



Bobby Johnston

December 31, 1938 - April 22, 2023

Bobby L. Johnston Obituary

Bobby Lee Johnston, 84, of Ashdown, Arkansas passed away at his home accompanied by family on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Bobby was born December 31, 1938, in Trumann, Arkansas to William Thomas Johnston and Bertha Mae (Timbs) Johnston. He grew up in Waldo, Arkansas where he graduated from Magnolia High School and then married his high school sweetheart, Marion (Buchanan) Johnston of Prescott, Arkansas.

Bobby proudly served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1964, where he was an aircraft mechanic while stationed in Germany. When he returned home, he moved to Pine Bluff, Arkansas to start his career at International Paper. In 1968, he moved to Ashdown, Arkansas to help Nekoosa-Edwards Paper Co. open the paper mill, which has become one of the largest paper and fluff pulp producing facilities in the world. He also served as President of the United Paperworkers International Union No. 1327 (now known as United Steelworkers), where he notably led the construction effort of the Union Hall. He retired from Georgia Pacific after a +30 year career in the paper industry, where his most senior position was Assistant Superintendent of the Power Department.

Bobby enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, hunting, fishing,

riding his motorcycle and the Arkansas Razorbacks.

Bobby is preceded in death by his parents, William and Bertha Johnston of Waldo, AR; one sister, Ann Waller of Ashdown, AR; two foster brothers, Lou Childrey and Johnny Vandewater; and one foster sister, Cathy (Childrey) Watson. He is survived by his wife, Marion Johnston; eldest son and daughter-in-law, Eddy and Susan Johnston of Ashdown, AR; and youngest son, Andy Johnston of Ashdown, AR. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Drew, Jeremy, Marissa and Wade Johnston, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation honoring Bobby Lee Johnston will be held at Madden Funeral Home in Ashdown, Arkansas on Friday, April 28th, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Ashdown

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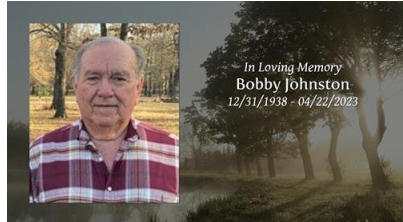
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Tribute Wall



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“ *I worked with Bobby for many years. So very sorry to hear this. Keeping Marion and the family in my prayers*

Jennie Lee Stone

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