



## James D. Johnston

November 10, 1964 - October 10, 2021

James "Jimmy" D. Johnston, age 56, of Sardis, OH, passed away Sunday, October 10, 2021.

He was born November 10, 1964, in Bloomington, IL, a son of Margaret Gramm Johnston Costigan and the late Bruce Johnston.

Jimmy was a safety & health consultant and owner of Johnston EHS/Ohio Valley Training Center.

He was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Sardis OH, a member of (AIHA) American Industrial Hygiene Association, he loved hunting, fishing and was a fan of Notre Dame and "Da Bears".

Jimmy was preceded in death by his father, Bruce Johnston and his stepfather Tom Costigan.

Survivors include his wife of 15 years, Kim Flannery Johnston; mother, Margaret "Peggy" Costigan of Bloomington, IL; one brother, Rob (Jenny) Johnston, Lombard, IL; three sisters, Karen Fleming, Normal, IL, Kim (Duane) Bruninga, Carlock, IL, Kathy (Leon) Munyon, St. Charles, IL; stepson, Tony Ensinger, Ridgewood, NJ, stepdaughter, Angie VanCamp, New Martinsville, four step-grandchildren, Payton and Cooper VanCamp and Zoe & Noah Ensinger; one step-great granddaughter, Charleigh VanCamp; several nieces and nephews and multitude of friends.

Funeral Liturgy with Mass will be celebrated Saturday at 11am at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, New Martinsville with Rev. Msgr. Kevin Quirk officiating. Celebration of Life will be held at 12:30 pm at Hannibal

Professional Center 52634 State Route 536 Hannibal, OH

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

Memorial contributions may be made to: Broken Timber Outdoor Education Center, P.O. Box 196, Hannibal, OH 43931 or Wetzel Co. Humane Society, 399 Monahan Drive, New Martinsville, WV 26155.

Arrangements are entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, New Martinsville, WV.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

OCT 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
21 Rosary Road  
New Martinsville, WV 26155

## Celebration of Life

OCT 16. 12:30 PM (ET)

Hannibal Professional Center  
52634 State Route 536  
Clarington  
Clarington, OH 43915

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Dear Kim, so sorry to hear this sad news. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Respectfully, Jeffrey Bolton

Jeffrey Bolton - October 16, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ Jimmy was good people. A great athlete too, we always won when he played on our intramural teams at ISU. Condolences to the family. Ugh. James Pappas

Jim Pappas - October 15, 2021 at 07:50 PM

JB

“ Jimmy was a friend of my older brother's growing up and I played high school sports with him at Central Catholic. I can only smile when thinking of all my Jimmy Johnston stories (he tormented the hell out of me...in a good way). He was a fun loving kid who wasn't afraid to "push boundaries" to put it politely. I was saddened to learn of his loss, but heartened by the many great memories of growing up with him. Please accept our family's most sincere condolences. John Brady

John Brady - October 15, 2021 at 03:10 PM

RK

“ I first met Jim about 15 years ago on a job in Louisiana. We struck up a good friendship based on mutual professional respect. We continued to work together periodically until I retired and then went to work for him. A real professional, a terrific leader, and a real person. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing, and absolutely adored his wife, Kim. He will be greatly missed, but he has touched so so many people with his genuine interest in them, that he will live on in all of our memories. Thank you, Jim, for your friendship, and, thank you, Kim for being his rock.

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Randy Kresge - October 15, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James D. Johnston.



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October 15, 2021 at 02:17 PM

LC

“ *Kim & All of Jimmy's Family,*

*If we didn't know before this, we certainly know now how precious life truly is. Jim committed himself to Kim & his family, I don't know of a conversation I had with him that he didn't speak of Kim, he adore's you Kim and is sending you his strength to navigate the road ahead.*

*We will never know how many industrial accidents were prevented and lives Jim was responsible for saving in the true professional actions of his shared knowledge, experience and expertise. People who wanted Safety done right, reached out to Jimmy.*

*Our heartbreaking loss is Heavens gain & if things aren't being run safely up there, Jimmy won't be afraid to let them know...*

*Rest In Peace Jimmy...*

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**Larry Couch** - October 15, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James D. Johnston.*



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October 14, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James D. Johnston.



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October 14, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ Kim, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and family from Lori and I. Jimmy was one of the best in the field of Safety. Jimmy “walked the talk” when it came to the Safety world. I can remember when working in the Utilities department, if we had any concern at all, he would always come down and check out the situation and always treated everyone respectfully.  
Bill Williams

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**Bill Williams** - October 14, 2021 at 10:54 AM

LW

“ Kim, I am so very sorry and would have never thought I would be writing in this memory book. I met Jim at Sunset Marina in Brandon Mississippi about 3 years ago when I first moved here. I'm originally from Louisiana, never dreamed I'd live on a houseboat and was still nervous about it, but I love fishing and the crappie season was happening, so I was in Hog heaven. I had fished with my Dad from a young age and I did pretty good for a girl lol. I really thought I could surely outfits this "yankee". I mean, what could he know about crappie, he was from Ohio. Well, I quickly changed my mind about that lol and thats how our friendship started. Jim was a great guy and this was during the most fantastic year of LSU football that I can remember in my lifetime. The Ohio boy, Joe Burrow, led us all the way to a SEC Championship, so we had plenty to talk about. I would hear Jim start his motor and head out in the morning and knew it was time to fish. At the end of the day, all the friends would gather up on the pier and listen to music and enjoy great conversations. I offered him dinner and for the most part, he would decline because he had brought enough of his wife's delicious lasagna to last for a month. Last time I saw him, he brought you with him and I was so glad to meet you. Y'all Were such a happy couple and we enjoyed our time with y'all, fishing, conversations, and yes even singing when the Stephens boys would play guitar for us. I will treasure these memories forever and I hope that you will come back and visit with us! We have a girls trip via Amtrak to New Orleans to take and I would love nothing better. I'm going to cherish my happy memories and will continue to pray for you as this was a sudden, heartbreaking loss. I love ya girl

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**Lori White** - October 14, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ I am so shocked to here about Jimmy. I went to HS with him. My condolences to the family. Rip.  
Lisa Jarecki Harris

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**Lisa Harris** - October 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM

CH

“ Chris and Tina Hazen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James D. Johnston.

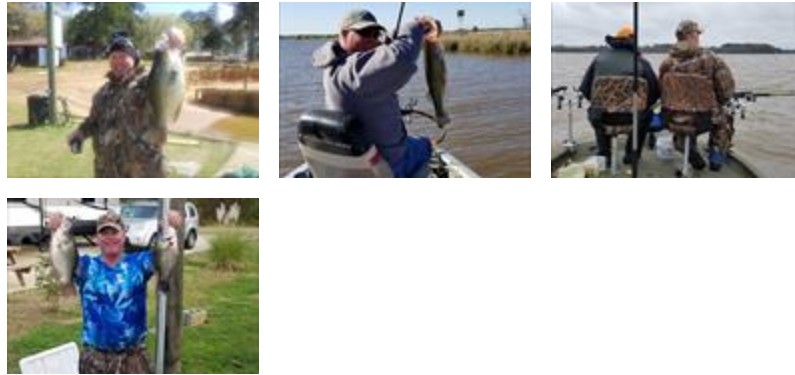


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**Chris and Tina Hazen** - October 14, 2021 at 08:16 AM

RW

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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**russell l white** - October 14, 2021 at 06:38 AM

CB

“ Kim, sending my heartfelt sympathies to you & all of Jimmy's friends & family. Wishing you Peace & Comfort through your Faith, Family, & Friends.  
Carol Burge

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**Carol Burge** - October 14, 2021 at 05:09 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James D. Johnston.*



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October 13, 2021 at 10:29 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of James D. Johnston.*



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October 13, 2021 at 09:52 PM



“ *Kim,  
So very sad and sorry to hear this. God be with you and your family.  
I'll never forget our Dispensary days. We have no words. Only prayers.  
Drew and Becky(Klug) Stafford*

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**becky stafford** - October 13, 2021 at 09:18 PM

CL

“ Kim,

*TIME IS SO PRECIOUS AND DAYS ARE SO FEW  
LIFE SIMPLE AND DELICATE, THIS IS SO TRUE  
NOW AT THIS MOMENT AS WE WRITE THIS TO YOU  
A HUG WE ARE SENDING TO HELP SEE YOU THOROUGH*

*In Christian Love, Curt Lindner & Sara Stackhouse*

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**Curt Lindner** - October 13, 2021 at 06:41 PM

TL

“ *I'm so shocked and saddened to hear of Jimmy's passing. He's been a friend since Junior High. Please accept our condolences and many prayers. God bless you all RIP*

*Terri Jordan Lantz*

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**Terri Jordan Lantz** - October 13, 2021 at 05:43 PM

KY

“ *Thoughts and prayers for for you Km and the family. Jimmy always has a smile and will be missed.*

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**Kevin Yeager** - October 13, 2021 at 04:55 PM

MA

“ *MATRIC purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James D. Johnston.*



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**MATRIC** - October 13, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *Kim, our hearts ache and prayers are lifted for you and your families.  
Jimmy was a blessing to all. A great mentor and a wonderful friend.*

*May your memories be joyful, and be enriched in the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given in the years you were together.*

*We love you.*

*Kevan and Alicia*

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**Lee Hudson** - October 13, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ *Kim,*

*So sorry and saddened by the loss of Jimmy. He was a great boss and friend. Those were wonderful years, all of us working together in the HSE department. He will be sorely missed by all. I think he was the only person who called me "Chuckster". He always had his nicknames for his friends. When he hired me into the IH dept., the first thing that he told me let me know what a great Industrial Hygienist and person he was. He told me I had 2 jobs to do. The first was to protect the safety and health of the employees at the plant and second was to protect the liability of the company. He then said if you do job #1 right, you won't have to worry about job #2. The people always came first with Jimmy.*

*Please find solace during this difficult time in the love of God. Our prayers are with you.*

*Chuck and Lois Klug*

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**Chuck Klug** - October 13, 2021 at 07:19 AM

ES

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Eva Starkey - October 13, 2021 at 07:19 AM



“ We knew Jimmy from his fishing time in Mississippi at the Ross Barnette Reservoir. In such a short time, he became a dear friend of our family! Kim it was so wonderful meeting you and staying in touch since the last time he was here. We will miss him dearly! Crappie fishin' at the marina pier will never be the same! Our boys loved playing for Mr. Jim, and hangin at the marina listening to music. He had such a wonderful spirit! Kim we are sending our heartfelt love and prayers for STRENGTH and comfort during this tragedy! Ryan said he is going to miss him and that he taught this Ole bass fisherman how to catch crappie! He will never be forgotten! Love- The Stephens Family

Stacey Stephens - October 12, 2021 at 10:11 PM

KC

“ Kim my deepest sympathies to you and your family  
I know that you and Jinny loved life together with family & friends around you both  
. May he RIP 🙏🙏

kathy Cadigan - October 12, 2021 at 09:34 PM

DE

“ My deepest condolences Kim and all of Jimmy’s family. I’ve known Jimmy since we were kids, we played ball together and had a great HS experience. After that we lived together for 3 years or so in college, hunted, fished, laughed and drank our share of beers...you will be missed brother RIP My prayers are with you, your wife, mom Peg, sisters and brother and all your family. God Bless and Keep you my Friend.

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**Dave Edwards** - October 12, 2021 at 07:17 PM

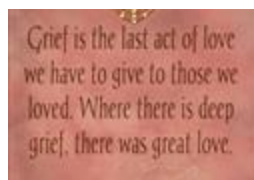
RW

“ I knew Jim through his love of animals , taking care of Jim and Kim's pets was an honor. Jim will be missed by many.prayers for his wife and family . Clip n tails

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**Robin wright** - October 12, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ My dear friend Kim, I want to say so much but all I can think of is I am so very sorry. I am heartbroken for your loss of Jimmy. It was clear to me how the two of you adored each other. That is special. Always remember the love. My most heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. I love you! Jackie



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**Jackie Isaly** - October 12, 2021 at 06:50 PM

MF

“ *We While we didn't really know Jimmy, we know him from stories that his sister, Kim, shared with us. He was a really fun guy and family man. An astute businessman and a hunter. He was very good to his mother and enjoyed family trips with his siblings! Sincere condolences to the family.*  
*John and Marilyn Freese*

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**Marilyn Freese** - October 12, 2021 at 06:09 PM

PB

“ *RIP Jimmy. You will be missed greatly!*

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**Patty Bohrer** - October 12, 2021 at 05:13 PM