, and seeing a real friend.

gary myers - February 01, 2019 at 07:56 PM

Susan Devlin

“ Bruce,
It's been many years, but I'm so very sorry about Greig! Take very good care. Sincerely, Susie Devlin

Susan Devlin - February 01, 2019 at 06:53 PM