



Thomas Randolph Johnston

March 15, 1942 - November 11, 2017

Thomas Randolph Johnston, age 75, of Martinsville, arrived at his Heavenly home on Saturday, November 11, 2017, after an extended battle with multiple myeloma. Tom was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and uncle who never met a stranger.

Tom was born March 15, 1942 in Indianapolis, IN to William W. and Pauline (Wettschurack) Johnston; they preceded him in death. After growing up on the eastside of Indianapolis, he graduated in 1960 from Howe High School where he was active in varsity wrestling and football. Tom went on to Ball State Teachers College where he played football for the Cardinals. After graduating from Ball State in 1964, he taught junior high school in Indianapolis and coached football and track. He received his Master's Degree in Education from Indiana University in 1967. During the summer of 1965, Tom started selling real estate part-time for his father at Bill Johnston Realty in Indianapolis. After five years, Tom's love for the outdoors, brooks, pastures, hills, and hollows, quickly pulled him into real estate fulltime, and he founded his own company, The Land Man Real Estate. In 2015, Tom celebrated 50 years in the real estate business as The Land Man, specializing in the sale of farms and acreage in central and southern Indiana. During his career, he hiked through thousands of miles of farms, forests, caves, creeks, hillsides, and ravines. Tom loved meeting farmers and foresters to discuss the land, its characteristics and advantages. He had the expertise and exceptional talent to describe from memory the meets and bounds, topography and other remarkable features of each property he listed for sale.

Tom is survived by the love of his life, Susy (Schmidt) Johnston, his wife of 53 years. Other survivors include his daughter, Julie C. Kottke of Prescott, AZ; son, Thomas R. (wife, Leanne) Johnston of Gainesville, GA; grandchildren, Klara and Krista Kottke and Ashley and Tommy Johnston. Tom's siblings reside in Indianapolis and include brothers, Bill and David Johnston and sister, Jackie Wainscott.

In 1975, Tom and Susy built their home in Foxcliff Estates in Martinsville, where they made life-long friendships. Golf, tennis, and lake activities created wonderful memories and were an important part of Tom's life. To stay in good physical shape, Tom enjoyed bicycling and race-walking. He participated in numerous race-walk events and fifteen "500 Mini Marathons." Bicycling for pleasure included ten "Hilly Hundreds" and he completed "RAIN"

(Ride Across Indiana). Other interests were reading, Bible Studies, and God's Word, which formed an important part of his life. Tom was a member of Community Church of Greenwood.

Tom will be loved and remembered for his easy-going personality, ready smile, his ability to talk to anyone, and for his computer-like memory of high school and college teams, their nick-names, coaches, and winning records. He was a hands-on uncle to many nieces and especially loved romping and playing with his grandchildren.

The family extends a special thank you to Dr. Ruemu Birhiray, Jeannie, Sarah, and all the staff at Hematology Oncology of Indiana for their many years of wonderful care and love. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 17th from 3:00 – 6:00 pm at Neal & Summers Funeral Home in Martinsville. Funeral services will be on Saturday, November 18th at 11:00 am at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery in Indianapolis. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Sports World Ministries, 1919 S. Post Road, Indianapolis, IN 46239 or to Anchors Away Ministry, 13232 Old Meridian St., Carmel, IN 46032. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Johnston family at www.nealandsummers.com.

Cemetery

Memorial Park Cemetery

9350 East Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN, 46229

Events

NOV **Visitation** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

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Neal & Summers Funeral and Cremation Center
110 E. Poston Road, Martinsville, IN, US, 46151

NOV **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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NOV **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Neal & Summers Mortuary - November 16, 2017 at 08:21 PM



“ Dear Susy,
I remember when my wife and I came to the United States and you were our neighbors on Graham Ave. The most memorable thing I remember is that you were not only wonderful neighbors, but also introduced to us to the BLT sandwich. When my wife was dying you reached out to me and I want to let you know that I am so sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love you Susy.

Leo Spikermans

Leo Spikermans - November 17, 2017 at 04:46 PM



“ 64 files added to the album LifeTributes



Neal & Summers Mortuary - November 16, 2017 at 05:58 PM



“ Dear Tom,

I am so sad to hear of the loss of your father. I can only imagine how wonderful he was to have raised a son like you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Leanne, Ashley and Tommy. Reading about his life was very inspiring...

Tim Pethel and family

Timothy Pethel - November 16, 2017 at 11:53 AM



“ Suzy, John and I were so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Please accept our deepest condolences to you and your family. Even though it has been nearly 20 years since we left Foxcliff, we still treasure the memories and friends we made there.

Sharon & John Ede

Sharon Ede - November 14, 2017 at 01:59 PM



“ Susy, we are so sorry for your loss, Tom was a great guy and a pleasure to talk with. We enjoyed getting acquainted with you both when we painted your home there in Foxcliff. God bless you.

Joel, Sean and McKayla Wells.

Joel Wells - November 13, 2017 at 08:44 AM



“ Bob Strader lit a candle in memory of Thomas Randolph Johnston



Bob Strader - November 12, 2017 at 11:14 PM